

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Morton Jones W7903

Frankey Jones

f57VA

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State of Tennessee Franklin County: SS

On this 27th day of __ personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting Morton Jones a resident of Franklin County and State of Tennessee aged eighty-five 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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

Entered the service early in the fall of 1780 (the precise time not recollected) being then a resident of Orange County State of Virginia was drafted for the term of three months in the 4th Regiment of Virginia Militia under the command of Captain Jo. Spencer [probably Joseph Spencer] and Lieutenant Garland Burley [probably Garland Burnley] marched to Fredericksburg Virginia where we joined the Army and were Stationed there and thereabouts until the expiration of the three months then returned home, was immediately called in the service again for the term of three months and was promoted to the office of Sergeant which office he held till finally discharged we rendezvoused at Richmond where we were for some time in scouting parties and were occasionally annoyed by Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] Served this tour under Captain Garland Burley our former Lieutenant and Colonel Jo. Spencer our former Captain term of service expired and returned home was in a short time called out again for the term of three months marched to Portsmouth where we joined the Army at which time the British had possession of the Town of Norfolk and while we were Stationed at Portsmouth they attempted to come over to us and an engagement ensued between us and there we repulsed them with the loss of a few he was himself at the time of the engagement on guard, came home a third time was called in the service again & marched to York Town and served three months under the command of General Washington was present at the taking of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] saw him deliver his sword to General Washington at which time he was discharged but does not recollect by whom it was given and has lost it in possession of no other documentary or parole evidence was personally acquainted with General John Green and General Anthony Wayne of the regular Troops who were frequently with us during the services. 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.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

He was born in the County of Orange & State of Virginia on the 10th day of August 1747

in the County of Orange & State of Virginia; from whence he removed in the year 1794 to Wilkes County North Carolina & resided there until 1818 when he removed to this State, resided in Bedford County 7 years in this County ever since.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid

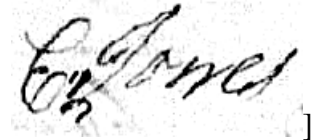
S/ Morton Jones, X his mark

S/ E. Russell Clerk by W. B. Wagner, D. Clk

[Henry Hunt, a clergyman, and M. H. Murray gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On June 29, 1842 in Coffee County Tennessee, Frankey Jones, 90, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Morton Jones, a Sergeant and private in the Army of the revolution and a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$45 per annum; that she married him November 13, 17__ (the year she does not remember) but that she was married to her husband for 74 years lacking 5 days as of the date he died; that she has no living witness to her marriage other than her sister Elizabeth; that her husband died November 8, 1841 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p. 21: On July 1, 1842 in Coffee County Tennessee, Elizabeth Jones, aged about 90, gave testimony that she is acquainted with Frankey Jones; that she was present at her marriage to Morton Jones in Orange County Virginia previous to the revolutionary War.



Elizabeth Jones]

[p 6: Affidavit given in Coffee County Tennessee on January 16, 1843 by Hugh Jones who testifies that he is the reputed son of Morton and Frankey Jones; he has no record of his age but from what his parents have told him he was born October 8, 1768; that the oldest child of his parents named Gabriel is reputed to have been born November 29, 1766; that his parents had seven children in all of whom he is the 2nd in age.



Hugh Jones]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and as a Sergeant for 3 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]