

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Jones W5113

Sarah Jones

f32VA

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State of Virginia County of Spotsylvania: SS

On this the 11th day of May 1837 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Sarah Jones a resident of said County and State of Virginia 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 benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Moses Jones deceased who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and that he enlisted for at least three years under one Sco[paper torn, text missing] and in addition to his having told her that he served the term of enlistment she learns that he is reported by Com. Smith [probably a reference to John H Smith, Commissioner of bounty land claims for the state of Virginia] to the Executive of Virginia in his last report as entitled to land bounty that after his return they were married in the County of Caroline by Parson Dick on the 23rd day of December 1779 or 1780 that she furthermore declares that after their marriage he served several tours of duty but she cannot say under what officers except at one time when he was under a Lieutenant or Captain Duval. That she is now and has remained the widow of the said Moses to this present time as will appear by the accompanying evidence & that said Moses died about ten years ago.

S/ Sarah Jones, X her Mark

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Caroline County State of Virginia to wit

This day personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Patrick Carnal¹ who being duly sworn according to law saith that he is now in his 79th year that he was in the war of the Revolution and is now enjoying the benefit of a pension. That he was well acquainted with Moses Jones formerly of this County that although he was not in service with said Moses during the time said Moses was serving his enlistment yet that after that said Moses was married and he thinks in the winter of '80 but of this [he] cannot be positive Yet is positive that after his the said Moses' marriage he did serve one if not two tours of duty of three months duration. I cannot either at this time say what officer or officers we were under but we were at the siege of York together. I do also certify that said Carnal is a man of an impeached & unimpeachable veracity. Given under my hand this the 4th day of July 1837

S/ William A. Moncure, JP

¹ [Patrick Carnal S8156](#)

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State of Virginia Caroline County: to wit

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid William Coates² of said County aforesaid who after having been duly sworn said that he was well acquainted with Sarah Jones who is now the widow of Moses Jones that she was married to the said Moses in this County by Parson Archibald Dick that it was during the war and in the winter he cannot say when he knows also that said Moses was after that in service during the war of the Revolution that he was at Yorktown and served at least three months before, and at said siege of Yorktown in one tour; that he the said William Coates was with him the said Moses in one tour of three months and he thinks said Moses was called out two or three times for like tours but will not say that he was more than one tour after his the said Moses' marriage with the said Sarah. I also Certify that the said William Coates is a very old and highly respectable Gentlemen and that his statement is entitled to full credit. Given under my hand this 7th day of September 1837

S/ John V. Kean, JP

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County of Spotsylvania State of Virginia: SS

Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid on this the 5th day of December 1837 William Mitchell³ who after being duly sworn saith that he entered the Army of the United States he thinks about December 1776 and served in the land service for about 18 months and was then after that whilst in the naval service on board the *Musketeer* [sic *Mosquito*] taken prisoner – that after making his escape as a prisoner he returned and entered the service of the United States in the Continental line under Captain Wallace, that he was under Captain Dick whilst on board the *Musketeer*, that he well recollects that he saw all Moses Jones who was from Caroline County at the siege of York Town who he understood was pressed from said County and that he heard from his friends through said Jones he himself not having been home after his imprisonment above I also Certify that said Mitchell is a very old and respectable Gentlemen and is now getting a pension. Given under my hand this the day & date above written.

S/ Jno. A. Stanard, JP

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Caroline County State of Virginia: to wit

Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid William Coates of said County who after being duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted with Moses Jones formerly of this County that the said Jones was legally married during the winter of '80 & '81 as well as he recollects and after the marriage of said Jones that he served one tour of duty of three months the said Coates says also that he is now very old being in his 83rd year and cannot tell the particulars of the service nor the names of the Officers but thinks they were together under Captain William Mitchell – and further he saith not.

I also certify that Mister William Coates is a man of great respectability and that his statement is entitled to full credit. Given under my hand this the 4th day of July 1837

S/ William A Moncure, JP

² [William Coates S8232](#)

³ [William Mitchell S38221](#)

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State of Virginia Caroline County: SS

On this the 7th day of December 1837 Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid John Oliver⁴ of said County who after being sworn according to law made the following declaration. That he was in the war of the revolution. That he entered the service under Captain John Fitzhugh and was attached to Colonel Samuel Temple's Regiment and served out his two years principally as a guard up and down the River. That he thinks the same year he was discharged he entered the service again by draft and went under Captain David Jamieson and went again to Williamsburg and was under Major Armistead & Colonel Mathews till discharged. In 1781 he was again drafted before the siege of York Town and was under Captain John Fitzhugh but in Gloucester County nearly opposite York Town he joined Captain Seizon or some such name who was attached to General Weedon's [George Weedon's] Brigade where he served his time out and which expired after the siege of York Town.

He further says that he knew Moses Jones of this County and that said Jones was at the siege of York and served there in the militia as a private but does not recollect what officer he was under. I do further Certify that John Oliver is a man of the highest respectability in point of moral worth and that from a long life spent in this County I feel assured he has the confidence of all who know him as a man of strict veracity he is now a pensioner. Given under my hand this the day and date first above written.

S/ Robert B Corbin, JP

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I Thomas Jones⁵ a revolutionary soldier and pensioner of the United States and they Citizen of the County of Spotsylvania aged eighty-two years do hereby Certify that Moses Jones of Caroline County was married to Sally Roberson as well as I recollect by Parson Dick about Christmas 1779 or 1780 I know the marriage took place before the siege of York Town in October 1781 and I know that he was drafted in Caroline County to go to York Town and was gone from the County as a soldier for two or three months I have often heard him speak of being at said siege at York town and heard others speak of being there with him who were soldiers in the said revolutionary war. I myself was sick and was not at York Town but have not a doubt on my mind that said Moses was there as above stated.

Given under my hand this 9th day of February 1838

S/ Thomas Jones



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State of Virginia Caroline County to wit

James Braxton⁶ of the County of Caroline and State of Virginia do hereby certify that I was acquainted with the late Moses Jones of said County that said Jones served an enlistment in the Revolutionary War in Continental line, to the best of my recollection between the beginning

⁴ [John Oliver S5859](#)

⁵ Probably the same man as FPA S5630—a transcript of his pension application should be posted soon.

⁶ [James Braxton R1169](#)

of said war and the siege of York town in said state, but the precise time or the names of the Officers under whom he served I do not now recollect if I ever knew them. I served in said war myself and am now receiving a pension from the United States. Given under my hand this 15th day of March 1838

S/ James Braxton, X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]