

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jonathan Jones W231 Elizabeth Jones SC  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 4 July 2015.

State of Tennessee }  
Carroll County } SS

On this the fourth day of December 1843 personally appeared before the county court of the county of Carroll and State aforesaid, Elizabeth Jones, widow of Johnathan Jones, aged seventy eight years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress, passed July the 7th 1838, entitled, "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Johnathan Jones, who was a private soldier in the revolutionary war serving in South Carolina. That to the best of her knowledge and belief he was engaged in the war in south Carolina in 1780 and 1781, as she has frequently heard her husband speak of being in the service and being engaged in battle. But from her age & want of memory she cannot recollect the precise time when he entered the service the length of time he served or the precise time when he left the service. That he was at the defeat of Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter] at the Battle of Blackstocks [see endnote], serving under Capt. Pagon [sic: James Pagan], and has frequently heard her husband speak of assisting in bearing Sumpter off after he was wounded She has frequently heard her husband speak of having served under Capt. John Wells and Capt. John McLure, and under Major Miller and Col. Patton. She says that from her age and want of memory she cannot positively state the time for which her husband served, but that it was during the beforementioned years 1780 and 1781. That her husband drew a pension (in Chester District South Carolina when he lived) of sixty dollars a year for several years before his death. That she was married to the said Johnathan Jones, in Chester District on the 8th of March 1787. That he died on the 4th day of August 1835 in Chester District South Carolina, since which time she has remained a widow. That she was married to him after his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 – at the time above stated

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written Elizabeth herXmark Jones

Comptroller Gen'ls office/ Columbia So. Ca. December 14<sup>th</sup> 1846

Book M }  
Indent 473 } Issued first October 1784 to Mr. Jonathan Jones late private in [Capt. William] Smith's Troop Thomas' [Col. John Thomas] Reg't. Sumter's brigade State Troops for Ninety four pounds Sterling amount pay and bounty due him for Services in that Troop with interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly Eleventh March last Prin'l. £94.0.0D. Interest £6.11.7D

Book X }  
Indent 2023 } Issued the 19<sup>th</sup> December 1786 to Mr. Jonathan Jones for Eight Pounds sixteen shillings & ten pence Sterling for arrears of clothing due him for services in Wm. Smith's Company Thomas' Regiment Sumter's Brigade per certificate from the Commissioners for liquidating the claims of that Brigade Prin'l. £8.16.10D Int. £0.12.4D.

I Certify the above to be a true copy from the Records in this office For Comptroller Gen'l/ J. Aug. Black

State of Tennessee } On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 1847 Personally appeared before me Robt A  
Carroll County } Robeson one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said county Mrs.  
Elizabeth Jones a resident of said county aged 82 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the

Act of Congress passed June the 7 1832

That she is the widow of Jonathan Jones who was a Private Soldier in Smith Troops Thomas's Regiment Sumpters Brigade State Troops of South Carolina. the time he entered the Services & the time he left is unknown to the Deponant & the precise length of services is unknown. That her husband the aforesaid Jonathan Jones resided in Chester District South Carolina when he entered the Services & resided therein until the day of his death which was August the 4<sup>th</sup> AD 1835. This Deponant further declares that she was married to him the said Jonathan Jones on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1787 and that she has remained single since his death up to the present time. That after her husband's death she removed to the aforesaid County of Carroll Tennessee where she now resides

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and date above written

Elizabeth herXmark Jones

NOTES:

"The defeat of Sumpter" and "the Battle of Blackstocks" were two separate battles. Gen. Thomas Sumter – was defeated but not wounded at Fishing Creek on 18 Aug 1780, and Capt. James Pagan was killed in that action. Sumter was wounded at the Battle of Blackstock's Plantation on 20 Nov 1780 of that year, but his troops were not technically defeated there.

On 11 Dec 1843 John D. Jones stated that he had several times collected the pension for his father, who had been too infirm to do so. On 13 Dec 1843 Andrew Downing, about 73, stated that he was present at the marriage of Jonathan Jones and Elizabeth Downing. As proof of marriage Elizabeth Jones submitted a family record written on a blank page of her Bible printed in 1789, transcribed below.

