

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Jones W5008

Sarah Jones

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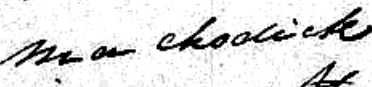
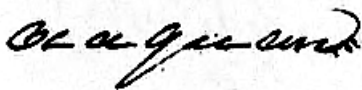
State of Virginia Tyler County: SS

On this 19 day of December 1833 personally appeared before me William Bond a Justice of the peace in and for the said County of Tyler James Jones a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged 71 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 of the 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States and served under the following named Officers as herein stated. That in the year 1780 in the month of October about first day of said month in the State of Virginia in the town of Colchester in the County of Fairfax he volunteered his service for a tour of eighteen months a private Soldier under Captain West affiant thinks his name was Thomas West – Lieutenant Caphert [?] Ensign's name not recollected Major Waganer, Colonel name not recollected he thinks in the Virginia line But is not certain as he is not able to designate and classify the troops but State that he is certain that he saw General Washington review the troops at Colchester from Colchester affiant was marched to Dumfries Crossing [one or more indecipherable words]¹ a large Creek was kept here and along the Potomac [River] above and below Alexandria & George Town Alexandria was then called Bellhaven [? Bellhaven] was marched to and fro about – all the places above named & kept a sharp lookout for the enemy who were in the Bay and Potomac the enemy bombarded hunters point near Bellhaven we forced the enemies shipping down the Potomac many houses were shattered by the enemy's shots the enemy bombarded Cranes Island and done much damage on Manchodick [?]² Creek affiant states he was engaged during the winter of 1780 and until the spring of 1781 in guarding the Virginia side of the Potomac River and as low down the River as Boyds hole he thinks in King George County – at Boyds hole he now thinks April 1781 some of the troop were sent to Caroline and affiant was marched back again to Dumfries thence to Bellhaven thence to George Town thence to Colchester thence to Dumfries again he now thinks July 1781 and from the time he first entered the service until his return to Dumfries July 1781 he continually was engaged in watching the only motions of the Enemy in the waters of Virginia and Guarding the

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maritime frontier of that State which about that time was much troubled by the enemy affiant states that about that time he was transferred to Captain Pollard's Company of Virginia Militia Lieutenant Reissan [?] Of the officers names not recollected some Major Wagner or Colonel Wagner he now thinks was engaged as before stated in guarding the Easton frontier of Virginia from Dumfries was marched to Bellhaven now (Alexandria) thence to George Town and across the Country to Dumfries again he now thinks August 1781 from thence to Colchester thence back to Dumfries along down the Potomac to Boyds Hole again he thinks now November 1781 – he thinks Cornwallis had surrendered he states he was engaged in guarding prisoners taken at someplace towards James River and did assist to guard them to Frederick town Barracks he states he was marched from Boyds Hole aforesaid to Fauquier Courthouse where he fell in with the prisoners aforesaid from thence to the Potomac opposite Georgetown crossed the River and up the Maryland side crossed Manony and up to Frederick town aforesaid he now thinks January 1782 remained here one or two months thence back again to George Town he now thinks April 1782 Crossed the Potomac here and down to Bellhaven and to and fro in the vicinity of the place and along down the Potomac as low down as Boyds hole and back again to Bellhaven along up the Potomac and in the adjacent Country till about August 1782 when he was honorably discharged by the said Captain Pollard after having served in the War of the Revolution a volunteer private soldier one continued tour of hard and fatiguing service being continually marched and run from one point and place to another the nature of my service being that of a continued look out and being always in the neighborhood of the enemy from October 1782 August late in said month 1782 a period of about twenty-two months that he served as he states he then went into Prince William County State aforesaid and again in the spring of 1782 about first day of May affiant again volunteered his service for a six months tour at Gourds old fields near Benjamin Peacocks under Captain John Kincheloe of the Virginia militia subaltern Officers names not recollected, Colonel John Hoe was marched from Gourds old fields through Prince William and Fairfax to Bellhaven remained here some time thence to Ceaquan [?]³ and about Dumfries thence to Colchester thence to Bellhaven again and down along the Potomac a long distance and again up through Prince William to a place called Slate run – and at a place called Cub run, thence again to Dumfries and in the vicinity of all the above mentioned places until his term of service expired he was then marched again to Gourds old fields in Prince William County Virginia where he was honorably discharged by his said Captain John Kincheloe after having served from May 1783 until about the 10th day of November of the year 1783 a period of little more than six months having served in all about twenty-eight months in the War of the revolution and after having served in all places and at all times as heretofore stated he also states he was not any sooner discharged than as above stated and for the reasons heretofore given he has no documentary evidence of his services neither does he know of any person living that he can prove his service by he served with regulars militia state troops volunteers and French he cannot recollect the number of any Regiment whatever I served with and knew General Washington and Lee and Dark and Morgan – and others whose names I have forgotten – Declarant hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state and further that the foregoing Declaration contains the truth to the best of his knowledge and belief – I am too old and infirm to attend court. Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid

Ceaquan

S/ James Jones



to the several interrogatories prescribed by the War Department and propounded to the applicant he answered as follows

I was born in the year 1762 in Charles County State of Maryland as I always heard & believed

2. I have no record of my age –
3. I was living when called into service in Fairfax County Virginia I have lived since the war in Maryland and Virginia I now reside in Tyler County Virginia on Long run a branch of Arnold's Creek.
4. All my services were those of a volunteer private Soldier
5. I served with and knew General Washington I also knew General Charles Lee and Morgan. I have stated all my services I do not recollect the number of any Regiment I have stated the quality of the troops I served with in my Declaration to which I refer
6. I did receive discharges from the officers under whom I served I have lost or mislaid the same many years ago.
7. I am known to Adam Thomas and Edward Thomas who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. I am too old and infirm to attend Court.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Jones

[Adam Thomas and Edward Thomas gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 2: On September 12, 1854 in Ritchie County Virginia, Sarah Jones, 78, filed an affidavit stating she is the widow of James Jones lately of the County of Tyler Virginia deceased; that she was 78 years of age the 18th day of March 1854; that since the death of her husband she has resided with her son Jesse J. Jones in Ritchie County Virginia; that her husband made application for his pension for services rendered in the revolution under the provisions of the act of June 7th 1832; for reasons unknown to her, her husband's claim was never allowed; that her husband died in Ritchie County Virginia November 10, 1850 without ever having been allowed his pension benefit; that she married him May 18, 1790 in Allegheny County Maryland; that she has no family record of her marriage and knows of no record of that event either public or private; she makes this affidavit for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the provision of the act of July 29th, 1848. She signed her application with her mark.]

[facts in file: in addition to the son Jesse J Jones who was 42 years old and a resident of Ritchie County Virginia in 1854; reference is made in the file to John R Jones born 1792, Anne and Samuel. The widow's maiden name was Sarah Ravenscroft; she was born March 18, 1776.]

[Veteran's widow was allowed the pension due her husband at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending November 10, 1850; thereafter she was allowed a pension in her own right in the same amount.]