

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Jones W2123

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District of West Tennessee

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 1824 personally appeared in open Court in the County Court of Rutherford, State of Tennessee, the same being a court of record, made so by an act of the General Assembly of Tennessee, Richard Jones, aged sixty-three years and five months, resident in Rutherford County and state aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his corporal oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820; that he the said Richard Jones, in the year 1781 in the month of July enlisted for the term of two years in the company commanded by Captain Edmund Read in Charlotte County, State of Virginia in the Regiment commanded by Colonel \_\_ White [Anthony Walton White] in the cavalry in the Virginia line on Continental establishment; and continued in service in the Continental line until the end of the War, in 1783 when he was discharged from the service in the state of Virginia near little York, his time of service for which he enlisted being fully expired at the time of his said discharge. He was in an engagement under Wayne a little before the siege of York, and went on with the troops to the siege of Little York, where he continued assisting in said siege until the capture of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. He has now no other evidence in his power to obtain; of his services, except the affidavit of Nathaniel Jones and David Jones, having long since lost his discharge. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I Richard Jones 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 of all the property belonging to Richard Jones – two horses \$80 – one cow & calf \$10 – two beds & furniture \$20 – two chairs 81p, one pot and oven \$3 – one little saw pig \$.25, one ax one dollar – six earthen plates and one earthen dish one dollar – one spinning wheel \$1.50, one pair of cotton cards one dollars – one plow and gears for one horse \$4 – one dozen knives & forks [indecipherable, written over] – one fire shovel and one hoe \$1.75 \$125.31

S/ Richard Jones, X his mark

His occupation is that of a farmer and owing to his age and infirmities of body and mind

and a wound he received in one of his legs in the battle or skirmish before the Army got to little York, he cannot so successfully prosecute his business as to ensure a necessary support. He has a family consisting of a wife named Sally aged 45, and two daughters, one named Lenannah aged fifteen, the other Elizabeth aged twelve and one son named Levi, aged eight years. None of his family are of any service in procuring a support by their labor, except his eldest daughter – Without the bounty of his Government he believes he will not be able to procure the necessities of life for the short remainder of his declining years.

S/ Richard Jones, X his mark

This day personally appeared in open court Nathaniel Jones a citizen of Rutherford County district of West Tennessee and made oath that he knows that Richard Jones did enlist sometime in July in the year 1781 in Charlotte County State of Virginia for two years in the company of Cavalry commanded by Captain Edmund Read, who was afterwards a in the Regiment commanded by Colonel White, in the Virginia line on the Continental establishment and that he continued to serve until the end of the war when he was discharged, his time of service for which he enlisted having fully expired.

S/ Nathaniel Jones

This day David Jones, personally appeared in open court who is a citizen of Rutherford County, State of Tennessee, and made oath that he well recollects that Richard Jones was a soldier in the revolutionary war in the Virginia line on the Continental establishment from the County of Charlotte in Virginia he was not present when he enlisted, but he recollects that after the end of the war of the said Richard Jones returned home from service he also knows of his own knowledge he was absent in the Army more than twelve months and he always understood that he had been in the service two years.

S/ David Jones

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District of West Tennessee Rutherford County Court April Sessions 1825

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1825 personally appeared in open court in the County Court of Rutherford State of Tennessee the same being a court of Record made so by an act of the General Assembly of Tennessee Richard Jones, aged sixty-five years a citizen of Rutherford County and State aforesaid

Who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his corporal oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and first of May 1820, that he the said Richard Jones in the year 1781 in the month of July enlisted for the term of two years in the company commanded by Captain Edmund Read in Charlotte County State of Virginia in the Regiment of Cavalry in the Virginia line commanded by Colonel White on the Continental establishment that he continued in service in the Continental line until the end of the War in 1783 when he was discharged from service in the State of Virginia near Little York his time of service having fully expired. That he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension whatever except the present that his name is not on the roll of any state except Virginia and is not on the pension roll of any state whatever and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for pension, to wit, that he has lived and of skewer and retired life and although he had heard some provision had been made by Congress for the officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary War yet his means of information being very contracted he never understood precisely the nature and extent of such provision

Being also aware that it would be out of his power to obtain such provision without a good deal of trouble and some expense he determined as long as he was able to labor for his support he would rely upon the means in his power for a livelihood although it has been with great difficulty he has made a support.

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 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 of all the property belonging to Richard Jones

Two horses worth \$80, one cow & yearling worth \$12, two beds and some furniture worth \$20, two chairs worth \$.80, one pot and one oven worth \$3, one little save pig worth \$.25, one ax worth one dollar, six earthen plates and one earthen dish worth one dollar, one spinning wheel worth \$1.50, one pair of cotton cards worth one dollar, one plow & gears for one horse worth \$4, one half dozen knives & forks worth one dollar, one fire shovel and one hoe worth \$1.75

S/ Richard Jones, X his mark

My occupation is that of a Farmer by which I have made out heretofore to obtain a scanty support with the small assistance afforded by my family but owing to my increasing years my infirmities of both body and mind and a wound I received in one of my legs in a skirmish with the enemy before the Army got to Little York I cannot attend to my business in a way to ensure a necessary support. I have a small family consisting of a wife named Sally aged 45 or 46 years and two daughters one named Leanah aged fifteen years the other named Elizabeth aged 12 or 13 years and one son named Levi aged 8 or 9 years. My wife is afflicted with disease and is unable by her labor to contribute but very little to the support of the family. My eldest daughter is of sufficient age to be of some service and by her labor can and does contribute to make a support as much as females of her age could be expected to do. My other two children are too young to be of much assistance. On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 I had not quite as much property as I have at this time, and since that period I have never owned more than I do at this time. There has been no changes in my property since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 except I then owned but one horse beast and I own two at this time and except I own at this time two head of cattle and I then owned but one the household and kitchen furniture & farming utensils remain much about as they were at that time. Owing to the increase of my age and infirmities I believe I will be unable to procure the necessities of life for the short remainder of my declining years without the aid of government except by private or public charity.

S/ Richard Jones, X his mark

[p 12: On March 4, 1853 in Rutherford County Tennessee, Sarah Jones, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Richard Jones, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she married him in Charlotte County Virginia October 25<sup>th</sup>, 1808; that her husband died in Rutherford County Tennessee June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1835; she submits her family record of the births of her children in support of her claim of marriage to the veteran; that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 5: certified copy of the marriage record in the office of the clerk of court in the County of Charlotte, state of Virginia showing "Married October 20<sup>th</sup> 1808 Richard Jones to Sally Jackson By Reverend Jo. Jenkins"]

[p 7: family record:

Learnah Jackson Jones was born in the year of our Lord July the 31 – 1809

Elisabeth Applin Jones was born January the 14 in the year while Lord – 1811

Jane Nunnelly Jones was born July 26 1814

Levi Jackson Jones was born April 29<sup>th</sup> 1816

[indecipherable entry showing birth of someone in 1820]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 22, 1825, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1853.]