

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Jones W5935

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State of North Carolina, Caldwell County: SS: Court of Pleas and Carter Sessions July Term 1844

On this 27th day of July 1844 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County of Caldwell Susannah Bradford, a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged Eighty 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 7th, 1838, "Entitled an act granting half-pay and Pensions to Certain Widows," also the benefit of the Act of March 3rd 1843, That she is the widow of William Jones deceased, who was a Captain of militia, in the War of the Revolution that lived in Orange County North Carolina, and as such, he served the United States against the common enemy, under Colonel Maben [sic, Robert Mebane] and other Officers. This declarant further states that she is unable to give the particulars of her husband's Revolutionary services, but that she has always understood that he was engaged for a considerable time during the War, was out with the Army through South Carolina and into Georgia, and that on another occasion, he was out in the Western part of this State against the Indians and Tories.

She further declares, that she was married to the said William Jones in Orange County North Carolina on the 6th day of February, in the year 1782; that her husband, the aforesaid William Jones died on the 27th day of April 1798, that she was afterwards married to Bennett Bradford, who died on the 27th of November 1828; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period; that she was not married to her said husband the aforesaid William Jones prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, Viz.: on the 6th day of February 1782, as above stated.

She also stated that she has no family Record showing either the date of her marriage to the aforesaid William Jones, or the births of their children, nor has she any Record or documentary Evidence in support of her said husband's Revolutionary services that since the Revolution they have had their house burned together with all of her husband's papers.

Sworn to, and subscribed on the day and year above written, before the Court
Test: S/ Elisha P Miller, Clerk

S/ Susannah Bradford, X her mark

¹ former widow

[p 7: On August 9, 1847 in Chatham County North Carolina, Mary Pendergrass, 86, widow of John Pendergrass,² a revolutionary war pensioner, gave testimony that she was personally acquainted with Captain William Jones an officer in the Revolutionary War and with his wife whose maiden name was Susannah Bush; that they were married by Parson Brown in the affiants neighborhood; that they removed to Orange County North Carolina. She signed her affidavit with her mark.

[p 4: Finding by the clerk of court of Caldwell County North Carolina on April 7, 1849 that Susannah Bradford formally wife and widow of William Jones and an applicant for a Revolutionary pensioner died at her residence in Caldwell County North Carolina February 25th, 1845 survived by 2 children, namely Hosea Bradford and Susan Lowdermilk, being the only children living in this Country or known to be living and both of lawful age.]

[pp 20-21: Certificate of the North Carolina Comptroller of Public Accounts:

North Carolina
Comptroller of Public Accounts
I William Collins Comptroller of Public Accounts
Certify that it appears in a Record filed
in my office that the name of William
Jones appears in Book G as being a
Captain of Militia, and I also certify
that it appears of Record also in Book
of Settlements in the Comptroller's Office
at Winston that Capt. William Jones was allowed
by Committee of Claims dated Nov 1777—
The sum of One Hundred and Eighty five
Pounds, one Shilling and Six pence
(£185.1.6) and it is also to be found in
the said Book that he received the sum
of Sixty Two pounds seventeen Shillings
and Six pence both payments for
services of himself and Company.
I also certify that it appears of Record
in Book E (March Army) that a payment
of Twenty Nine pounds fourteen Shillings
and Eight pence (£29.14.8) was made to
William Jones in April 1779— also
in said Book the sum of Fifteen Pounds
Four Shillings (£15.4) was made to him
in Dec 1778. Also in Book No 2 Militia
List dated 78. The sum of One Hundred

² [John Pendergrass W18730](#)

and forty seven Pounds, Nineteen Shillings
and eight pence (£ 47. 19. 8) and in
Book Marked Crossy & Sept 1779. The sum
of Two thousand seven hundred and twenty
six pounds, Eighteen Shillings and eight
pence (£ 2746. 18. 8) appears to have been
paid to Captain William Jones, Company
given under my hand and seal of
Office this 10th day December 1844

Wm. Collins Compt

[p 31: Another certificate from the North Carolina Comptroller of public Accounts:

Raleigh N C
Compt Office

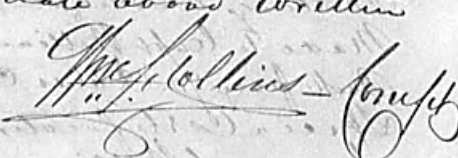
I William Collins Comptroller of Public
Accounts do hereby Certify that the name
of William Jones appears of Record in
this office as having had the following
Specie Certificate, issued in his name
for Militia Service, as will appear in Book
No 180 of the several claims reported upon
and allowed by the Board of Auditors
for the district of Wilmington from the 1st
of October 1781 to 15th July 1783 as follows, (to wit)
One for One hundred and thirty three Pounds,
Ten Shillings (£ 137. 10) see page 15 also another
for Fifty five Pounds, Six Shillings (£ 55. 6)
see page 13 of same Book also another for
Twenty one Pounds, Three Shillings (£ 21. 3) see
same Book page 21. It also appears in Book
8 page 16 that another Certificate was issued
in August 1783 for thirty three Pounds, Eighteen
Shillings (£ 33. 18) also another for Twenty
five Pounds (£ 25) see Book 2 No 2 page 10
I further Certify that the name of William
Jones appears as Captain of Militia in
Brown Book E given under my hand
and seal 24th Apr 1847

Wm. Collins Compt

[pp 36-37: yet another certificate from the North Carolina Comptroller of Public Accounts:

