

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lazarus Jones W26796

Keziah Jones

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State of Tennessee, Morgan County: County Court January Term 1839

On this the 7th day of January 1839 Personally appeared before the Worshipful Justices of the County Court of Morgan aforesaid now sitting it Being [a Court] of Record James Jones the next friend (~~and duly authorized Guardian~~) of his mother Kisiah Jones, who is aged Seventy-eight years, agreeable to the best information, he can get at this time, having no record, of her age, (~~he being her Guardian~~) owing to, her great age and consequent corporal and mental disability to Transact her own business, he as the ~~Guardian and~~ oldest son and friend, of his mother makes the following Declaration, in order to obtain him by half of his said mother the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the \_\_ th 183\_\_

His said mother is the widow of Lazarus Jones whom he believes was a soldier in behalf of the United States against the Enemy in the War of the Revolution, That the traditionary account that he received from his said father Lazarus Jones now Deceased is to his present Recollection Something like to the following effect is that his said father Served several years in said War (perhaps five years), that he probably entered the service or quit Service in North Carolina (perhaps in Pasquotank County) and that some period, served under or served with Colonel Lamb, and served as adjutant and as Lieutenant, part of the time, the Particulars of the Same he imagines will appear on reference to War office Rolls of the United States upon which he relies he states his said father was the Identical Lazarus Jones, on account of whose Service Land was granted, he thinks for three hundred and fifty acres, having seen the grant when he was young, his recollection he thinks is correct, that the land lay 15 miles from Nashville on the South side of Cumberland River, the Beginning of a Box elder he states that his said Mother Kissiah Jones and his younger, and only brother John Jones, went to see the land and gave account that a certain Thomas Carr was in possession of the land, and gave an account of being in possession under or through one Rencher McDaniel, He Declarant States that there was a correspondence between Jacob Miller, General Hall, John A. Rodgers and Robert Weaky of West Tennessee, he states that there was several letters of correspondence through the friendship of John A. Rodgers of East Tennessee toward his said father's family with a view to obtain the land that owing, the surrounding inconveniences their want of Experience, and want of Money the land was not obtained in behalf of the widow and heirs (as proof of Identity, he Declarant prays, a letter of Jacob Miller to General Hall on the Subject of the land and now in Declarant's Possession and now Exhibited to the Court, with the name of (Kissiah Jones, widow of) Lazarus Jones, to be considered as Evidence together with R. Weakley's letter marked with the same

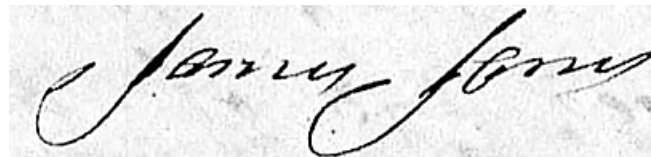
words which Weakly wrote John A. Rodgers to be regarded as Evidence likewise, which he Declarant States are letters, which has been in his said Mother's procession, and the family's possession from some short time after they bear date to the present time. He further States that there were some other letters of Correspondence, between some of the said persons, one in particular that came to the possession of his said Mother and himself from General Hall, that are not now to be found, which Declarant, now believes is either worn out or Destroyed.

He recollects hearing his said father say a little before his death that he was Sixty-three years of age, his father died of a cancer in Hawkins County Tennessee on the 17th day of June 1814.

He positively states that his said mother is and remains a widow ever since the Death of his said father's death

He states he understands and believes that his said Mother whose maiden name was Spears and her said Husband Declarant's father were married to each other in North Carolina on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ 1781 or '82 that there is no family record of the marriage of his said parents in her possession but he thinks he can probably prove the time of their said marriage by a certain Thomas Ives, a revolutionary pensioner of Roan [sic, Roane] County Tennessee and perhaps things Relative to (if not the actual Service of his said father he thinks that he is in all probability can Establish the marriage by some of his connections by the name of Prewitt; that they may in all Probability, have a family record, that has the marriage of his father and mother in it he believes that his brother John had the Record of the matter of their marriage and other family matters, at the house of a Mr. Webb, a Tanner in Knoxville Tennessee.

