

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Henry Jones R5692

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State of Virginia Floyd County Towit.

On this 4th day of June 1853 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, Mrs. Cassandra Jones of said county aged about seventy six years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed 3rd February 1853; that she is the widow of Henry Jones who was a private in Captain Peter Hairstons [Peter Hairston's Henry County VA Militia] company during the revolutionary war, that he volunteered about the year 1776, and serve a tour of six months or more against the Cherokee Indians: that she has no discharge or other paper in her possession in relation to his services. She further declares that she was married to the said Henry Jones on the 20th day of May in the year eighteen hundred & seventeen that her husband the aforesaid Henry Jones died on the 9th day of October one thousand eight hundred & thirty one, that she was married to him at the time above stated. She further swears that she was a widow at the passage of the act, and is still a widow, and that her husband the said Henry Jones never obtained a pension for his services; and that she has never before made application for a pension.

Cassandra herXmark Jones

State of Virginia

Floyd County

This day the Rev'd Jesse Jones an aged Citizen and a Baptist Minister of the gospel in high standing personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the county a fore said and after being duly sworn according to law deposeh and sayeth as follows that he was in company with Capt Peter Harston Henry Line [sic: Henry Lyons] and Henry Jones and that the two former was recruiting officers under the government of the United States and that He Henry Jones requested Capt Peter Harston to enroll his name to serve a tower against the Cherokee Indians in the time of the revolutionary war in 1776, and the said Henry Jones was absent with Capt Harston a considerable length of time There is no dispute but he served the tower of six months length of time I cannot say for any longer But when there was a call to go against the British I recollect that I stood for a tower for said Henry Jones [signed] Jesse Jones
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day April 1853 David N. Howell JP
[Jesse Jones made a similar deposition in Patrick County on 5 Aug 1854 before Wilson S. Vaughn, J. P.]

State of Virginia } SS.

County of Floyd }

On this 19th day of June AD. one thousand eight hundred and fifty four personally appeared before me, a justice of the peace within and for the state and county aforesaid Jesse Jones a resident of the County of Patrick in the state aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the same Jesse Jones who heretofore testified concerning the service of Henry Jones, the deceased husband of Mrs Cassandra Jones. That he is now in his eighty ninth year - that at the time the said Henry Jones volunteered David Jones [pension application S17517] a brother of the said Jesse also volunteered against the will of his father who succeeded in getting him released from service because he was not then sixteen years of age but lacked the length of time between that time and the following January the said Jesse was about five years younger than his brother David being then about eleven years old. He further declares that on the return of the volunteers he understood they had gone a considerable distance into the Indian Country and that they brought back with them some specimens of ripe indian Corn as a curiosity [signed] Jesse Jones

At the request of Mr Robt Jones I J. N. Zentmeyer Clerk of Floyd County Court would beg leave to state that Jesse Jones, upon whose information much depends in the granting of the pension

sought by Mrs. Jones, though old is remarkably active and continues to travel many miles to fill his regular appointments as a Minister of the Gospel and that he has the entire confidence of the community as a man strictly correct in all things and one who would not state any thing without being entirely satisfied as to its correctness
J. N. Zentmeyer Clk

[A printed form with hand-written entries shown in italics.]

State of *Virginia* } SS.

County of *Floyd* }

On this 28th day of *April* 1855 personally appeared before me, a justice of the peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid, *Cassandra Jones* aged 76 years, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of *Henry Jones* who served in the company commanded by Captain *Henry Lyne* in the Regiment of *Virginia Militia*, commanded by Colonel *Peter Hairston* in the war with *Great Britain about the year 1776* and continued in actual service in said war for at least 14 days, and was honorably discharged at *the Long Islands of Holston* [now Kingsport TN] on the 21st day of *November 1776*

She further states that she was married to the said *Henry Jones* in *Franklin Co Va* on the day of *May 1817* and that her name before her said marriage was *Cassandra James* that her said husband died *in this County & State* on the day of *October 1829* and that she is now a widow.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled, under the Act passed the 3d day of March, 1855. She also declares that she has never received nor applied for Bounty Land under this or any other act of Congress. *John K Martin of Richmond Va* is duly authorized to prosecute this my claim, and to receive any warrant which may be issued hereon.

Cassandra herXmark Jones

[Witnessed by Thomas W. Williamson and John Hill of Floyd County.]

NOTE: In the file is a copy of the marriage return by Stephen Hubbard who married Henry Jones and "Casander James" in Franklin County VA on 26 May 1817. On 4 May 1854 in Floyd County Abraham J. Jones deposed that on going through his father's papers after his death he found a discharge from the tour against the Cherokees in 1776 and gave it to his brother, Robert Jones. Robert Jones deposed that he sent the discharge to the Pension Office, but it is not in the file. On 12 Dec 1860 in Owsley County KY Cassa Jones signed a power of attorney to pursue her claims, witnessed by her stepson, Robert Jones, and by Henry C. Jones.