

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Jones S38097

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Virginia Chesterfield County: June the 8<sup>th</sup> 1818

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1818 before the Justices of the aforesaid County in court sitting personally appeared Richard Jones aged 80 years resident in the County of Chesterfield who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" that he the said Richard Jones enlisted in the state of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain James Gun of the first Regiment of Light dragoons that he continued to serve in said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the close of the War when he was discharged from the service in the County of Henrico & State of Virginia after having served about three years, that he was in the battles of Camden, \_\_\_ & he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support & ~~that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.~~

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid.

To this declaration is also added the certificate of William Hise which is hereto annexed  
S/ Edmd Lockett

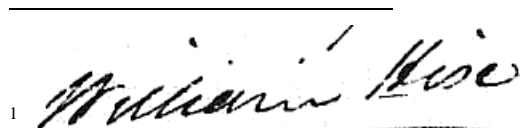
Chesterfield County to wit

This day William Hise [could be William Hix]<sup>1</sup> of the aforesaid County made oath before Edmund Lockett now presiding Judge of the Chesterfield court now sitting that a few years after the close of the Revolutionary War he saw the discharge of Richard Jones who had been for several years in the service of his country against the common enemy; that he saw two of the land warrants then in the name of & owned by the said Richard Jones, that he the said William Hise sold one of the aforesaid land warrants for the benefit of the said Richard Jones – paid over the amount of the money received for the said warrant to the said Richard Jones.

S/ Edward Lockett

State of Virginia Chesterfield County to wit

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of

  
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record for said County by an act of the General Assembly of Virginia establishing County courts; Richard Jones upwards of 80 years of age, resident in said County of Chesterfield, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war on the Continental establishment in the Virginia line in the southern Army, that he enlisted in a company commanded by Captain Gun of the light Dragoons in the year 1781 and was attached to the Regiment of Colonel Wight (or White) [perhaps Anthony Walton White] as will appear by my declaration made in said County on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 1818 & my pension certificate heretofore granted is numbered 5313 & I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

Schedule

One feather bed value \$20: 4 chairs value \$4: one iron pot \$1.50: one skillet \$.25; and a life estate in 70 acres of very poor land, not worth more than 24/ per acre in fee simple.

I the said Richard Jones and by occupation a farmer or planter, my age and infirmities, however now prevent me from laboring in any way, cannot walk across a house without my crutches, I have no family of any kind and am entirely depended upon a married daughter for the few comforts of life which I enjoy, but as she is entirely without my control, these small services which are occasionally rendered to me, may be withdrawn whenever of my said daughter may choose

S/ Richard Jones, X his mark

State of Virginia Chesterfield County to wit

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 1821 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for said County by an act of the General Assembly establishing County courts, Richard Jones and by way of amendment to the declaration and schedule heretofore made by him made oath that he is a farmer by occupation, but that he is personally unable to do any manner of service, and is unable even to walk except upon crutches, that his stepdaughter named Martha Watkins aged about 40 years lives with him and that she has a son named William F Watkins aged about 6 years, – a daughter named Mary Watkins aged about 4 years, a son Thomas Watkins aged about 3 years and an infant child about 5 months old.

S/ Richard Jones, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]