

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James McCormick R6649

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The State of Alabama County of Butler: SS In open Court Present his Honor Judge Pettis [?], Presiding Fall Term 1857

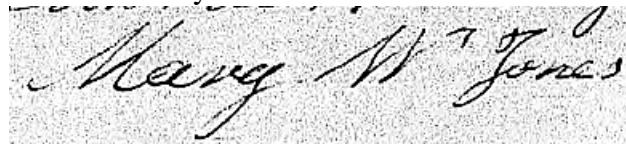
On this first day of October A.D. 1857, before the Circuit Court held within and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Mary W. Jones, aged 61 years, a resident of Lowndes County, Alabama, also being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions of the Act of 7th of June 1832, and any other subsequent acts and provisions: That she is one of the children and heirs at law of James McCormick deceased who was a private in the company commanded by Capt. ___ in the Regiment commanded by Col. Sumter [presumably Thomas Sumter] in the War of the Revolution: That her said father (as she believes) entered the service at Yorkville South Carolina, about the first day of September A.D. 1777, and continued in actual service in said war for the term of five years and six months, and was honorably discharged at ___ about the first day of March 1783: that he was in the following engagements; at Stono ferry [June 20, 1779], Stony Point [July 16, 1779 in New York]¹ and the siege of Savannah [September 16-October 9, 1779], and other battles not now remembered -- that she does not remember the names of any officers under the grade of Col., but that he at some time during his service under the command of General Sullivan -- that she has no documentary evidence of his service. That her said father died in Butler County Alabama on the 2nd day of March 1834; that he left a widow named Darchas (whose maiden name was Williams) [sic, Dorcas Williams?] to whom he was married July 20th 1784 -- that her said mother died in Lowndes County Alabama May 15th 1846 -- that the following are the names of the children of said James & Dorcas McCormick: Sarah born October first 1785 -- John, born 7th April 1788 -- William, born 23rd of November 1790 -- Elizabeth, born 7th December 1793 -- Mary W. -- born 24th of October 1796 -- Nancy born, 15th of December 1798. That the said Sarah was married to Micajah Wade about the year 1803 by whom she had some 10 or 11 children and died in Holmes County Mississippi on the 17th May 1844 -- that John died at 7 years of age -- that William was married to Amy Perryman by whom he had 4 children, and died in Butler County Alabama on the 20th of November 1819 -- that Mary W. is herself now the wife of Allen Jones of Lowndes County, Alabama, to whom she was married November 22nd 1814 -- that Nancy was married to Newton M. Rhodes in May 1815, to whom she bore 4 children and died in October or November 1823 in Butler County Alabama -- that Elizabeth was married to Calvin Leonard 5th June 1810, who died ___ and that she afterwards

¹ It is impossible for the veteran to have served at both Stono Ferry in South Carolina in June 1779 and at Stony Point in New York in July 1779.

was married to James Harrison 18th of November 1837, who died in 1847 -- that the said Elizabeth Harrison now resides in Lowndes County Alabama. She further states that the enclosed Bible contains a record of a part of the facts of the family, and the balance as given are from recollection -- all of which she believes are correctly given ~~— that there is no public record of the marriage of her father & mother, or of the births of her father's family,~~ and that she further states, that she is not aware of any public record of the marriage of her father & mother -- that the enclosed Bible contains a record of the said marriage.

She makes the foregoing declaration for the purpose of obtaining from the Pension office, whatever may be due in consideration of the services of her father the said James McCormick, deceased. And she hereby constitutes and appoints Joseph Bryan Esquire of Washington DC her true and lawful attorney with power of substitution to prosecute his claim, to receive the Certificate or warrant, and to do all other acts necessary in the premises.

S/ Mary W. Jones

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

Witness:

S/ E. W. Pettis

[the file as posted on Fold3.com does not contain the Bible record.]