S/ James Jones

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James Jones". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly textured.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 7th January 1839

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State of Tennessee Roane County

This day personally appeared before me John E Nelson Justice of the peace for said County, Thomas Ives, who statements are entitled to credit, who being sworn the truth to speak made the following statement, to wit, He says he has a small acquaintance personally with Lazarus Jones of Camden County North Carolina who was frequently by those better acquainted with him talked of as having been an officer in the Revolutionary war: but of what grade he does not now recollect. The woman with whom he lived was said to be his wife, and he believes was, her Christian name was Kizziah, her maiden name was Speers. From the best computation he can make from various circumstances he believes his first knowledge of the said Jones took place forty-eight years ago, he believes that his wife had two children at that time, of one he is certain; and that James Jones is the son of the said Kizziah, who was the reputed wife of the said Lazarus Jones, from all the information he has ever had on the subject.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 1839

Attest

S/ John E Nelson, JP for Roane County

S/ Thomas Ives, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, hereby certify, that it appears of record in this Office that on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 1784, a Warrant was issued for the services of Lazarus Jones a private in the revolutionary War for 352 Acres of land, the quantity allowed by law for three years and ten months service, which Warrant is No. 584 and was drawn by B. Jones.

Given under my hand at office in Raleigh  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 1839  
S/ Wm Hill

[p 64: Affidavit dated October 19, 1839 given in Hawkins County Tennessee by Loviney Hale, aged upwards of 77 years, that she was well acquainted with Lazarus Jones and his wife Keziah Jones whose maiden name was Keziah Spers [sic]: that they were married in Pasquotank County North Carolina about the year 1782 or 1783; that she has heard that Lazarus was an officer either Lieutenant or adjutant during the war. She signed her affidavit with her mark. p 65: Ogbon Hale, 77, gave an almost identical affidavit to that given by Loviney Hale. He also signed his affidavit with his mark]

[p 52: a compromised document which appears to be a bond dated January 30, in 1785 given by Lazarus Jones of Camden County North Carolina to Benjamin Jones of the same County in the amount of 100 pounds to secure the sale by Lazarus Jones to Benjamin Jones of 352 acres of land which Lazarus Jones received by grant for his services as a soldier in the Continental line of North Carolina. The bottom of the document is cut off. Consequently, there is no signature of the veteran.]

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State of Tennessee Morgan County: SS

On this the \_\_ day of September 1840, personally appeared before me James B Jones a Justice of the peace in and for said County James Jones, son of Lazarus Jones, Deceased, and Son of Keziah Jones, widow of said Lazarus, and on his oath states, that, the annexed record on paper sowed into the Back of his hymn book contains the true Record of the affiant's marriage, to wit, 17 June 1819, and that affiant was born 8<sup>th</sup> April 1800, affiant's oldest child John A. Jones, named for John A. Rodgers, the same John A. Rogers [sic] who was concerned in arranging the matter of getting affiant's father's land for his service in the Revolution, said son of affiant was born the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 1820 being affiant's oldest child, next Nancy Jones, and there are Eight younger than her, of affiant's children. Affiant states that, his said father and mother, had four children older than affiant, Allen, Polly, Sally, and Nancy – Nancy was always said to be five years older than witness, and it used to be said that there were was Eleven years difference between the birth of Allen and Nancy, affiant has no record of their ages, nor of his said parents, the Hymn Book record wrote on (James Jones Record) is correct, and in affiant's own handwriting knowing his own age from undoubted sources, and the Remainder from positive Recollection, affiant has had some of said Record some years.

S/ James Jones

Sworn and subscribed the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 1840 before me  
S/ James B Jones, JP for Morgan County

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James Jones was borned April 7th in the yer of our Lord 1800

John R. Jones was borned Gun [sic, June or Jan?] 22 in the yer of our Lord 1820

Nancy Jones was borned October 25 in the yer of our Lord 1822

James T. Jones was borned March 21st in the yer of our Lord 1823

Saiby [? Could be Guiley] Jones was borned Gun the 24 In the yer of our Lord 1825

Kissiar Jones was borned August the 25 In the yer of our lord 1829

William Jones was borned May 7 In the yer of our lord 1830

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in the yer of our Lord 1830

Samuel P. Vaughn Clerk

[p 61: On July 4, 1842 in Hawkins County Tennessee, Lazarus Spears, 56 having been born on September 29, 1785, gave testimony that he is the nephew of Lazarus Jones formerly of Pasquotank County North Carolina; that he has understood from his earliest recollection that Lazarus Jones was a revolutionary soldier in the North Carolina line; that Lazarus Jones married affiant's aunt, the sister of the affiant's Father; that said marriage took place about the close of the revolutionary war, prior to the birth of the affiant.

