

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Jones S36647

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On this 3rd day of February 1829 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County Charles Jones aged about Seventy Six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the 1st of May 1820 that he the said Charles Jones enlisted for the Term of one year as a private on the ___ day of August 1775 in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain William Campbell in the Regiment commanded by Col. Patrick Henry on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Regiment under said enlistment until his Term of Service & enlistment expired when he was discharged from the service at Williamsburg in the State of Virginia which said discharge he has through lapse of time & by accident in some way lost so that he cannot now produce it that he relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any State except the aforesaid that the following are his reasons for not making an earlier application for a pension. He was for some time ignorant of the means by which he could avail himself of the provisions in the aforesaid acts and when informed, as his proof was in the State of Virginia & could be produced only with delay and difficulty it was a considerable time before he could obtain it & when he obtained it he made declaration in the Adair Circuit Court on the first day of September 1827¹ and shortly afterwards forwarded his application for a pension but whether it ever reached the pension office or not he cannot tell he states however he has never received one cent. Fearing however that some difficulty might exist as to the authentication of his proof he waited until he again sent to the State of Virginia & had it again made certified & sealed, these are the reasons which have induced him to make this last application. He states that he is by occupation a farmer but that he is so aged & infirm that he cannot support him by it & that he is in such indigent circumstances that he is unable to support himself without the aid & assistance of his country that he has a wife who is aged about 66 years & is not only frail & infirm but has for about 3 years labored under great bodily affliction being deprived by disease of the use of her limbs in a great degree so that she can not do anything even walk without assistance & instead of contributing anything to the support of the family, is a heavy charge on him for her nursing & medical aid, – that he has two daughters who live with him & one single one aged about 23 years & the other about 21 years.

¹ There is no application of this date contained in the file.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. The following contains the whole of my property to wit, 147 acres of land for which I have no title nothing more than a bond for a title worth \$200 & no more, one horse beast worth \$25 and no more, one yearling cow beast worth \$2 & no more, about 15 head of hogs & about 24 pigs worth \$20 & no more, 7 head of sheep worth \$3.50 & no more, one bed & furniture worth \$15 and no more, & some small articles of household & kitchen furniture worth \$8 or \$10 and no more, and one colt worth \$5 no more amounting to about \$280 & no more. February the 3rd 1829

S/ Charles Jones, X his mark

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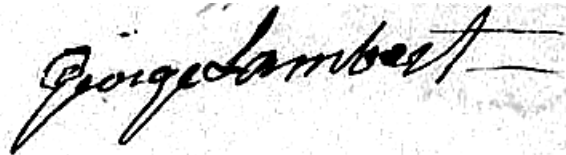
On this 6th day of April 1829 personally appeared in Open Court being a court of record for the said County Charles Jones who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration made in the Adair County Court on the 3rd of day of February 1829 which was sent on to the War department and adjudicated insufficient to authorize the putting his name on the pension roll to which former declaration (which is marked A) this is an amendment and is made part thereof setting forth the changes that have been made in said Jones property since the 18th day of March 1818, he states that since the 18th day of March 1818 the following changes have been made in his property to wit one horse saddle and bridle one cow and calf & Dutch oven given to his daughter Dorcas Taylor March 19th 1819 & received nothing for these but gave them to her worth in all about \$50 & no more, he also gave to another of his [daughters] upon her marriage one horse saddle and bridle which took place on the 14th day of December 1821 [last digit unclear]² and said last mentioned property worth about \$50 & no more & that on the 29th day of December 1824 he swapped a tract of land containing 166 acres to John Winfrey for another tract of land containing 147 acres and that he got of the said Winfrey \$200 and no more as boot in said trade between the two tracts of land he also states that sometime in the year 1825 he sold an old wagon to David Neal for \$50 & no more and that in the year 1826 he gave to his daughter Kathryn upon her coming of age one horse saddle & bridle & one cow & calf worth about \$50 and no more & that in the year 1827 he gave to his daughter Betsey Ann upon her coming of age one horse saddle & bridle & one cow & calf worth \$50 & no more. These are all the changes that have been made in his property since the 18th of March 1818 other than such as was used for the support of his family, he states that he has been compelled from time to time to decrease his property in the support of his family he being unable to work any of the consequence & having no other help than is mentioned in his declaration made in this court on the 3rd day of February 1829 to which this is an amendment.

S/ Charles Jones, X his mark

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Bedford County Virginia Sct.

Personally appeared before me Thomas Sale Justice of the Peace in and for the said County, George Lambert³ of said County and made oath that Charles Jones formerly of this County (and now of Adair County Kentucky as this affiant is informed) enlisted under him about the first of August 1775 when an Ensign in Captain William Campbell's Company of the first Virginia Regiment upon Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Patrick Henry. The term of the service of the men then enlisted in said Company & Regiment was twelve months. This affiant further saith with pleasure that the said Charles Jones served the time for which he enlisted with energy & integrity as a soldier in said Company & Regiment & was honorably discharged – further this affiant saith not



[Attested November 18, 1828]

[p 10: On January 5, 1852 in Adair County Kentucky, William T Jones of Cumberland County Kentucky gave testimony that he is the son of Charles Jones deceased, a revolutionary war pensioner; that he, affiant, is the executor of the will of said Charles Jones deceased. The affiant made the affidavit in order to obtain the arrears of back pay due Charles Jones.



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[Adair County, Kentucky]

It is hereby certified that satisfactory proof has been exhibited before me the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid by the affidavits⁴ of Nathan Gather [sic, Nathan Gaither] and Chesley J Taylor, disinterested persons known to me, and who are entitled to credit that William J Jones, Levi Jones, Chesley Jones, Lucy Winfrey, Frances Taylor, Sally Neat, Betsy Ann White and Catherine Staples or the reputed children and the only reputed children of the aforesaid Charles Jones.

³ [George Lambert S8810](#)

⁴ Unfortunately, these affidavits are not among the documents contained in this file. On page 7 of this file, there is an affidavit dated January 6, 1852 in Adair County Kentucky from Nathan Gaither in which he states that he was personally and intimately acquainted with Charles Jones and that, in his capacity as a practicing physician, he attended the family of Charles Jones. In the same affidavit Nathan Gaither identified himself as a member of Congress. His official Congressional biography reads as follows GAITHER, Nathan, a Representative from Kentucky; born near Mocksville, Davie County, N.C., September 15, 1788; completed preparatory studies; attended Bardstow College; studied medicine; was graduated from Jefferson Medical College and began practice in Columbia, Ky.; served as assistant surgeon in the War of 1812; member of the State house of representatives 1815-1818; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Congresses (March 4, 1829-March 3, 1833); unsuccessful candidate for reelection 1832 to the Twenty-third Congress; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1849; again a member of the State house of representatives 1855-1857; resumed the practice of medicine; died in Columbia, Ky., August 12, 1862; interment in Columbia Cemetery.

<https://bioguide.congress.gov/search/bio/G000010>

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of January 1852
S/ H. G. Atkins, J.P.A.C.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing February 8th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]