Receipt No. 8
Comptroller of Public Accounts
Oct 8 1849

I William H. Beaufort Comptroller of Public Accounts
in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby
Certify that the name of Captain William Jones
appears of record in this office in Book E marked
Army page 69 as having received a payment of
Twenty five pounds Thirteen Shillings and four pence
(£25.13.4) I also Certify that a payment (of Twenty
Seven Shillings and six pence) Eighteen
Shillings and eight pence (£27.18.8) was
made to Capt William Jones & Company in some
Book page 40. I also Certify that the following
Special Certificates have been issued in
favor of William Jones for (Military)
Services (Viz) One for One Hundred and
Thirty nine pounds and Shillings (£139.10)
See Book A. No. 16 page 33. * also
another for Sixty four pounds (£64) see
* in Book 179 page 7) also other Certificates
amounting to Two hundred and Eighteen
pounds Eleven Shillings and eight pence
(£218.11.8) see Book 180. page 13. 15. & 21.
also another Certificate of Thirty three
pounds Thirteen Shillings (£33.13)
See Book 188 page 16. also a sum

Certificates amounting to three hundred and
 forty eight pounds eighteen shillings
 (#348.18) See Book No 14 page 23. 69. 113 & 140
 Also another for twenty five pounds
 (#25) See Book No 2 page 10 also another
 for fourteen pounds sixteen shillings
 (#14.16) See Book No 2 page 28. I certify
 that the certificates issued as per Books No 2
 & 8 were issued in August 1782 & 83. I further
 certify that in a book containing list of
 officers marked (C) the name of William
 Jones appears as Captain of Militia -
 Given under my hand and seal
 this the day and date above written


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State of North Carolina Orange County

On this 30th day of August 1844 personally appeared before me Harris Wilkerson, one of
 the acting Justices of the peace in and for the said County of Orange Brittain Bowers,³ a resident
 of the County & State aforesaid an United States Pensioner, who being first duly sworn
 according to law, deposeth and saith that he deponent was well acquainted with Captain William
 Jones who was a Captain of the light horse in the Revolution and as such he served the United
 States against the Common Enemy. That this deponent was out in the service under General[s]
 Gates [Horatio Gates] & Greene [Nathanael Greene] through Virginia, North Carolina & South
 Carolina, and it was during the tour through South Carolina that deponent was in the service with
 the aforesaid Captain Jones. That it was at the time General Gates was about the high hills of
 South Carolina that Captain William Jones the aforesaid came up with his Company of light
 horse and joined General Gates, who was on his way to Charleston, this was in the year 1780,
 and soon after Captain Jones joined the main Army General Gates ordered a small detachment of
 men to go up into North Carolina amongst which was Captain William Jones with his Company
 of light horse and Captain Howard under whom deponent was placed: After going up as far as
 Cathy's Fort on the Catawba River, they returned to the main Army with which they remained
 through Gates defeat at Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780],⁴ and from there they
 went into North Carolina under Colonels Wills & Parker and joined General Greene a short time
 before the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781].⁵ After that Battle they marched on to Hillsboro
 at which place Captain William Jones left the Main Army or at least deponent does not recollect
 of seeing him afterwards; but the deponent well recollects of his being with the Army as he has

³ [John Brittain Bowers S6674](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html)

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html

⁵ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

stated; That is from the time he joined General Gates at the high hills in South Carolina, until the Army left Hillsboro in 1781, and that he was during that time all the while in actual service and had the command of a Company of light horse. And this deponent further stated on his said oath, that the reason why he should be so well acquainted with the aforesaid Captain William Jones was that he was well acquainted with said Captain Jones before he Captain Jones came to North Carolina and in meeting with Captain Jones he met with an old acquaintance – This deponent also stated on his said oath that some years after the close of the Revolution he moved from Virginia into this State and also into the same County of Orange where he left Captain Jones in time of the War, and on inquiry learned that said Captain Jones lived in the neighborhood of Thomas Conley in Orange County North Carolina after he left him him [sic] in the service and that he was married about the close of the Revolution to one Susannah Bush a daughter of Richard Bush, and some few years after the war he moved off to the West and died.

And this deponent also stated that he has always understood and that it is from persons (now dead) that were with said Captain Jones that Captain Jones was out in service after deponent left him at Hillsborough.

Furthermore this deponent sayeth not.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid before me

S/ Harris Wilkerson, JP

S/ Brittain Bowers, X his mark

[p 66: On July 27, 1844 in Caldwell County North Carolina, John Bush, 72, gave testimony that he is the Brother of Susannah Bradford formerly the wife of William Jones; that he was present at the marriage of his sister to William Jones which took place in the house of Richard Bush in Orange County North Carolina in the winter of 1782; affiant remembers that the 1st child of William and Susannah was born in the year 1783 some 12 or 18 months after their marriage; that affiant was born in 1772 in old Bute County (now Warren County) North Carolina; that affiant's father moved his family to Orange County North Carolina in the neighborhood of Thomas Conley on the waters of Prices & Morgan's Creeks where they became acquainted with William Jones who was at that time living with Thomas Conley; that William and Susannah continued to live in Orange County for about 5 years after their marriage then moved to Anson County and remained about the same length of time; from Anson County they moved to Burke County in about the year 1792 where William Jones died in or about the year 1798; that his sister then married Bennett Radford who departed this life in 1828. The affiant signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran's widow was initially pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for her husband service as a Captain for 6 months in the North Carolina militia. Her pension was subsequently increased to \$300 per annum and further increased to \$480 per annum.]