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Pension Application of Lewis Jones W7904 Milly Jones VA Sea Service
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State of Virginia
County of Lancaster S.S.

On this 15th day of October 1838 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Lancaster Milly Jones a resident of the said County of Lancaster aged about seventy 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 intituled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Lewis Jones who was a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy in the war of the Revolution, she further declares that she was married to said Lieu. Lewis Jones on the 4th day of October 1789 that her husband the aforesaid Lieu. Lewis Jones died on the [blank] day of Feby. 1800. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz't. at the time above stated.

Milly Jones

[The following is from [Revolutionary bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia](#) under the name Lewis Jones, Jr.]

This may Certifie that Mr Lewis Jones jr. was Appointed a Lieutenat on board the Sloop Defiance Under my Command On the first day of April One thousand seven hundred & seventy six & Resign his Commission On July the Second One thousand seven hundred & seventy nine
Fredricksburg [sic: Fredericksburg]/ June 3rd 1783

Eleazer Callender



[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files under the name Lewis Jones.]

The Register Certificates shows there were two officers of the same name in the state

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 24th day of June 1783, in the name of Lewis Jones as a Lieut in the Navy for £260.7.11 which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 27th day of August 1835.

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 5th day of August 1786 in the name of Lewis Jones [VAS1304] as a Masters Mate in the Navy for £132.3.8 which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Cyrus Griffin for the Widow and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 27th day of August 1835.

J Adams Smith clk/ Acting Auditor.

To the Governor of Virginia [1837]

Your petitioner Milly Jones the Widow of of Lewis Jones, dec'd, in behalf of herself and the children of the said Lewis Jones, – Respectfully thinks

That her dec'd. husband the late Lewis Jones of Lancaster County was an officer in the Naval service of the state of Virginia in the war of the Revolution. That he entered the said service at an early period of the war as a Lieutenant of the Navy and your memorialist believes that he was attached to the ship Dragon or Defiance – not that your memorialist has any personal knowledge of the fact – but from the statements made by Lieu. Jones of his military servises and the representations of others in whom your petitioner has the most implicit confidence she does not doubt of the facts as stated in this petition by your petitioner – Who prays that The additional bounty of Military Land may be granted to her and the other representatives of the said Lewis Jones dec'd.

Your petitioner is aware of the proportion of bounty Land having been long since obtained That was supposed he was entitled to – Yet not the quantity to which he should have been entitled according to his rank in the army. It is upon these grounds that your petitioner prays that her petition may be favourably received and the difference of Bounty Land (between what was formerly received and what should have been received according to the rank of Lewis Jones dec'd as Lieutenant of Navy) be granted to her and a warrant issue in her name and the other heirs. And [illegible word] in duty bound ever to pray
Milly herXmark Jones

Richmond 21st April 1837

Sir [The Gov'r. of Virginia, Present] On my leaving Lancaster Cty a few days since, I was charged with a petition from the Widow of Lewis Jones who was reputed & I believe without a doubt to have been a Lieut in the State Navy during the War of the Revolution and I was requested to present the claim before the Executive and ask in behalf of Mrs Jones not only as the Widow but as devisee of the s'd. Lewis Jones dec'd, for the additional 1333 $\frac{1}{3}$ acres – having received in his life time only 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres, when he should have received 4000 acres – application has been made to the Register of the Land Office for the additional 1333 $\frac{1}{3}$ acres and he declines issuing a Warrant, without the advice of the Executive.

I submit herewith a list of the Lieutenants of the Navy who have rec'd 4000 acres.

I am Sir very Respectfully/ Yr ob. Sr./ A. M. Green

[The online file includes another petition, but the online image is too poor for reliable transcription. The parts that can be read appear to be similar to those in the above petition. It appears to have been signed by “A M Green atto. for Mr. L Jones & Mary Rogers.”]

[The columns show rank, name as given then spelled out in brackets with pension number if any, acreage granted, date granted, and duration of enlistment.]

Lieut	Archer Jno [John Archer W5348]	4000	Nov 8 '32	for 3 years
“	Allen Thos [Thomas Allen]	266 $\frac{2}{3}$	“ 12 1832	D[itt]o
“	Boush Ch's [Charles Boush R12]	266 $\frac{2}{3}$	27 Apl 1784	
“	” “	1333 $\frac{1}{3}$	4 Nov'r 1833	for 3 years
“	Barnett Jonathan [Jonathan Barnett]	4000	11 Oct 1833	for war
“	Barron Sam'l [Samuel Barron R6]	4000	12 Oct '32	for 3 years
“	Barron Wm [William Barron R1065]	4000	4 oct '32	for war
“	Chamberlayne Geo. [George Chamberlayne]	4000	5 June 1783	“ 3 years
“	Cunningham Wm [William Cunningham X189]	4000	19 Jany 1831	“ 3 years
“	Chandler Thos. [Thomas Chandler R24]	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	28 Feby '85	for 3 years
“	Christian Wm. [William Christian]	4000	10 th Decbr 1834	for War
“	Chamberlayne Phil. [Philip Chamberlayne]	4000	28 Feby 1830	“ 3 years
“	Cannon Jessee [Jessee Cannon R19]	4000	17 March 1832	“ 3 years
“	Daugherty Jas [James Daugherty R13659]	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	16 th June 1832	“ 3 years

