

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Jones R5724

Martha Jones

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State of Tennessee Carroll County

Martha Jones widow of William Jones a private in the Revolutionary Service on the 25th day of July 1843 personally appeared before the subscriber William W Hurt a Justice of the peace in and for the said County & State Mrs. Martha Jones a resident of the State and County aforesaid aged eighty-seven 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 4th, 1836. That she is the widow of William Jones who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. That he volunteered she thinks in 1776 or 1777 in Captain Paul Wadlington's [Paul Watlington's] Company of Virginia and served out his time faithfully which was for six months. He volunteered a second time the date not recollected and marched with the Army to the South and was at the Battle of Guilford Court House 15th of March 1781. He marched afterwards to South Carolina and his Company was at the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] under General Nathanael Greene he was himself accidentally absent having been sent out by the proper officer for beef. He continued in service for some time thereafter but how long exactly she is unable to say but is confident he was in service more than two years in all.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Jones on the 9th day of October in the year 1776. That her husband the aforesaid William Jones died on the 12th day of November 1828 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Martha Jones, X her mark

[p 4: On July 25, 1843 in Carroll County Tennessee, Elizabeth Shaw, nearly 80, gave a supporting affidavit stating that William Jones and Martha his wife were legally married and that Jones died in 1828 leaving Martha his widow who remains his widow. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 6: On July 25, 1843 in Carroll County Tennessee, Thomas Seamore, 79, gave testimony that he was intimately acquainted with William & Martha Jones; that they were married by the Reverend Alexander Jordan October 9th, 1776 in Halifax County Virginia; that they raised a family of 11 children; that William Jones and the affiant commenced revolutionary service about the same time but in different companies. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 9: court finding that the widow died in Carroll County Tennessee on August 18, 1843; that she left the following children alive at the time of her death: Mary Chism widow and relict of John Chism, Elizabeth Jones, Jane Jones, Temperance Brown the wife of Lemuel Brown, Sarah Wyatt wife of Royal Wyatt, and William R Jones; that Royal Wyatt has qualified as the administrator of the estate of Martha Jones; that William Jones, son of the veteran, has appeared in court and given testimony as to having often heard his father speak of his revolutionary services in conversations with William Kirk who was also a revolutionary soldier; that during his father's absence in service he recalls his mother saying that she often had to lay her infant down under a shade in the field while she hoed corn to make a support while her husband was in service.]