*Lazarus Jones*

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State of Illinois, County of Macon

On the first day of August 1842 before the subscriber Abraham H. Kellar one of the Judges of the County Commissioners Court in and for the County and State aforesaid the same being a court of Record personally appeared Kissiear Jones a resident of the County of Macon and State of Illinois aged Seventy-two 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 7 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to Certain Widows." She is the widow of Lazarus Jones who was a private as she believes in the War of the Revolution in the service of the United States. That her said husband served in said Army of the Revolution for the Period of five years. She cannot state in what service he was engaged nor what officers he served under but is of opinion that he performed the most of his services in the States of New York Pennsylvania & Maryland that he was for a portion of said time at least under the command of Captain Jarrott and Colonel or General Hogan [sic, James Hogun?] -- that she was married to the said Jones about four years after he left the said service said Jones was discharged from the service of the United States about the close of the Revolutionary War -- she remembers of having seen his Discharge and that a number of years ago she placed it as also some other papers in the hands of Governor McMinn of Tennessee -- that she afterwards removed from the State of Tennessee and has not seen or heard of said Discharge nor of other papers since she placed them in the hands of Governor McMinn as aforesaid. She further Declares that she was married to the said Lazarus Jones on the 9th day of March 1787 and that her husband the aforesaid Lazarus Jones died on the 29th day of January in the year 1810 or 1811 which of those dates she is not certain that she was married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me

A/ Abraham H. Kellar, One

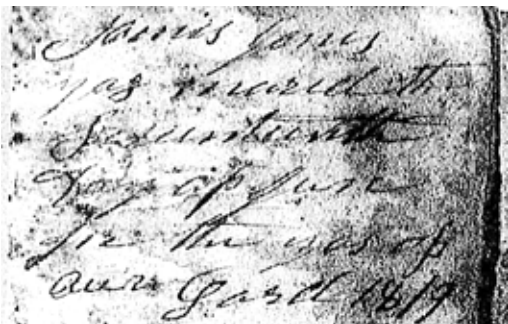
S/ Kessiar Jones, X her mark

of the Judges of the County

Commissioners Court of said County & state

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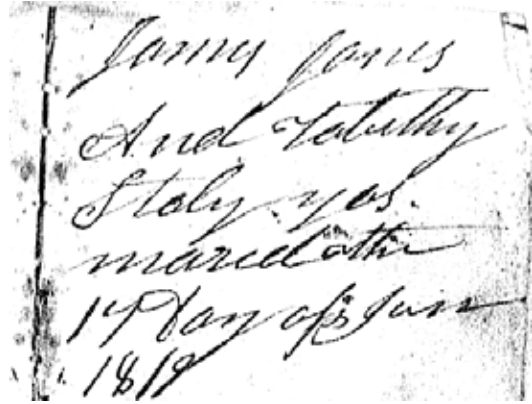
James Jones was married the Seventeenth Day of June In the year of our Lord 1819



*James Jones  
was married the  
Seventeenth  
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in the year of  
our Lord 1819*

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James Jones And Tabithy Staly was married the 17 day of June 1819



A handwritten record on aged paper, possibly a church register or a local official's book. The text is written in cursive and reads: "James Jones And Tabithy Staly was married the 17 day of June 1819". The paper shows signs of wear, including some staining and a dark border on the left side.

State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that it appears of record in this Office that on the 21st day of April 1784, a Warrant was issued for the services of Lazarus Jones a private in the revolutionary War for 352 Acres of land, the quantity allowed by law for 3 years and 10 months service which Warrant is No. 584 and was drawn by B. Jones.

