

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Jones R5677

Elizabeth Jones

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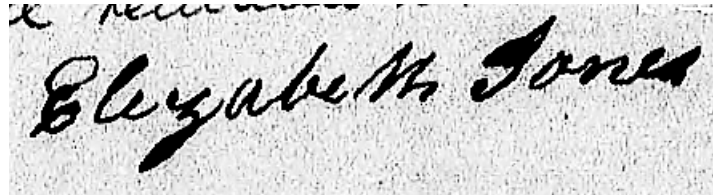
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State of Tennessee Coffee County: SS

On this 25th day of February 1840 personally appeared before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Tennessee now holden for the County of Coffee at the Court house in the town of Manchester, Elizabeth Jones, a resident of said Coffee County, aged about eighty-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836; That she is the widow of Benjamin Jones who was a private in the Revolutionary War; that her husband was drafted into the service among the first that went out from Orange County Virginia. She thinks it was in the spring of 1775. He went out first under Captain Terrill, who was promoted to Major, before the war ended. Either James Barber or Thomas Barbour was Colonel of the Regiment to which her husband belonged, when he was first drafted he went over the Blue Ridge to guard guns and ammunition. He was gone three or four months; this declarant cannot remember where he went to, he returned home and did not stay more than a day and a night before he was gone again. Deponent does not know by what kind of engagement he entered the service. He was out till about six months before the end of the War, when he was attacked with Rheumatism, which confined him at home for eighteen months. Deponent has often heard him speaking of his services, his officers & his adventures, but she cannot distinguish one officer, or circumstance from another; nor can she distinguish his different campaigns; nor does she remember that she ever did know when one tour ended and another began. He was in service almost constantly from the time he first entered until he was attacked with rheumatism as above stated. This deponent remembers that when Washington was at White Plains, Lafayette was encamped in a half of her house in Orange County. Her husband was then in the service, but he was not in Lafayette's Army; or she would have remembered it. She understood that Lafayette was waiting for a reinforcement; he stayed there two weeks or more. The soldiers came every morning to her house to get milk; they were not allowed to come into the house; they came to the yard and she handed to them whatever she had to spare. This deponent in conversation with Morton Jones would state that she may be mistaken as to her husband's going into the service in 1775, it may have been the year following. During the whole time her husband was in service, he will was never with her more than one or two days at a time, and these visits were at intervals of between two and six months. She is now very old and the events of the Revolution which were once vivid in her recollection are now confused so that she cannot, as above stated, identify his different campaigns. She does not know whether he ever had a discharge or not; She knows that when he came back home sick, he intended to return to the Army but his sickness prevented

it. She had one child before her husband went into the service; and when he returned sic as above stated, she had four; this fact together with her recollection of the events satisfies her that her husband was in the service at least five years. She was married to her husband the said Benjamin Jones on the 12th day of May 1773 or 4. She does not remember which year, nor has she any record thereof. Her husband the said Benjamin Jones died on the 27th day of December 1820. She has not married since the death of her husband but still remains his widow.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth M. Jones". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. There is a small mark above the first few letters, possibly a correction or a flourish.

And before said Judge in open court also appeared Morton Jones aged about ninety-two years, who after being first duly sworn deposed and saith that he is a pensioner of the United States, that Benjamin Jones the husband of Elizabeth Jones, who is applying for a pension, was a brother of Deponent, that they both were raised together in Orange County in the State of Virginia, Benjamin Jones was about two and a half years younger than deponent. Deponent's brother Benjamin was married to the said Elizabeth about three years before the commencement of the Revolutionary War. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Foster. They were married in Orange County by the minister (whose name was Wingate according to deponent's recollection) in pursuance of a proclamation under the old church rules at the glebe, as the premises of the Parson was then called. Deponent thinks they had two children before the war commenced: he is certain they had one. Benjamin Jones went into the service either as a volunteer, or as a drafted soldier, deponent does not recollect which. He went into the service in Orange County. His Captain was Edmund Terrill. He marched with his company from Orange County into Culpeper County. Deponent thinks the object of this work was to joined the Regiment to which his company was attached. The wagon and team of said Benjamin was pressed into service shortly after he went in. Deponent does not remember any of the officers of the company above mentioned except the Captain, nor does he remember the names of the officers of the Regiment. Deponent was not in the same Regiment with his brother. He saw him once in Fredericksburg some year or more after the said Benjamin entered the service. Deponent was stationed there. He came there as he told deponent with cannonballs & lead. Deponent had a long conversation with him. Deponent was stationed there seven weeks, and saw his brother twice during that time. Deponent knew at the time where his brother was, but he cannot remember now the places he was in. Deponent remembers well when he came home sick with the rheumatism. Deponent was called out to service again, & left his brother at home sick. His said brother Benjamin died in North Carolina in 1820. This deponent is very certain his brother was in service at least 2 years, and he thinks much longer: but he cannot specify the exact time. The said Elizabeth Jones resides about 12 miles from Deponent in Coffee County and has never married since the death of her said husband, but still remains his widow.

S/ Morton Jones,¹ X his mark

Subscribed & sworn to in Open Court 25th of February 1840

S/ Daniel McLean, Clerk

¹ FPA S7903