

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Jones¹ S45890

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Virginia to wit

On this 4th day of July 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court & Judge of the 3rd Judicial Circuit, personally appeared James Jones aged about fifty-seven years, resident in the said Circuit, 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 and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War;" That he the said James Jones enlisted in the Town of Fredericksburg in the State of Virginia in the company of Captain Churchill Jones in Colonel George Baylor's Regiment of Light Dragoons; that he continued to serve in the said Regiment until the end of the war, when the said Regiment was discharged near the river Santee in the State of South Carolina, that he was in the Battles of Guilford courthouse [Guilford County Court House, March 15, 1781], & the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], & at the siege of Ninety Six [May 21 – June 19, 1781]; and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day & year first above mentioned.

S/ Wm A. G. Dade

District of Virginia King George County Sct.

On this 3rd day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record made so by special Statute for the County aforesaid James Jones aged sixty years, resident in the said County of King George, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows.

That he enlisted on the __ day of November 1777 in the Town of Fredericksburg Virginia in a Troop of Cavalry commanded by Captain Churchill Jones in the 3rd Regiment of Light Dragoons commanded by Colonel George Baylor, for the Term of three years – that he marched from Fredericksburg to Valley Forge – that he was present & engaged in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & various skirmishes & scouting parties – That he on his March to the South he reenlisted during the war & in the southern States he was present & engaged in the battles of Guilford Courthouse, the Siege of Ninety Six, Eutaw Spring & Cow

¹ BLWt1876-100

pens [Cowpens, January 17 1781]. That he duly served out the three years for which he first enlisted before the expiration of which term he reenlisted for the remainder of the war, during all which times he served as a private Soldier & was regularly discharged on Santee [River] in South Carolina in July 1783 – That under a former declaration made under & in conformity to the law of the United States of the 18th March 1818 under which declaration he was inscribed on the pension list as follows by pension certificate No. 1793 dated the 30 day of June 1818 – (date of Original declaration not recollected).

And the said James Jones did also (in open Court as aforesaid) solemnly swear as follows – 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 I was taught the art of a Tailor, but was forced to quit that occupation in consequence of a partial loss of my eyesight – that I am now unable to labor much, being greatly afflicted with the Rheumatism – that my family consists of my wife Molly nearly my own age, very sickly & infirm, one daughter Lititia about 22 years of age, *Cathy*² & a small servant girl hired to assist us – one half dozen chairs worth about \$3, one small cupboard, one chest, one small table worth about \$6.

S/ James Jones, X his mark

[Attested August 3rd, 1820 and the court valued the schedule property at \$9]

State of Virginia King George County Sct.

I James Jones of the County aforesaid aged 68 years do upon oath testify & declare that I enlisted as a soldier in the Army of the United States on or about the ___ day of ___ in the year 1777 to serve three years; That I enlisted under Captain Churchill Jones & served three years in Colonel George Baylor's Regiment of Dragoons; That at the expiration of 3 years, the term of my said enlistment, I reenlisted in the same Regiment to serve during the War, and did serve to the end of the War, and was honorably discharged near the river Santee in South Carolina. I further declare that I never received a Warrant for the Bounty Land promised me on the part of the United States, or the State of Virginia; nor have I transferred my claim to either, in any manner whatsoever: Therefore know all men by these presents, that I James Jones aforesaid do hereby constitute & appoint John Taliaferro to be my true & lawful attorney for me and in my name to demand & receive from the Secretary of War of the United States and from the Register of the Land Office of the State of Virginia, a land warrant for the quantity of land due me for my services aforesaid, and my said attorney is hereby authorized to constitute & appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him for the special purposes above expressed.

S/ James Jones, X his mark

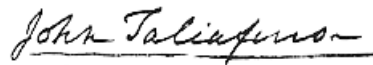
I John Taliaferro³ the oh aged sixty-four years do upon oath declare that I have always known and then well acquainted with James Jones who has subscribed in my presence the above declaration, and he is the identical person he therein represents himself to be; and further I do

² it appears to me as if an attempt was made to erase this name

³ [John Taliaferro S19483](#)

know that he did serve the military service as therein stated by him. He is the identical James Jones mentioned by Churchill Jones in the two certificates signed by him on file in the Pension Office, copies of which are here with exhibited – And I further certify that Churchill Jones & General Philip Stuart, both now dead, told me that James Jones, who served with them enlisted in 1777 for three years and that at the expiration of that term, he reenlisted to serve during the war and that he did serve most gallantly and faithfully to the end of the War, when he was honorably discharged.

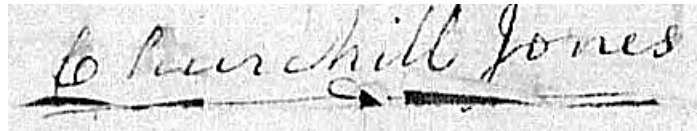
S/ John Taliaferro



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I do certify that James Jones was enlisted as a Soldier in Colonel George Baylor's Regiment of Light Dragoons, in the year 1777, & that he served as a Soldier in said Regiment to the end of the war – I also was an officer in said Regiment from January 1777 to the end of the war – 30th of March 1818

S/ Churchill Jones⁴



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I Churchill Jones of Stafford County & State of Virginia make oath that James Jones of said County enlisted as a soldier under me as Captain in Colonel George Baylor's Regiment of Light Dragoons in the year 1777, and that the said James Jones served in the same Regiment from that time till the end of the War – which Regiment was on the Continental establishment.

S/ Churchill Jones

Corporation of Fredericksburg to wit

Sworn to by Churchill Jones before me a magistrate for said corporation this 26 June 1818

S/ John Scott

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 4th, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 2 files: one of which contains petition by the heirs (not named) of Jones seeking additional bounty land based on his having served more than 6 years. The other file contains the power of attorney and affidavit of Taliaferro transcribed above.

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 2 files: the first of which contains what appears to be the original discharge given by Churchill Jones but the image is missing both the left and right margins as posted online.

⁴ [Churchill Jones BLWt304-300](#)

The other file contains 12 pages which consist of copies of the same documents transcribed from the federal pension application as set forth above.]