

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Parham Jones S38087

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Georgia Wilkes County: Wilkes Superior Court February Term 1819

Came into open court Abraham P. Jones who being sworn saith that he entered the service of the United States on the sixth day of September in the year of our Lord 1776 as a brevet Ensign in the second Georgia Continental Regiment commanded at that time by Colonel Samuel Elbert and in Captain Francis Moore's company, that he remained in said Regiment about three years, during which time he was promoted by brevet to 2nd Lieutenant.

And this deponent also states that he procured a regular discharge from Colonel Samuel Elbert, which discharge together with his Brevet Commissions and other military papers was taken from him at or near Ludwell's old Mills¹ in the State of Virginia by the light horse troops commanded by Colonel Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] and this deponent also states that there is none of his fellow soldiers who lived near him by whom he can establish the foregoing facts. And he also further states that he is now old & infirm and unfortunately reduced to the most necessitous circumstances that he is unable to support or maintain himself without application to his country for assistance.

Sworn to in open Court this 16th day of February 1819

S/ John Dyson, Clk

S/ Abraham P. Jones



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Henrico County [VA]: Sct.

Personally appeared Daniel DuVall [Daniel DuVal?]² before us two Justices of the peace for the said County and made Oath, that in September 1776 he well knew Abraham Parham Jones, who was then an Ensign in the 2nd Georgia Regiment on Continental establishment, that he the deponent was at same time first Lieutenant in the same Regiment which was raised for

¹ I could not find any information about a Revolutionary War engagement at or near a place of this name. The information I did find indicated that there was a "Ludwell's Mills" in the Williamsburg/Norfolk region of Virginia during the American Civil War.

² This MAY be the same man as [Daniel DuVal W5069](#)

three years, and that the said Abraham P. Jones was also a Lieutenant in the said Regiment before he left that service.

Sworn to before us this 21st day of June 1793

S/ John Harris
S/ J. Pendleton

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Georgia Wilkes County: I hereby Certify that Abraham P. Jones was in the Continental Regiment for the State of Georgia commanded by the late General Samuel Elbert and in Captain Moore's company of that Regiment, but my recollection does not serve me so far as to say what rank the said Jones bore in the Regiment.

9th October 1800.

S/ B. Porter
Major to 2nd Georgia Regiment

Georgia Wilkes County I hereby Certify that, Jones
was in the Continental Regiment for the
State of Georgia commanded by the
late General Samuel Elbert and in Capt
Moore's company of that Regiment, but
my recollection does not serve me so far
as to say what rank the said Jones bore
in the Regiment

9th October 1800 B. Porter
Abraham interlined Major to 2nd
Georgia Regiment

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Wilkes County

I do hereby Certify that Abraham Jones joined headquarters in this State in 1777, and served as an Ensign in Captain Francis Moore's Company of the second Regiment Continental Troops then commanded by Colonel Samuel Elbert and I had do perfectly remember that some time after Mr. Jones bore the rank of Lieutenant, but do not remember the exact time he received promotion, nor can I say whether he was a first or second Lieutenant.

Given under my hand this 29th day of October 1800

S/ Thomas Porter
Lieutenant 2nd Regiment Cont. Troops

I do Certify that Abram Jones served as a subaltern officer in Colonel Elbert's Battalion.
S/ John Morrison, Lt. in said Battalion

Putnam County
I do hereby certify that Abraham Jones
joined Head Quarters in this State in 1777, and
served as an Ensign in Cap^t Francis Moore's Company
of the second Regiment Continental Troops
then commanded by Col^o Samuel Elbert
and I do perfectly remember that some time
after, Mr Jones bore the Rank of Lieutenant,
but ^{do} not remember the exact time he received
promotion, neither can I say whether he was a first
or second Lieutenant
Given Under my hand this 29th Day October
1800
I do Certify that Abram Jones served as a subaltern
officer in Col^o Elbert's Battalion
Thomas Porter
Lieut^o 2^d Reg^t Cont^l Troops
John Morrison Lt in said Battⁿ

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Georgia Putnam County: Putnam Superior Court September Term 1819

Personally appeared in open court Abraham P. Jones of the State and County aforesaid who being duly sworn depose and saith that he entered into the Service of the United States on the 6th day of September in the year of our Lord 1776 as a brevet Ensign in the Second Georgia Continental Regiment commanded at that time by Colonel Samuel Elbert and in Captain Francis Moore's company that he remained in said Regiment about three years during which time he was promoted by brevet to Second Lieutenant and this deponent further states that he procured a regular discharge from Colonel Samuel Elbert which discharge together with his brevet commissions and other military papers was taken from him at or near Ludwell's old Mills in the State of Virginia by the light horse troops commanded by Colonel Tarleton and this deponent also further states that he is now old and infirm and reduced to such circumstances that he requires assistance from his Country -- And that the above mentioned service was performed in said Regiment upon the Continental establishment in the revolutionary war. Sworn & subscribed in open court this 16th of September 1819.

