

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Jones R5744

Sarah E. Jones

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State of Virginia, Washington County

On this 5th [could be "6th"] day of June 1858 before me John S. Cauldwell an acting Justice of the peace for said County duly authorized by law to administer oaths for General purposes personally appeared Sarah E. Jones aged about ninety-six years a resident of the County and State aforesaid who first being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Jesse Jones deceased who was a private soldier in the Revolutionary war that her said husband served between three and four years in said war and the State of North Carolina from the Wilmington District in said State that her said husband belonged to the militia as appears from the accompanying certificate of the Comptroller of the State of North Carolina that her said husband died in Davie County State of North Carolina in the month of March 1833 She further declares that she was married to the said Jesse Jones in the County of Cumberland in the State of North Carolina in the year 1787 by one Daniel McLaughlin a Justice of the Peace for said County that they lived together as man and wife up to the day of his death She further declares that there is no family record of her said marriage and her said husband's death and that from the accompanying certificate no record of her said marriage can be found in the clerk's office of said Cumberland County. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the amount of arrears of pension due her said husband up to his death and all that is due her under the various acts of Congress passed since the death of her said husband granting pensions to the widows of Revolutionary Soldiers and that her name may be inserted upon the Revolutionary pension list and that she may be paid at the Virginia agency at Richmond and that certificates under the various acts may issue accordingly She further swears that her said husband had several certificates of discharge but she is unable to state what became of them She further swears that she is now a widow and has not married since the death of her aforesaid husband.

S/ Sarah E. Jones, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year above written and I certify that from old age and bodily infirmities the affiant is unable to appear before a Court of Record and from the appearance and statements of the affiant I believe her to be the identical person she represents herself to be and that I am in nowise interested in this claim.

S/ John S. Cauldwell, JP

[supporting affidavits given by: (1) p 7: On August 12, 1858, Elizabeth Moorefield, 84, of

Johnson County, Tennessee says she knows Jesse Jones served several tours of duty in the Revolution from Wilmington District, NC; that she has seen his discharges; that she knew Sarah and Jesse before their marriage; that they married in 1787, the same year her (Moorefield's) father moved from Cumberland County, NC to Surry County, NC; (2) p 33: On June 28th, 1858, in Johnson County, Tenn., Mary Hendricks, 86, says she knew Jesse Jones and Sarah before their marriage; was present when they were married in 1787 or 1788, that she was then 15 or 16 years old; that Sarah's maiden name was Sarah E. Hall; that she (Hendricks) was present both when Jesse entered the service and when he returned from several tours of duty, etc. each of the affiants signed her respective affidavit with her mark.]

[p 16, letter from the Pension Officer stating that the services listed in the certificate of the NC Comptroller as being rendered by a Jesse Jones in Wilmington District NC had been proven to be performed by another claimant of that name.]

[p 23: affidavit dated January 28, 1859 given in Johnson County Tennessee by John Langly, 59, who states that he was raised in the family of Jesse Jones and recalls Jones always saying he served in the revolutionary war from the Wilmington District in the state of North Carolina; that Jones had several discharges which affiant has seen but they were destroyed when his House burned in Surry County North Carolina; that Jones died in March 1833 leaving Sarah as his widow. The affiant signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 29 NC Comptroller's certificate: See below:

State of North Carolina.

Comptroller's Department.

I, W. A. Brogden, Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State, do hereby certify that it appears of Record in my office among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for Militia services in the Revolutionary War, as follows

Jesse Jones
Book A. N. No. 16 Page 26 L 11-6 - spec.
Book A. N. No. 16 Page 26 L 7-13 "
Book W. No. 1 Page 34 L 1-10 "
Indent No 262 L 11-6 - spec. Dec 15th. 1781.
Indent No 1195 L 7-13 - spec. March 16th. 1782.
Book No 175 Page 28 L 24-2-8 - spec.
Book No 175 Page 28 L 21-17-0 "
Long Book No 11 Page 20 L 7-17-6 "

Wilmington District, N.C.

In testimony whereof,

I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal of office, in
the City of Raleigh, this 27th
day of Feb. A. D. 1855.

W. A. Brogden,
Comptroller
N.C.

[p 32, certificate of the Clerk of Cumberland County, NC that a search of its records reveals no record of the marriage of Jesse Jones and Sarah E. Hall in that county.]