

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Thomas Jones: R5735

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State of Indiana} SS

Bartholomew County}

On this 1st day of September one thousand Eight hundred and forty five before the subscriber Judge of the probate Court In and for said County personally appeared Polly Jones, who says she was caled Polly or Mary, a resident of said County aged Seventy nine years past who Being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the acts of Congress passed July 7th 1838, march 3rd 1843, and June 17th 1844 Granting pensions and half pay to Certain Widows that she is the widow of Thomas Jones who was a private in the Militia of the state of North Carolina and served as many as six or seven tours of three months each she does not know whether he was drafted or volunteered nor is she able to state the names of his Colonel & Captain that her said husband was in the Battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] that she claims for two years service of her said husband she thinks he was not stationed at any fort during these tours of duty but that he with the other troops were marched from place to place watching and checking the operations of the enemy and aiding the Regular army She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Jones about the first of August she thinks in the year seventeen hundred and Eighty five in the County of Charlotte in the state of Virginia by licence and that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Jones died on the 12th day of June one thousand Eight hundred and thirty two and that she still remains his widow she further declares that she was not married to the said Thomas Jones prior to his leaving the service but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four Viz. at the time above stated

Polly herXmark Jones

Johnson County Indiana Sct}

Godfrey Jones of the said County aged 48 years being Sworn does on his oath make this following statement (Viz.)

He is one of the sons of Thomas Jones and his wife Polly Jones both of whom are now dead (Viz) The said Thomas Jones died in Bartholomew County of this State on the [blank day of [blank] AD 1833 (Eighteen hundred and thirty three) leaving the said Polly his widow who survived him and remained his widow and also died in the same county on the [blank] day of August AD 1851 (Eighteen hundred and fifty one)

The said Thomas Jones in his life time had the reputation of having been in the War of the Revolution. I do not now remember what regiment it was that he served in but I refer to the application which my mother the above named Polly Jones made in her lifetime from Bartholomew County Indiana for the particulars etc of his service. I have often heard my father say that he was in the Battle known as the Battle near Camden or "Gate's Defeat" [Battle of Camden SC where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780] and that he was also in the Battle at "Guilford Court House" [NC, 15 Mar 1781]. I do not now remember whether he told me he was in the "Battle of Kings Mountain" or not, but he was there about the time of the Battle [7 Oct 1780]. I once knew two men in Kentucky when we lived there named Jesse Cannell and — Whitson These two men had the reputation of having been Tories in the time of the War of the Revolution. I have often heard my father say that the Americans had these two men as prisoners and were going to hang them but that they escaped from the guard. I remember when I was small hearing my father tell the said Jesse Cannell that there was a reward on his head and they began to quarrel about it and my father asked him if he remembered how he ran down "King's Mountain" to escape hanging, and that he had seen him running on that occasion. I do not remember any battle he told me he was in besides these, and I am not positive about his being in the Battle near Camden although that is my impression that he was. I do not remember the names of his officers. I always believed his statements to be true. I do not know of any person living by whom I can prove his services. I once knew a man named Job Hamblen who died in Brown County of this state some ten or twelve years since and who at the

time of his death was a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States [see note below]. I have heard this Hamblen and my father more than once talking together about their service in the War of the Revolution and always understood from them that they served in the same Regiment but whether in the same Company I do not know. I always heard and beleived that my father and mother had been lawfully married (See her declaration and accompanying proof) My mother left at her death the following named her surviving and only surviving children

- 1 Margaret now the wife of Archibald Thomson
- 2 Leanah intermarried with George Baker
- 3 Godfrey Jones this declarant
- 4 Thomas S. Jones
- 5 Joseph Jones
- 6 Smith D Jones

I make this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the arrears of Pension and bounty land in behalf of myself and the other above enumerated heirs. Witness my hand and seal in Johnson County Indiana on this 18th day of October AD 1852 [signed] Godfrey Jones

NOTES:

Job Hamblen of Bartholomew County IN filed a pension application (W10085) stating that he served in the Continental Army of Virginia, and he did not claim to have been at any of the battles mentioned by Polly or Thomas Jones.

On 10 Dec 1850 Mary Jones deposed that her maiden name was Polly Clarkson, that she was under 21 at the time of marriage, that her mother's name was Elizabeth, and that her father was deceased. She also named people who had been present at the wedding, including family members.

In the file is a copy of a bond signed by Thomas Jones and Thomas Holt on 30 July 1793 for the marriage of Jones to Polly Clarkson, as well as a certificate by her mother, Elizabeth Clarkson, that she was over 21, and a request by Polly Clarkson that Thomas Jones be given a marriage license.