[The first four entries are crossed out]

A[rest undeciphered] D Jones was Born July the 3 1816

John D Jones Born jany the 20 1808

Married jany the 12 1857

Rebecca Jones was born march the fourth

William Jones was born June 8<sup>th</sup> Day 1788

James on February the 7<sup>th</sup> Day 1790

Mary on March the 7<sup>th</sup> Day 1792

Cathrin was born on May the 20<sup>th</sup> Day 1794

Elizabeth was born on October the 3<sup>d</sup> Day 1796

Jennet[?] Simpson was born on May 15<sup>th</sup> D 1799

Sarah Carson was born June 14<sup>th</sup> 1801

[first name illegible] Ann Jones was Born July 28<sup>th</sup> 1803

Jonathan Jones was Born December 20<sup>th</sup> 1805

John Downing was Born January 23<sup>d</sup> 1808

Addendum to [Jonathan Jones W231](#)

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Jonathan Jones  
Audited Account No. 4109

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Transcribed and annotated by Will Graves

2/28/23

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

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14 October 84

[Book] I No. 320

Mr. Jonathan Jones Junior his Account of 131 days Militia duty in 1780 & 1781

Amounting to £19.2.10 ¼ Stg. [Sterling]

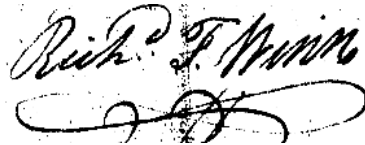
Ex<sup>d</sup>. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Rec'd Columbia, No[v]. 15<sup>th</sup> 1790 from the Commissioners [of the] Treasury the Amount of the within Account in an Indent No. 320, Book I for my Father, John Winn

£19.2.10 ¼

S/ Rich'd F. Winn



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State of So. Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to Jonathan Jones Junior

Commence 18<sup>th</sup> June

1780

One Hundred & Six Days a Soldier under Capt.

Alexander Pagen [Alexander Pagan] & Mills

[John Mills] in the Militia at 20s

[20 shillings old SC currency] per day

£106.0.0

Commence 2<sup>nd</sup> July

1781

Twenty Eight Days Under Capt. Cooper

[Robert Cooper] a Soldier in the Militia

at 20 s per day

28.0.0

Total £134

£19.2.10 ¼

<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

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Gentlemen

£19.2.10

Please deliver my Indent to John Winn Esquire & his receipt shall be good, to whom I have hereby assign[ed] and Set over all my right & title to the Same for Value received this 8<sup>th</sup> November 1790

S/ Jonathan Jones Jr



Before

S/ M. Winn, JP

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To the Honorable the President and Members of the Senate

The humble petition of Jonathan Jones shows to your Honorable body that he is one of the remaining few who lived in the days that tested men's principles, whether they were more attached to King then Country. That he is bold and proud in saying that he loved liberty better than life and yielded his feeble service in obtaining the freedom his country now enjoys. That for all his service he can safely say he received next to nothing. I am now old, infirm and poor. So long as I was able to work I could not consent to solicit Charity. I am now not able to work and therefore throw myself on the benevolence of my Country hoping that they will not suffer my gray hairs to go down in sorrow to the grave. Time has almost swept away the evidence of my service but such as I could procure I present to you. The sound of your benevolence has reached my ears & I have boldly presented this petition hoping you will bestow upon me a pension during the few remaining years of my life with a few years of arrearage. And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Signed

S/ Jonathan Jones



[p 18: An identical petition addressed to the South Carolina Senate.]

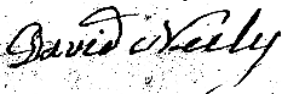
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South Carolina

York District } David Neely of said State and District personally came before me & made oath being duly Sworn as the Law directs on oath Saith that he was a Soldier in the Militia Service in the Revolutionary war that he was well acquainted with Jonathan Jones of Chester District that he well knew that he said Jones was a Soldier in the Revolutionary Struggle in the American Side fighting for Liberty that he Said deponent served two campaigns with him said Jones viz. one at Orangeburg & one at the Congaree Fort and that he knew him Said Jones to have Served in other campaigns in which he was not along.

