

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Jones W373

Mary Jones

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State of Tennessee, Marion County: SS

On this twelfth day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court for the honorable Charles F. Keith, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of law and equity in the State of Tennessee at a Court now sitting at the Court house in the town of Jasper for Marion County, John Jones, a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy three or four, years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated, that is to say, he was drafted and entered the service under Captain Whitesides [William Whitesides] in Burke County [North Carolina], the date not recollected and Major Singleton [Richard Singleton] and General McDowell [Charles McDowell] he was marched under the command of those officers from Rutherford County N. C. to Ned Hampton's [Edward Hampton's] in a South Carolina, at which place he was in an engagement¹ with the British and Tories and in which Captain Ned Hampton [Edward Hampton], Captain Kerr [?]² and Captain Dunn were killed on the side of the Americans; the Americans kept the ground till morning (the engagement happening in the night) and gave the British Dragoons and Tories chase next day and killed several of them in the chase, this applicant was marched by his officers repeatedly in pursuit of the British & Tories but was in no engagement of any importance during this tour but the one above mentioned, this applicant having served three months was dismissed by his officers and returned home, a few days after which this applicant was taken prisoner by the Tories and taken by them to Ferguson's [Patrick Ferguson's] Army at Gilbert town where this applicant remained as a prisoner until he was marched to Kings Mountain under a guard and was there retaken by the Americans [Battle of Kings Mountain, October 7, 1780].³ This applicant was retained by Col Campbell [William Campbell] until his army arrived at Moravian Town N. C. where Col Andrew Hampton made application and had this applicant and several others

¹ The veteran appears to be referring to an action thought to have occurred during the raids conducted by William Cunningham ["Bloodied Bill" Cunningham] in November 1781. See p 423 of John C. Parker, Jr., *Parker's Guide to the Revolutionary War in South Carolina: Battles, Skirmishes and Murders; Second Edition*. Patrick, SC: Infinity Publishing, 2013. Bobby Gilmer Moss, however, in his SC Roster states that Edward Hampton was killed by Cunningham at Fair Forest Creek in October 1780. See p. 408, Bobby Gilmer Moss, *Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1983. Moss' timeline fits with the veteran's recollection, but, based on having reviewed many pension applications, I have found that it is not uncommon for veterans to give descriptions of their services out of sequence. C. Leon Harris suggests that the action referred to was the one at Earle's Ford (July 15 1780) based on the application of [Freeman Jones W7900](#).

²  could be Kew

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

released who were known to him to be Whigs – this applicant immediately return home and was stationed at Thomas Waddleton's in Rutherford County to guard the frontiers against the Indians and Tories; for three months, under a sergeant whose name this applicant does not recollect this applicant was then marched by Col McDowell [Charles McDowell or Joseph McDowell] and Col Earles against the Indians through the Indian Country to Cowee town and several other places but was in no engagement with the Indians this expedition the Indians fled at the approach of the American troops, on every occasion, this applicant believes he served actively twelve months or more, during the Revolutionary War, he recollects of serving four three months tours as stated before during one of which he was a prisoner as above mentioned.

This Declarant states that he was born in the State of Virginia in Brunswick County, he has no record of his age but from the best information derived from his parents and having once had a record of his age he believes he is seventy-three or four years old he lost the record of his age fifteen or twenty years ago. He was living in Rutherford County N. C. when he entered the service and removed from there some time after the Revolutionary war ended to Knox County Tennessee, where he lived a number of years from there he removed to Bledsoe County and lived there several years and from there to this County (Marion) all in Tennessee State where he has resided about fifteen years and still resides.

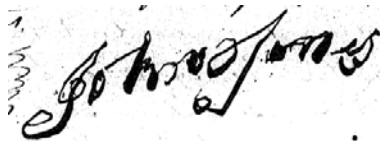
He has stated the general circumstances of his services as well as he recollects but cannot state the dates not having any recollection of them. He never did receive a written discharge from his officers, being only dismissed by them after having according to his turn [sic?], he has no documentary evidence of any kind of his services.

He states that he is known in his present neighborhood to David Nelms a clergyman, John C. Everett also a clergyman and William Metcalf and Peter Looney who can testify as to his character for veracity and good behavior.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State in the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

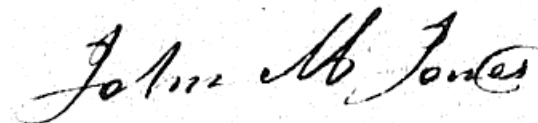
S/ John Jones



[David Helms, a clergyman, John C Everett, also a clergyman, and Peter Looney gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 18: On March 5, 1844 in Marion County Tennessee, Mary Jones, aged 77 years, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Jones, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$40 per annum; that she married him in March 1790; that he died November 23, 1839 and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 16: On March 5, 1844 in Marion County Tennessee, John M. Jones gave testimony that John Jones died November 23, 1839 leaving Mary Jones his widow. His relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated



