

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Jones R5726

Mary Jones

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State of Kentucky Grant County: Sct.

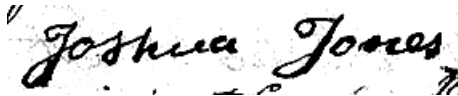
On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Henry O Brown sole Judge of the Grant Circuit Court now sitting, being a court of record, Joshua Jones, a resident of the said County of Grant and State aforesaid aged seventy-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 6<sup>th</sup> 1832 [sic, June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832] – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated. He volunteered in the company of Captain Abraham Beauchamp of the Virginia Militia about the time Lord Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, last Royal Governor of the colony of Virginia] sailed up the Potomac in the year 17\_\_ to Saint George's Island which year he doth not now recollect and is therefore not able to name it, nor does he recollect the period of time for which he volunteered, he was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Jones, his Major was Thomas Jones Junior, the son of said Colonel – he entered the said service as aforesaid in the County of Northumberland Virginia, was employed as a minute man and stationed at the coast on the Potomac just above the mouth thereof on the Virginia shore at different points & places as the service required – but most particularly at Smith's Point on the Virginia Shore, was almost constantly employed in watching the motions of the Tories, and the approaches and movements of the enemy. In this service he continued as a volunteer under the same Captain for a period largely upwards of two years, and his recollection and memory is that it was full three years, whether he volunteered more than once he does not recollect; but knows he served more than two years of actual service in manner as aforesaid. He lived in the said County of Northumberland Virginia when he entered the service – he was in no battle or engagement, other than the pursuit of small parties of Tories or foragers he was discharged at the close of the war after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] at little York, whether he got a discharge or not he does not recollect, he was discharged in the same manner & at the same time of the residue of the Company in which he served: He knew but few regular officers not having been engaged in any large body of troops in the service, and has forgotten the names of most of those he did know. He however saw all & knew the Marquis Lafayette who stayed about 2 weeks on one occasion at the said Colonel Jones who then resided at the head of what was then called "Cherry Point" at which time he (this applicant) was in the service on duty. He knew Colonel Gaskins [probably Thomas Gaskins] and Colonel Hull<sup>1</sup> of the

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<sup>1</sup> Lt. Col. John Hull of Northumberland County militia is listed in Gwathmey but there is no reference to his having been killed. I believe the veteran was actually thinking of Capt. Edwin Hull. See [Edwin Hull W14316](#)

Virginia Militia, Colonel Hall was killed in an insurrection of the militia who had refused to stand a draft at Northumberland Court House whilst this applicant was in said service he has no documentary evidence, and that he is known to no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. – His name is not on any pension Agency. He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Joshua Jones

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua Jones". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[John Bryce, a clergyman, Abraham Jones, Charles Ruddle, Hubbard be Smith and Lewis Myers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The applicant is a most worthy & respectable Methodist Preacher. I have been personally acquainted with Mr. Jones for many years & the most perfect reliance may be placed on his statement.

S/ Rh. M. Johnson [Congressman]

[p 12: On April 8, 1844 in Grant County Kentucky, Mary Jones, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Joshua Jones, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she was married to Joshua Jones in Frederick County Virginia by the James Ireland a Baptist preacher in April 1791; that she has no family record of her marriage but she has a family record of the ages of her children in the hand writing of James Burk on a leaf of her new Bible which is a true copy made from the old Bible; she and her husband were married prior to the birth of any of their children and the attached record shows that their daughter Elizabeth was born February 5<sup>th</sup> 1792; that her husband died January 6, 1844 and she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 9: family record:

Births

Joshua Jones was born April the 25<sup>th</sup> 1761

Mary Jones wife of Joshua Jones was born February 1767

Jane Jones was born October the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1786

Rebecca Jones was born August the 16<sup>th</sup> 1788

Elizabeth Jones was born February the 5<sup>th</sup> 1792

Sarah Jones was born July the 11<sup>th</sup> 1795

William Jones was born July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1797

Mary Jones was born December 13, 1799

Mariah Jones was born February the 10<sup>th</sup> 1807]

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Affidavit of John Fugate who states on oath that in the year 1790 his father Edward Fugate moved from Virginia to Kentucky this affiant was then about 8 years old, his father went within a few years afterwards back to Virginia and Joshua Jones and Mary his wife came with him to Kentucky he does not recollect the years, he knew them ever since they came to Kentucky as man and wife until the death of John Jones, he states that in 1794 a mulatto man was found in

Lexington and his father got Joshua Jones to go to Lexington to prove that he was a slave, this was about 1796 or 1797, Joshua Jones and Mary his wife had been someone or 2 years in the state before this took place, they were always reputed to be man and wife from the time they came to Kentucky with his father as above stated and were respectable citizens, Joshua Jones was many years before his death a minister of the Gospel and as such highly respected, he states that he was so young when Joshua Jones and Mary his reputed wife came to Kentucky that he cannot tell the year but distinctly recollects the fact of the mulatto man above named being found in Lexington some short time after Wayne's [Anthony Wayne's] Troops returned from the campaign of 1794 and that perhaps Jones then lived a neighbor to his father and went with his father to Lexington to prove that he was a slave.

S/ John H Fugate

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John H Fugate". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized, with a large initial 'J'.

[attested in Pendleton County Kentucky July 17, 1854]

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Affidavit of William Luckett who states on oath that he came to the state of Kentucky in the year 1795 or 1796 he cannot be positive which, that he came with Joshua Jones and Mary his reputed wife he thinks about the year 1800 or some short time before or after that date, his first acquaintance with Mary Jones wife of Joshua Jones took place by moving the family of Joshua Jones from Bourbon County to Pendleton County which was a little before or after the year 1800, he had some acquaintance with Joshua Jones while he lived in Bourbon County but had none with any of the other members of the family until the time he moved the family from Bourbon to Pendleton County as above stated, at the time he moved the family from Bourbon to Pendleton County they had several children how many he cannot now recollect he thinks the eldest child was between 8 and 10 years old – that at the time he help Joshua Jones to move from Bourbon to Pendleton County he Joshua Jones lived in the neighborhood of Edward Fugate in Bourbon County and had lived there several years before they were always reputed to be man and wife from the time he first knew them and were respectable citizens from that time until their death so far as he knew or ever heard, that he was intimately acquainted with Joshua Jones from the time he helped him to move from Bourbon to Pendleton County and the family also until the death of Joshua Jones. Joshua Jones had many years before his death been a Methodist Preacher and as such much respected.

S/ William Luckett, X his mark

[attested in Pendleton County Kentucky August 15, 1854]

[p 11: Power of attorney dated November 1, 1852 executed in Grant County Kentucky by William W Jones son of Mary Jones widow of Joshua Jones. In this document he authorizes his attorney to seek the pension due his mother under the 1838 act as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner.]

[p 19: The printed list of 1852 gives cause of suspension as "Objections removed by Act July one, 1848 service admitted – marriage requires proof."]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia militia.]