S/ C. B. Strong, JIC PD Georgia

S/ Abraham P. Jones

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Georgia Putnam County: I Abraham P. Jones of the State & County aforesaid hereby relinquish all & every Pension or claim which has been heretofore granted to me in compensation of the within mentioned military service by the United States for myself & my heirs for ever witness my hand & seal this 16th of September 1819
S/ C. B. Strong, JIC PD Georgia

S/ Abraham P. Jones

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State of Georgia Oakmulgee [sic, Ocmulgee] District

On this 22nd day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court being a Court of record for said district & the Supr [Superior] Court for the County of Putnam in Georgia Abraham P. Jones aged sixty-eight years resident in the County of Putnam and said district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows viz. as a second Lieutenant in the company commanded by Captain Francis Moore in the Second Regiment of the Georgia Continental line (the original certificate believed to be dated on the 16th of February 1819 for a pension Certificate No. 16-889). And 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.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 22nd of August 1820

S/ C. B. Strong, Judge Supr. C. O. District Georgia

S/ Abraham P. Jones

The following is Schedule of my real and personal Estate necessary clothing and bedding excepted viz. 123 1/2 acres of land in the County of Putnam & State of Georgia, 2 horses, 5 head of Horn Cattle, 20 head of hogs & pigs & debt due to me of \$358. I owe rather more than \$1136.07 1/2. I am a farmer I am infirm and entire[ly] cripple in the right shoulder so as to be unable to work, my family consists of my wife & a son and a daughter, my wife Ann Jones is fifty-eight years old has been subject to fits for ten years is bed ridden about two thirds of her time and is unable to work, my son William Jones is 18 years old and has no property my daughter Susan Jones is 15 years old & has no property.

Sworn to & declared on the 22nd day of August in the year 1820 before me in open Court.

S/ C. B. Strong, Judge Supr. C. O. District Georgia

S/ Abraham P. Jones

The List of Abraham P. Jones property appraised by Joseph Maddox & William Veal

Junior

123 1/2 acres of land appraised to be worth	\$625.00
2 Horses were of \$40 each	80.00
5 Head of Horn Cattle	44.00

20 Head of [Hogs] including pigs	35.50
25 bushels week at \$.75 per bushel	18.75
150 pounds Bacon at \$.09 per pound	13.50
he Barrels corn at \$1.75 per barrel	<u>14.00</u>
	\$830.75

[pp 45-47: On September 19, 1821, the veteran filed yet another application, this one substantially identical to the one he filed August 22, 1820, except this time he only lists his wife (of which he says she is subject to "hard convulsive fits, pains (supposed to be rheumatics) & the colic She is confined to her bed about two thirds of that her time and is almost entirely helpless") as being part of his family and his property is reduced to the following:

50 pounds of Bacon	\$5.00
10 Sitting Chairs	7.00
one pair steel cards	3.00
1 Iron pot	1.12 ½
1 Looking Glass	1.25
1 Table	<u>1.50</u>
	\$18.87 ½

No explanation is offered for the diminishment of his personal estate.]

[pp 61-64: affidavit dated June 3, 1823 from the veteran explaining the diminishment of his estate.]

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I Abraham P. Jones, of the County of Columbia, in the State of Georgia, do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such, to the time when the arrangement of the Army provided by the resolves of Congress of the 3rd and 21st of October, 1780, was carried into effect, and was reduced under that arrangement, at which period I was a second Lieutenant in the second Regiment of the Georgia line.

And I also declare, that I afterwards received a certificate (commonly called a commutation certificate) for a sum equal to the amount of 5 years full pay, which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress, of the 22nd of March 1783, instead of the half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October 1780.

And I do further declare, that I have received of the United States, as a pensioner, since the 3rd day of March 1826, the sum of \$480, paid to me by the Agent for paying pensions in the State of Georgia, up to the 3rd of March 1828, and since that period I have received no money, as a Pensioner of the United States.

S/ Abraham P. Jones

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Before me B. Pettit, JP in the County of Columbia, in the State of Georgia personally appeared this day Abraham P. Jones, the person by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed, who did make oath that his Commission as an Officer as stated in his said declaration was taken from him by the British when he was taken prisoner by Tarleton's Troop of Horse, near Ludwell's Mills in Virginia, and that he was exchanged soon after the provisional articles of

peace were agreed upon, and continued in the Army until the Treaty of Peace: -- And that for further evidence he refers to certain depositions and other testimony of file in the War Department, on which he the said Abraham P. Jones was placed on the Pension Roll of the United States -- witness my hand this 12th of July 1828

S/ B. Pettit, JP

[Fact in file: A summary of the contents of the file indicates that the veteran died January 28, 1831.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing February 16, 1819, for service as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Georgia Continental line for 3 years.]