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh this 10th day of July 1839.  
S/ Wm Hill

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Raleigh 12<sup>th</sup> June 1840

Mr. Robert A. Dabury

Sir

Your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> Ultimo was received yesterday, and I have this day made strict examination of the musterrolls in my Office of the name of Lazarus Jones, but do not find it there, from which I am induced to believe he was in the Cavalry as I find a warrant for three years and ten months service was issued to him for the quantity of bounty land allowed a revolutionary Soldier for that length of time. I have no Cavalry rolls in my Office.

You owe me \$.30 for formal services, and for postage charged to me on your last letter & fees for searching \$.45 -- making \$.75 in all.

You paid \$.25 on your last letter but being double the Post Master here charged me \$.25 more for it.

Yours &c  
S/ Wm Hill

[p 61: On July 4, 1842, in Hawkins County, Tenn., Lazarus Spears, 56, gave an affidavit in which he states that Lazarus Jones married the sister of Lazarus Spears' father; that he Lazarus Spears was formerly of Pasquotank County, NC]

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State of Tennessee, Roane County

On this the first day of September 1840 personally appeared before me John G. Nelson a



Justice of the peace in and for said County Thomas Ives<sup>1</sup> a resident citizen of said County aged Revolutionary Pensioner whose statements are entitled to full credit and on his oath states that he is the identical Thomas Ives that was a Revolutionary soldier from the State of Virginia and states that he was a married man at the time of the surrender [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] of Lord Cornwallis he affiant was then a married man his wife's first child was born the 17th day of November 1781 about one month after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis affiant's first wife died about six years after the surrender of Cornwallis having borne three children, affiant some time after the death of his said first wife married the widow Rhoda Eventon in Pasquotank County North Carolina, he affiant was married to said widow and in 10 days after his said marriage there was a sale of the property of his said last wife's husband's property, and at said sale affiant became acquainted with the husband of Keziah Jones now applying for a Pension he there learned that he was a Revolutionary soldier and was then called Lieutenant Lazarus Jones said Lazarus Jones bought property at the said sale affiant was intimately acquainted with said Lazarus Jones and his wife Keziah whose maiden name was Spears from that time, affiant knows, that they were husband and wife at that time and had had children, he thinks but two when he was first acquainted with them affiant was intimately acquainted with the Spears family to wit the mother of Lazarus Jones's wife and with her Brothers Samuel Spears, Arthur Spears and William Spears affiant states that said Lazarus Jones lived in the Edge of Camden joining Pasquotank affiant was then appointed with them, and knew afterward of the Spears family connection, and said Jones moving to Tennessee State, affiant has no Record of his said marriage and of these events, but he positively states that he believes that it was at least 7 or 8 years after he was first acquainted with said Lazarus Jones and his wife Keziah and the Spears before he affiant Enlisted as a Regular Soldier or 3 years, when he Enlisted at Halifax North Carolina under Captain Joseph Mumford & Lieutenant Thomas Pastors and went on to Fort Washington on the Ohio River affiant was under St. Clair and at the defeat thereof, and afterward under Wilkerson, and Wayne and was discharged on the Ohio at Hopson's Choice or Fort Washington and had a printed discharge: this affiant positively states that said Lazarus Jones & Keziah was husband and wife were living together and had 2 children many years before affiant first Enlisted under Captain Mumford to go into St. Clair's Army, and after calculation thinks it was at least 7 years before said Enlistment, when he first became acquainted with them, this affiant is of sound mind and has a good Recollection of the foregoing Events but cannot give the dates precisely and has no record of the Events, affiant is the Identical same Thomas Ives his deposition has been previously taken in sworn to before John E. Nelson Esquire of the neighborhood of said affiant. Sworn and subscribed this one day of September 1840 before me  
S/ John E. Nelson, JP

S/ Thomas Ives, X his mark

[p 124: On April 5, 1843 in Macon County Illinois, the widow then stating her age as 71, filed for the extension of her pension benefit as the widow of Lazarus Jones a soldier of the revolution. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]

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<sup>1</sup> Probably [Thomas Ives S38863](#) who filed for a pension while living in Knox County, Tenn. and based his claim on services in Virginia. Could possibly be [Thomas Ives S20899](#). These are the only two men by that name who were granted a federal pension for their services in the Revolution.