Sworn to and Subscribed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1826

S/ David Neely



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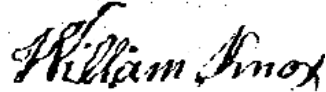
So. Carolina Chester District } Appeared before me William Knox<sup>2</sup> and made oath that I have been well acquainted with Jonathan Jones the applicant in the Revolutionary war and knew him to be a firm friend to (and great Sufferer for his Country) and was with him at the Battle of the Congaree Fort & Black Stocks [Blackstocks] and Hookes Defeat [Huck's Defeat] and I believe him to be at a Number more actions that I was not along.

Sworn to before me this

16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1826

S/ John Cherry, J Q

S/ William Knox



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South Carolina Chester District } David Morrow<sup>3</sup> (one of the Sons of Seventy Six) Came before me & made oath that he was Acquainted with Jonathan Jones During the Revolutionary War & believes him to have been a firm friend to his Country the United States & was with him the said Jonathan Jones at Williamson's Where Captain Hook was defeated & at fishing-Creek where Sumter was Routed or defeated & this deponent further saith that the said Jonathan is now old & infirm & poor & has been & is a man of Good Moral Character with a large Family to Support & is not able for hard labor.

Sworn to & signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of

November 1826 before

S/ P. Wylie, JP

S/ David Morrow



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S. Carolina Chester District } James McClure A Soldier of the Revolution Came before me & made Oath that he was Acquainted with Jonathan Jones during the Revolutionary War & no with him to be a friend to his Country the United States – he – further Saith that he believes him the said Jones was a Good deal in Service in the Revolutionary War & is a man of Good Moral Character & is now old & poor & has no other source of support but his labor & is not fit for hard labor.

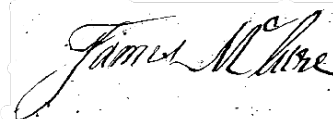
Sworn to & Signed this

15<sup>th</sup> day of November

1826 before me

S/ P. Wylie, JP

S/ James McLure<sup>4</sup>



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<sup>2</sup> [William Knox S38900](#)

<sup>3</sup> [David Morrow S7253](#)

<sup>4</sup> James McCluer/McClure/McCleir/McLure SC AA4936

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South Carolina Chester District } George Gill<sup>5</sup> Came personally before me & made oath that he was well acquainted [with] Jonathan Jones during the Revolutionary war. That he has no personal knowledge at this time of any of the service in which said Jonathan was engaged but is fully satisfied that he was there. From all the circumstances that came within the knowledge of this deponent during the war he has no doubt of it. That the said Jonathan is at this time and [sic, an] old and infirm man. He is Poor with a large family to support. That he believes him to be justly entitled to the benevolence of his Country.

Sworn to November 21<sup>st</sup> 1826

S/ Robert Galbills, J Q

S/ Geo. Gill



[Note: The prayer of the petition was granted in December 1826 and the veteran was granted a pension from the State of South Carolina of \$60 per annum. The first voucher reflecting the pension appears on p 32 and was dated June 4, 1828. The last voucher is dated May 29, 1834 and appears on p 33.]

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The petition of Elizabeth Jones praying to be placed on the pension list

Granted

Pensions

John Dunavant [?]

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To the president & other members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina and Senate Assembled

The memorial of Elizabeth Jones of the State of South Carolina Chester District Sheweth that your Memorialist is the Widow of Jonathan Jones a pensioner of the State of South Carolina who lately died leaving her in a low circumstances She having lived with him in a married State from Shortly after the War of the Revolution until the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1835 and further her children are mostly left her and that She is now old and becoming infirm and has to depend on her own labour for a support. Your memorialist therefore asks Your Body to place her on the pension Roll-list of the State at the Rates Allowed Widows of pensioners and your Memorialist will feel herself fully Represented &c

S/ Elizabeth Jones, X her mark

South Carolina Chester District } Elizabeth Jones above named came before me & made oath that the facts stated in the above memorial are just & true. Sworn to & signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1835

S/ Peter Wylie, JQ

S/ Elizabeth Jones, X her mark

[Note: The Committee appointed to review the petition recommended that the petitioner be granted a pension pursuant to a report dated December 11<sup>th</sup> 1835.] The

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<sup>5</sup> [George Gill S21229](#)