

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Jones S38888

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The State of Tennessee County of Williamson SS

On this 10th day of July 1826 personally appeared in Open Court the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Williamson and being a Court of Record for the County of Williamson George Jones a resident of said County aged about Eighty 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 March 1818 and 1st May 1820. That he the said George Jones enlisted for the term of two years on the __ day of February in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Henry Terrill in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Josiah Parker in the line of the State of Virginia on the Virginia Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the 14th of February 1778 when he was discharged from the service at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the Roll of any state except Virginia, and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, he lived by teaching school and has been able to support himself by that profession until very recently owing to infirmity he is not now able to support himself and his wife, who is seventy-eight years of age and being now poor & indigent stands in need of the assistance of the Government nor did he know until lately that he couldn't make proof of his services. 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, that since the 18th of March 1818 the changes made in my property appear in the annexed Schedule. I have supported myself by teaching a school by which until lately owing to infirmity I was able to support myself & wife aged seventy-eight years. He is not able now to do so but being poor and indigent stands in need of the assistance of the Government. Indeed until very lately he did not know that he would be able to make the necessary proof to obtain a Pension, he has three children, two daughters and a son neither of them live with him nor have either of them for the past forty years. That they all have families & are in indigent Circumstances and utterly unable to render him any assistance, that he has supported himself for

the last three or four years partly by his own exertions in teaching school & partly by the assistance of his neighbors & friends, that he has lived on the land of Jason Wilson Senior for the last 4 years & still lives there, that said Wilson generously affords him a good Cabin & an acre of ground full cultivation, for vegetables, without any compensation or rent therefore. Sworn to and declared this 10th day of July 1826

S/ George Jones

In Open Court

S/ Thomas Hardeman, Clerk

Schedule referred to in the within declaration.

He owns two beds [sic, beds?] & Some furniture, one cow & yearling, one pot, one oven and broken the lid, one sow & 5 shoats, 7 or 8 plates, 2 pewter dishes, half a dozen iron spoons, 4 knives & forks, wearing apparel of his wife & himself, N. B. This Sow & shoats were given him.

S/ George Jones

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State of Tennessee Williamson County: This day personally appeared before me Thomas Wilson one of the acting Justices of the peace of said County Erasmus Jones and made oath in due form that George Jones enlisted in the Continental services of the United States in the Revolutionary War as a Private under Henry Terrell Captain for two years. Sworn to and subscribed before me September 25th 1820

S/ Thos. Wilson, JP

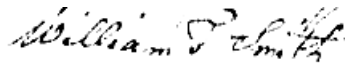
S/ Erasmus Jones

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erasmus Jones". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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The affidavit of William T Smith of Green County and State of Kentucky at the house of James Lasley in the County and State aforesaid – this 1st Febry 1826 This affiant states that he knows of his own knowledge that George Jones enlisted under Captain Terrel to go into the Revolutionary Service and after some time he went into the Army himself and saw the said George Jones in the United States Army and as well as he recollects he thinks he served in Colonel Parker's Regiment and after he got his discharge he came to this affiant's tent and he thinks he wrote letters by him to his friends at home they both having been previously – and further saith not

S/ William T. Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William T. Smith". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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The State of Tennessee Williamson County Court January Term 1827

This day George Jones appears in open Court and files the following additional declaration in order to be placed on the pension list under the Act of the 18th March 1818, to wit, County of Williamson SS On this 11th day of January 1827 personally appeared in open Court being the Court of Pleas and Corder Sessions for the County of Williamson and a Court of record George Jones a resident of said County aged about 81 years who being first duly sworn according to law

doth on his oath make the following additional declaration in order to obtain the pension made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That since the 18th March 1818 there have been no changes in my property, other than those created by the exchange of the proceeds of his labor in shoemaking and teaching school for the necessities of life, which has not exceeded 60 or \$70 in any one year, it has not amounted to this some more than one or 2 years. And it has all been faithfully applied to the purchase of provisions and necessities for the support of his wife and himself, his income has been generally about 20 or \$25 which has scarcely been sufficient for the support of nature [?]¹, indeed it would not have been sufficient had it not been for the benevolence and charity of his neighbors. Signed George Jones. Subscribed and sworn to in Open Court 12th of January 1827.
S/ Thomas Hardeman, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 20, 1829, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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