

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathan Jones R5707

Jane Jones

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State of North Carolina, Sampson County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term 1859

R. C. Holmes, Chairman, S. B. Killett, JP, Wm A. Faison, JP

Personally came this 18 day of May 1859 before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Sampson County North Carolina now in Session in the town of Clinton, Jane Jones, aged 86 [could be 80—the date is written over] years a Resident of Sampson County, aforesaid who being duly sworn, on her oath maketh the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Several Acts of Congress applicable to her case as herein stated -- That she is the widow of Nathan Jones, who she is informed & believes was a Soldier in Captain James Mills & Lt Slade Company in a Battalion Commanded by Major Griffith McRee & adjutant Ivey -- & served in North & South Carolina under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] revolutionary war -- the particulars of which Service she is unable definitely to state, & that she refers to proves she will hereafter file in this case to sustain her case --

She further declares she was married to said Nathan Jones in ~~Bladen~~ Sampson County North Carolina in the year 1795 or thereabouts by one William Parker a JP, that her said husband died in Bladen County NC in the year 1829 or thereabouts, & that she has remained a widow ever since all of which will more fully appear, by the proofs to be filed to sustain this Claim --. Sworn to & subscribed before me May 18th 1859

S/ Jane Jones, J her mark

S/ J. R. Beaman, Clk

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State of North Carolina, County of Cumberland

On this the 15th day of April A.D. 1861 personally appeared Before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Wiley Hall a Resident Bladen County in State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law declares on oath that he seed [sic, saw] Nathaniel Jones the deceased Husband of the Claimant Died in Bladen County and State aforesaid A.D. 1829 and therefore he knows that he is dead and is not now surviving and that the Claimant Jane Jones of Sampson County in State aforesaid and the above named soldier lived together and cohabited as man and wife and was reputed to have been lawfully married and that I never heard their marriage called into question in my acquaintance and that the above named soldier had been Previously married to another woman and had Children by both women and after his death they all had equal shares in his property and that the claimant had a dower of land

on the Estate of her husband and that she now owns a slave that belonged to her husband and that the Claimant's husband could not obtain a pension and [sic, under] the Acts of Congress in A.D. 1818 because he had more property in real personal property [than] the act would admit them to draw and that I often heard him complain and say that he had ought to have his pension as well as the rest and that I have often heard him speak of Colonel Anderson & Captain Mills Lieutenant Slade and heard him and Sanders Simmons¹ & Jeremiah Simmons² who are now all dead talk together and say that they were all in service together in the State of South Carolina on Ashley River at Ashley Hill in the year of 1780 and '81 and that I have been personally acquainted with the Claimant Jane Jones for the least [last] 50 years and therefore I know that she is the Identical person that she represents herself to be and that she always bore a good character and is the Mother and grandmother of a large Family of good citizens and is beyond all doubts justly entitled to as much pay as is due to any Revolutionary Soldiers widow and that they are the Identical Party that were always reputed to be Entitled to a pension and I know that if they had not been in service together that the Messrs. Simmons would not have said so old they were men of Truth and that I have no Interest in this claim and is not related not marriage or otherwise.

S/ Wiley Hall

S/ Arthur Horne, JP

[p 10 is an earlier (1859) less detailed affidavit given by Wiley Hall in support of the widow's claim.]

[p 12, 1859 affidavit given by Hugh Simpson, Sr. of Bladen County stating that he saw Nathan Jones buried; that he heard Jones and Sanders and Jeremiah Simmons speak of their services in the Revolutionary War.]

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State of North Carolina, County of Cumberland

On this the 20th day of April A.D. 1861 Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Jane Jones a resident of Sampson County in State aforesaid aged 83 years who being duly sworn according to law declares on oath that she is the widow of Nathaniel Jones deceased who was a Private or as the rolls may show in the company commanded by Captain Mills Lieutenant Slade Major McRee or as the rolls may show Commanded by Colonel Anderson North & South Carolina Battalion or Regiment in the Revolutionary war with Great Britain declared by the United States as the case may be A.D. 1776 and that her said husband enlisted or volunteered or as the case may be in Duplin County or as the case may be for during the war and served in North & South Carolina for the term of 12 months or as the case made the and received 68 pounds 11 shillings 5 pence in Treasury note signed Robert Maxwell No. 531 in South Carolina in Book O³ or as the case may be and that her said husband was honorably discharged in North Carolina or South Carolina at the close of the Revolutionary war on the _ day of A.D. 17_ She Further states that she was lawfully married to

¹ [Sanders \(Saunders\) Simmons S7516](#)

² [Jeremiah Simmons W4803](#)

³ The Indent issued by South Carolina as Indent 531 Book O to Nathaniel Jones was claimed by [Adam Crain Jones SC4408](#) who referred to his son Nathaniel Jones as being deceased in a document dated September 16, 1785. Consequently, that Indent could not have related to this woman's husband who she states died in 1829.

the said Nathaniel Jones in Sampson County in State aforesaid on the day of __ A.D. 17__ by one William Parker a Justice of the Peace and that no record evidence or eyewitness exist to her knowledge and that her name before her said marriage was Jane Wethersby and that her said husband died in Bladen County in State aforesaid A.D. 1829 and that she is now a widow and has not married since the death of the above named soldier and that she married him since the war and has often heard him speak of being in the war and how bad he fared and heard him complain of the First Pension Law being so passed that he could not receive pensions because he was worth Property and that she has no discharge and can only offer such evidence as her said agent has Procured and that she has no learning and does not know how the Book and Papers on which her said husband service was recorded and that she has heretofore made Declaration in Sampson County and was suspended for Record evidence for all the Pension that might be due me under these several Acts of Congress and I now appoint Amos N. Hall Pa Blockers NC my duly authorized agent to prosecute my claim and receive my warrant She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the act approved March 3 A.D. 1855 and made the 14th A.D. 1856 and she further declares that she has not applied for received any Bounty Land under these or any other Acts of Congress and that she is now a widow.

S/ Arthur Horne, JP

S/ Jane Jones, X her mark