[p 20: the following is a listing of the family record contained in the file:

James Jones born September 17, 1790

Milbury or Milberry Jones born January or June 2, [illegible]

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Joseph Jones born May 27, 1796

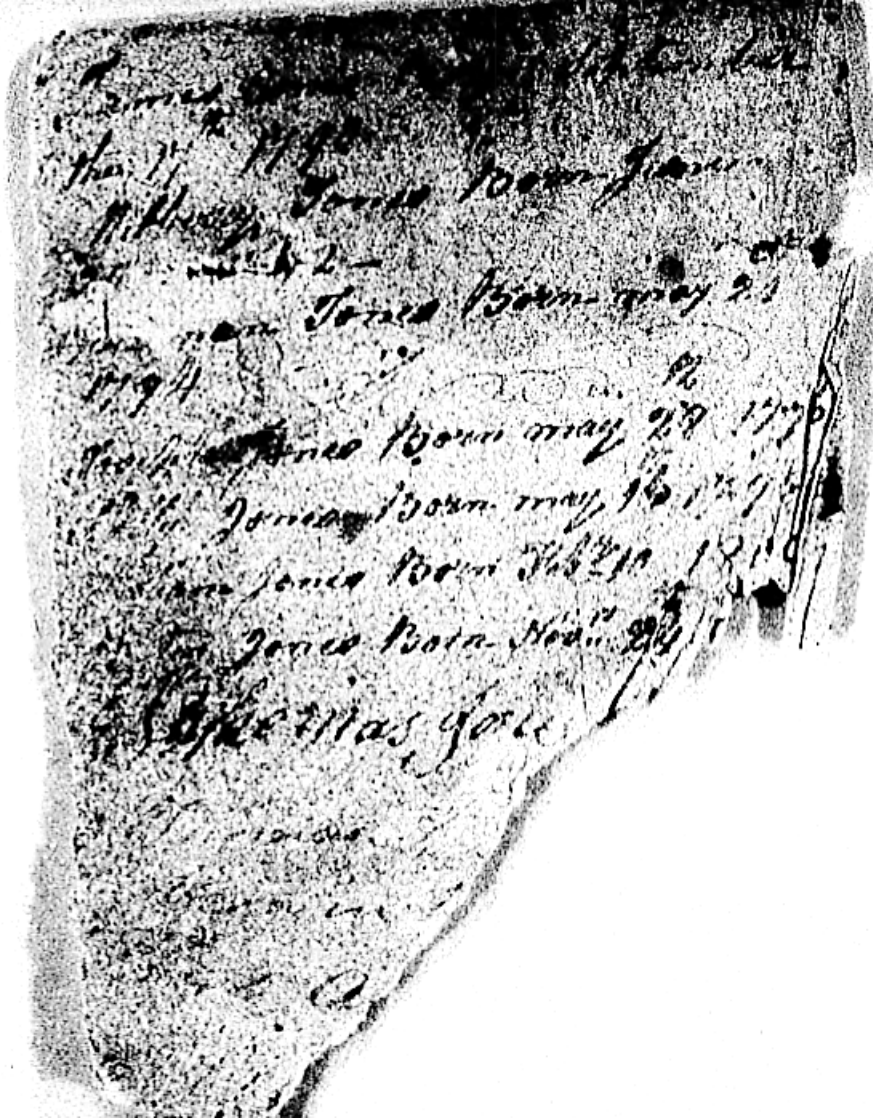
Philip Jones born May 16, 179_ [last digit illegible]

William Jones born February 10, 1800

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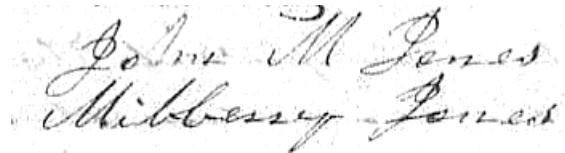
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[p 6: image of the family record in the file:



[p 40: On May 27, 1851 in Marion County Tennessee, Mary Jones, 84, filed an amendment to her pension claim in which she refers to her family record as proof of her marriage to John Jones; she states that the family record is in the handwriting of her husband and was kept in his possession during his lifetime and afterwards has been kept by her until she gave it to her agent to send to the pension office.]

[p 41: On March 27, 1851 in Marion County Tennessee, John M Jones and Milberry Jones gave testimony that John Jones died on the 23rd of November 1841; that Mary Jones is his widow; that the family record was kept in the possession of John Jones until his death after which it was kept by Mary Jones until she gave it to her agent. Their relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.



John M Jones
Milberry Jones

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private or one year in the North Carolina service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]