	“ ” “	1333 $\frac{1}{3}$	3 rd Decbr 1832	“ ”
	“ Dale Rich’d [Richard Dale]	4000	11 July 1832	“ 3 years
	Hamilton Jno [John Hamilton]	4000	23 Jany 1786	“ 3 years
	” “	1333 $\frac{1}{3}$	29 August ‘32	“ addition
	Herbert Bascow [Pasco Herbert R43]	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	14 July 1794	for war
	Hughlett Thos [Thomas Hughlett]	4000	4 Augst 1832	“ 3 years
Lt	Jones Lewis Jr. [Lewis Jones Jr W7904]	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	26 June 1783	“ 3 years
M.M.	Jones Lewis [Lewis Jones W7904]	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	“ ” “	
Lieut.	James Michl. [Michael James R47]	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	5 Augst ‘84	for 3 years
“	Kautzman Jno [John Kautzman R59]	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	7 May ‘84	for 3 years
“	Lightburne Rich’d. [Richard Lightburn R63]	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	26 June 83	“ ”
	Lurty Jno [John Lurty R65]	4000	24 Jany ‘84	
Lieut.	Montague Rich’d [Richard Montague R77]	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	27 July 1783	for 3 years
“	Millener Robt. [Robert Milliner VAS689]	4000	14 Febr 1831	for war
“	Parker Wm H [William H. Parker R82]	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	23 June 1783	3 years
Capt	“ ” “	1333 $\frac{1}{3}$	12 July 1832	additional
Lieut.	Parker Rich’d. [Richard Parker R81]	4000	4 April 1831	3 years
	Payne Merryman [Merryman Payne VAS146]	4000	8 Novr 1832	for war
	Pettigrew Jno [John Pettigrew]	4000	1 March ‘31	for 3 years
	Rust Benj. [Benjamin Rust VAS95]	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	27 July 1785	“ 3 years
	“ ”	1333 $\frac{1}{3}$	30 Oct 1832	“ additional
	Richardson Danl [Daniel Richardson R86]	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	7 Oct 1784	“ 3 years
	“ ”	1333 $\frac{1}{3}$	7 oct 1831	additional
	Roots Jno [John Roots]	3000	14 Febr 1785	
	Singleton Josh [Joshua Singleton S7510]	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	12 May 1783	3 years
	“ ”	1333 $\frac{1}{3}$	20 May 1830	
	Steel Wm. [William Steele R96]	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	18 Augst 1783	
	Saunders Joseph [Joseph Saunders S17073]	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	2 Sept. 1783	
	Stott Wm. [William Stott]	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	3 apl 1784	
	Servant Rich’d [Richard Servant]	4000	19 Nov’r 1830	during war
“	Tompkins Christ. [Christopher Tompkins R2636]	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	14 Novr 1791	for 3 years
	“ ”	1333 $\frac{1}{3}$	Augst 1831	additional
“	Thrall John [John Thrall]	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	9 Augst 1786	
	“ ”	1333 $\frac{1}{3}$	3 Decbr 1832	
	Watkins Jas [James Watkins]	2200	22 Augst 1831	for 3 years
	“ ”	1800	13 July 32	additional

Claim of the heir of Lieut Lewis Jones of the State Navy for additional bounty land.

Although I am of opinion that the Register in 1783 when he issued the warrant in this case, committed an error and issued it for too small a quantity – Yet as it is the province of the Executive to decide only on the rank of the Officer and the length of service – This application is rejected

David Campbell [Governor, 30 May 1837]

NOTES:

The file includes a copy of a bond signed in Lancaster County on 3 Oct 1789 by Lewis Jones and Merryman Chilton for the marriage of Jones to Milly Chilton. Also in the file is a copy of the last will and testament of Lewis Jones dated 29 Aug 1799 and probated 17 Feb 1800 with the following bequests: to “my loving wife Milly during her widowhood the use of my negroes Hannah, Mima and Abraham and after her death or marriage which ever should first happen then I give the said negroes with the increase

of Hannah and Mima to my daughter Sally Jones.... to my son Loftis's eldest son whose name at present I do not know my sword gun and all that appertains to her.... to my said son Loftis Jones the bed and other things he has had of me.... to my son Lewis Jones five shillings.... to my wife what money I have now in the house to aid her in supporting herself and child. The residue of my estate... to be divided into three equal parts, one of which I give to my wife and to her heirs forever, the other two parts I give to be equally divided between my four daughters Judith, Molly, Lucy and Sally.”

Letters in the file state that Milly Jones died on 30 Jan 1845 with no surviving child, and that her nephew, Ralph H. Chilton, was administrator of her estate.

The file includes the following query:

Washington DC/ Jan. 2, 1885

Hon. Com. of Pensions/ Dear Sir,

For several years past my mother has been trying to to get a statement of the services of Lieut Lewis Jones, her grandfather, who was an officer of the Virginia State Navy and Thomas & Wyatt Smith who were soldiers at the same period and served with Va. troops. Thomas Smith was a drum major [a note at the bottom in different handwriting reads “Drum Major War 1812] and one if not both were killed while fighting agaist Carleton. She has applied to the State, Navy and War Dept here and to the Authorities in Richmond, including the Virginia Historical Society which latter refered her to you, and with the information that you had copies of all the rolls embracing the military history of all the men who served during the War of the Revolution. She does not seek the information for prosecuting any claim against the government but simply to set right a matter of family history in which she feel great pride. The Smiths were my mothers uncles, her mothers only brothers.

By complying with the above you will greatly oblige/ Yours truly

W. Hendley/ 1013 H st N.E.