

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Jones¹ W4463

Mary Jones

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The State of Ohio Perry County SS: Court of Common Pleas November Term 1832

On this the 9th day of November A.D. 1832 Personally Appeared in Open Court before the Judges of the said court sitting at the Court house in Somerset in the County aforesaid William Jones a resident of Hopewell Township in the said County aged seventy-three years on the 13th day of December A.D. 1832 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 for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Revolution Approved 7th June A.D. 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a Private Soldier under the following named Officers and served as herein stated (viz.) this Applicant states that he volunteered as a private on the 20th day of April 1775 into the United States service in Fauquier County in Virginia at Warrington [Warrington] as one of a guard of six men Commanded by Sergeant John Morgan of Colonel Pickett's [Martin Pickett's, also spelled Martin Pitchett's] Regiment Command to guard certain Prisoners taken at an engagement at Long Bridge [December 9, 1775], this guard were stationed at Warrington where they kept said prisoners two months & when this Declarant was verbally discharged by Colonel Pickett.

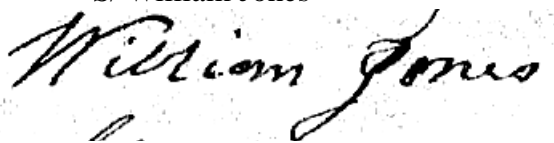
This Applicant further states that he volunteered again as a private under Captain William Triplett in the Company of Cavalry attached to Colonel Francis Triplett's Regiment of the Virginia militia at Warrington in Fauquier County in the State of Virginia about the 20th of May A.D. 1781 – that he marched from that place where he then resided in said company to Gloucester near York Town in Virginia where he was stationed about one month and then taken there prisoner by the Enemy in an engagement with them near Gloucester and committed by the Enemy to a British prison ship on York River and there confined until after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] to the American Army being a period of service of little more than five months when he was released by the American Arms – and returned home to his place of residence at said Warrington –

And this declarant further states that all the pay he has ever received for his said services was 6 or 8 Dollars. Declarant states that his company were dismissed & returned home at the time he was released from imprisonment & he had no opportunity to report himself. This declarant was born in the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia on the 13th day of December A.D. 1759, has no record of his age, lived in Fauquier and Culpeper Counties in

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Virginia from his youth until January 1828. And since that time in the County of Perry and State of Ohio, he never had a Commission or written discharge, reference may be had to the following named persons for the Applicants Character (viz.) Honorable J. S. Barber of Culpeper County in Virginia, John Roberts of the same County, Captain John Law, Colonel John Beckwith and John P Orton Esquires & William Keys & Samuel Baty of Perry County State of Ohio. This Declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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. Subscribed and sworn to in Open Court the day and year first aforesaid.

S/ William Jones



[Samuel H. Beatty, a clergyman of Redding Township in Perry County, and William Keys gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I John Beckwith clerk of the court of Common Pleas of the County of Perry and State of Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of said court in the matter of the application of William Jones for a pension and I also certify that the following interrogatories were propounded to the said William Jones by said court and are a part of said original proceedings viz.

1. Interrogatory, where, and in what year were you born?

Answer by said applicant, In the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia, on the 13th day of December A.D. 1759.

2nd Interrogatory &c Have you any record of your age, & if so, where is it?

Answer &c He never had any record of his age.

3rd. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer &c Near Warrington in Fauquier County in Virginia at the time he entered the service and since 30 Revolutionary War, in Fauquier & Culpeper counties in Virginia & in Perry County in Ohio, and now lives in Perry County in Ohio.

4th Interrogatory, How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

Answer, He volunteered into the service, was not drafted nor was he a substitute –

5th Interrogatory. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served Such Continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your Service?

Answer, He recollects Captain William Triplett & Colonel Francis Triplett under whom he served, of the Virginia militia also he recollects Colonel Pickett but cannot say whether he was of the militia or regulars. He also recollects seeing General Washington near Yorktown after the battle, he does not recollect any particular Regiment during the time of his service but Colonel triplet's – The general Circumstances performed by him were in guarding prisoners and being stationed near Gloucester in Virginia and being taken a prisoner himself & detained by the enemy until after the battle of Yorktown.

6th Interrogatory, Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, & if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

Answer. He never received a written discharge –

7th Interrogatory – State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution –

Answer. He refers to John Beckwith, John Law, J. B. Orton, William Keys and the Reverend Samuel Baty of Perry County in Ohio

[p 8: On June 8, 1841 in Perry County Ohio, Mary Jones, 81 years old as of 15th January 1841, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Jones, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in June 1783; that her husband died in the County of Perry of Ohio July 24th, 1834. She signed her application with her mark.]

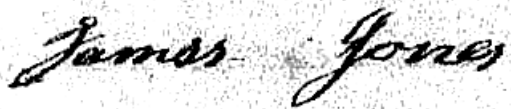
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The affidavit of James Jones a revolutionary pensioner of the United States taken before me Burwell K. Wood one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace in and for the County of Rappahannock in the State of Virginia at the house of said Woods in the County and State aforesaid –

This affiant being first sworn on the holy evangelist, deposeth and saith that he is to the best of his knowledge and belief in the eighty third year of his age, that he was present at the marriage of William Jones with Mary Fishback in the year 1785 this wedding took place in the County of Fauquier in the State aforesaid and the marriage ceremony was performed by James Thompson, a Parson of the Protestant Church. That afterwards in or about the year 1828 the said William Jones moved to the State of Ohio – and this affiant has learned from those worthy of credit that he is dead, leaving the said Mary as his widow, who was alive at the time of his last information about her –

This affiant has a very distinct recollection of the wedding from the circumstance that this affiant being an elder brother, and an older sister also present a younger sister being married being both obliged to dance barefooted at the wedding of their younger brother in conformity with a custom of those days, and that he is now a revolutionary pensioner of the United States – And further that the affiant saith not.

S/ James Jones

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Jones". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.

[Attested in Rappahannock County Virginia March 16, 1841]

[p 5: family record:

William Jones was born December 13th 1759

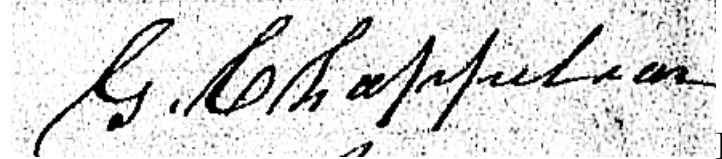
William Jones and Mary his wife were married June 24th 1784]

[p 14: On April 5, 1855 in P or he County Ohio, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; she states that she was married to William Jones in the County of Fauquier Virginia in 1784 by a minister of the gospel named Thompson; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Fishback; that her husband died in Somerset in Perry County of Ohio about 20 years ago. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Note: A letter summarizing the contents of this file contains the following additional information:

"In 1834 soldier had a son, no name stated, living in Alexandria. In 1855 two daughters, no names stated, are mentioned, one single and one married and had a large family. He had a son-in-law George Chappellear living in Perry County, Ohio, in 1845."]

[p 37: document signed by Chappellear saying the family record was taken from a Sermon Book:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Chappellear". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background. The signature is enclosed in a small rectangular box with a dotted border.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for services as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]