

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Jones R5746

Susannah Jones

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State of Tennessee, Grundy County

On this 21st day of July in the year of our Lord 1852 personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Mrs. Susannah Jones and being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration That she is the widow of Benjamin Jones who was a Lieutenant and private in the war of the Revolution that he served in the war of the Revolution as Lieutenant under Captain George Taylor in the South Carolina troops that he served as a Lieutenant for more than two years in the South Carolina troops and that he served in both the States of North and South Carolina and for they lived near the line and a portion of his service may have been in North Carolina that he served under one Colonel Anderson as affiant has often heard her husband say and speak of Colonel Anderson and also he served for a short time under one Captain John Turner that she thinks this last service was for a short time, a she lived in the same neighborhood though not married to Benjamin Jones she knew him well and was married directly after the war ceased Affiant further declares that her husband was in the Battles of Cowpens [January 17, 1781] & Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] that he served as lieutenant under Captain George Taylor She is certain more than two years and as a private in the Militia for about 18 months at different times, Affiant further declares that she is 86 years of age and that she was married to Benjamin Jones above stated in the year 1783 in South Carolina and for proof of said marriage and service she must refer to the rolls in Washington City and South Carolina and to the record of the births of his children accompanying this Declaration, Affiant further declares that the accompanying family record was changed that is the dates on account of the dates being one year too early.

S/ Susannah Jones, X her mark

[p 2: Bible record:

Elijah Jones Son of Benjamin Jones and Susannah his wife was born February th 20th 1785

Francis Jones was born October the 20th 1787

Brittin Jones was born October the 9th 1789

Robert Jones was born December th 30th 1791 [last digit unclear]

John Jones was born November the 4th 1792

Wyly Jones was born November the 30th 1793

Allin Jones was born Feb [?] the 20th 1797]

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Robert Jones was born
December the 30th 1794
John Jones was born
September the 11th 1792
Wm Jones was born
November the 30th 1792
Allice Jones was born
February the 20th 1791

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State of Tennessee Grundy County: SS

Be it known that on this 13th [?] day of September A.D. 1853 personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the county and State above written Susannah Jones aged eighty-eight years past and being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following affidavit. That she is the widow of Benjamin Jones who was a Revolutionary Soldier in the South Carolina Troop – and served as a Lieutenant and private – that she applied for a pension under act of Congress of July 7th 1838 – and what she claims will show in her declaration on file in the department. That her husband Benjamin Jones – above Stated died on the 24th day of May A.D. 1815 – and she is now a widow having never intermarried, her marriage being admitted by the department – the service of her husband she hopes will appear on file or in the South Carolina Rolls – She swears she has never made or never did make application for a pension at an earlier day was thus she employed a man several years past by the name of Jones to apply for her and the [2 indecipherable words] she cannot now tell and she hopes this will not be against her.

S/ Susannah Jones, X her mark

[p 16: In September 1853 in Franklin County Tennessee, David Farmer, 85, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Benjamin Jones; that although affiant was a young boy at the time, he lived in the neighborhood of Benjamin Jones and knows that he served as a Lieutenant and private in the revolutionary war; that Benjamin Jones many years ago moved to Franklin County Tennessee where he died leaving a widow Susannah Jones who now resides in Grundy County Tennessee.

David Farmer]

[p 25: On September 13, 1853 in Franklin County Tennessee, Benjamin F Jones, 89, gave testimony that he was raised in the state of South Carolina and well remembers the war of the revolution and many of the soldiers who fought in it; that he knew Benjamin Jones and saw him in her service and marched against the Tories on different occasions as a private; that the last tour of service he saw him in her was to go to Savannah about the close of the war which service was for one month affiant having himself served in that tour; affiant also states that Jones served as a Lieutenant several tours of duty but he cannot state the precise amount [of his service].

Benjamin F. Jones]

[pp 27-31: Certificate dated September 22, 1853 issued by the Comptroller General of South Carolina showing payments made for militia duty to one Benjamin Jones who is shown in Colonel Robert Anderson's return's; another payment is shown as being made to a Benjamin Jones for militia duty in Roebuck's Regiment after the fall of Charleston and shown in Colonel Anderson's Return.]