

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Jones¹ W10149

Leah Jones

f76VA

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County of Lincoln State of Tennessee

On this 22 day of April 1829 personally appeared in Open Court being a court of record for the County of Lincoln in the State of Tennessee John Jones resident in said County aged seventy-seven 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 John Jones enlisted for the term of two years on the __ day of March 1775 in the state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain __ Berry in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Mullenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, 8 Virginia Regiment: that he continued to serve in the said Corps until December 1776 when he was taken ill & could not return the service until the expiration of the time for which he enlisted he was discharged at white marsh camp [White Marsh camp] in the State of Pennsylvania; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; That his name is on no pension roll of any state except Virginia; And that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. He felt no disposition to call upon his Country for assistance so long as he could possibly support himself without doing so; That he dislikes the idea of calling for assistance from any source he disliked the name of "beggar" & determined never to make application so long as he could possibly support himself by honest exertions; That time has now passed, he has become aged and exceedingly feeble, his industry can no longer afford him sufficient support & he is at last compelled though reluctantly to appeal to his Country for that subsistence he is not able to procure by his labor.

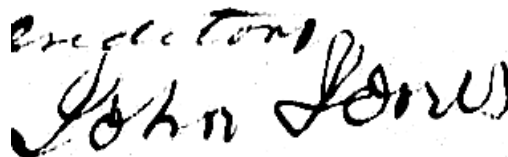
And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to 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~~ of any description whatever except what [indecipherable word] from my own labor, which is

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very inconsiderable. That he is a farmer and never learned any mechanical trade, and that he is totally unable to pursue labor of any description, he had ten in family consisting of himself & wife, one daughter Clarissa nineteen years of age, a son named John eighteen years of age, Reuben a son aged sixteen; a daughter Hetty aged fourteen – daughter Nancy ten years of age, Newton a son nine years of age, Thomas eight years of age – Edmund six years of age. The labor of the above mentioned children is not sufficient to support his family, himself, wife & for youngest children being unable to assist in any great degree to the support of his family.

The said Jones further states that he cannot render a schedule of property; that he has no property of any description all of it having been sold at public sale by the sheriff to satisfy his creditors.

S/ John Jones

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Jones". Above the name, the word "Execution" is written in a smaller, cursive hand.

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This Supplement to the Original Claim or Declaration of John Jones in order to be placed on the pension list under the act of the 18th March 1818 as required by Letter of advice from the War Department dated pension Office 10th of September 1829 and hereby annexed State of Tennessee Lincoln County

On this 3rd day of October 1829 personally appeared before me Stephen Alexander an acting Justice of the peace for said County John Jones and made oath as follows that on the 18th of March 1818 he was in possession of ninety acres of Land in said County of Lincoln also of [indecipherable word]² in Horses two Head, Cattle seven head, hogs about thirty head, that in the year 1818 he was indebted about \$200 for said land and to Robert & William Dickson, Merchants in the sum of \$110 together with about \$50 to sundry persons that in the year 1820 he was compelled to sell said lands for the residue owned on it and other demands against him for which he obtained the sum of \$600, and that in the year 1821 he became a renter of Land and has continued to rent ever since not being able to buy, and that for the last three years he has been a renter of Robert Dickson to whom he has been a constant Debtor since the year 1817 and that the increased expenses of a growing family have gradually reduced his stock and effect, until he was not able to pay the just claims of his creditors against him, and that in the year 1828 the last of his property was taken at the suit of William Dickson and sold to satisfy and on his claim for which he had obtained Judgments against him and that he has no property in Trust or expectancy other than here set forth.

S/ John Jones

[p 10: On January 7, 1861 in Lincoln County Tennessee, Leah Jones a resident of the town of Fayetteville in said County and aged 73 years made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John Jones, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she was married to him in Bedford County Tennessee January 31st, 1809; that her husband died in Lincoln County Tennessee December 23rd, 1831; and that she remains his widow. She signed her

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application with her mark.]

[p 11: On January 7, 1861 in Lincoln County Tennessee, Clarissa Jeffreys [sic] gave testimony that she is the daughter of John Jones and Leah Jones; that she is 51 years of age; that her father died December 23rd, 1831 and was buried in a graveyard on the land of Griffith Cunningham on Christmas Eve 29 years ago. She signed her affidavit with her mark and her name is spelled "Clarissa Jeffries".]

[p 14: On January 7, 1861 in Lincoln County Tennessee, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement under the 1855 act stating in addition to her prior statement that she was married to her husband by a justice of the peace named Quishenbury

[p 5: Copy of a marriage bond issued in Bedford County Tennessee January 28, 1809 to Robert Tucker and John Jones conditioned upon the marriage of John Jones to Leah Carter.]

[Facts in file: the widow was still living in Lincoln County Tennessee after the conclusion of the American Civil War and applied for the reinstatement of her pension benefits. The widow was the veteran's 2nd wife. The name of his first wife is not set forth in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 12, 1830, for service as a private for one-year & 9 months in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum.]