

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nicholas Jones W7907

Amarella Jones

f39VA

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State of Virginia, SS

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1838 personally appeared before the Subscriber, William Inglis a justice of the peace for the County of Rockbridge & State aforesaid Amerella Jones, a resident of the County of Rockbridge and State of Virginia aged seventy-three 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 4, 1836: That she is the widow of Nicholas Jones, deceased, who was a private in the Virginia Continental line in the war of the revolution; That the said Nicholas Jones entered the service according to the best of her knowledge about the fall in the year 1780, that he enlisted in the company of Captain Franklin, and marched from the County of Amherst in the State of Virginia, that she always understood that her said husband was in several prominent battles of the revolution, among others that of Germantown [October 4, 1777], and Brandywine [September 11, 1777]. That in some one of these battles he was wounded severely by a Musket ball in the upper part of the thigh, which disabled him from active service, and that in consequence thereof he was permitted to return home on furlough, that during the period of his furlough, and before his discharge from service, she intermarried with the said Nicholas Jones in the said County of Amherst, she believes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1783. That from her family register in their family Bible, now exhibited to the justice before whom this affidavit is taken, her first child was born on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 1784. That the terms of her husband's furlough was that he was to return to active service so soon as his wound would enable him, and that he was to report himself and condition to the Colonel of the County of Amherst at stated periods and that in this way his furlough was prolonged until the end of the war, not being in sufficient condition after his wound to again take the field. That she believes he served as aforesaid about the period of three years.

This affiant further states that she was married by the Reverend Mr. Coleman of the Baptist Church, who afterwards removed as she has understood to the State of Kentucky, and is now probably dead; and that it was performed after the publication of banns, then the custom of the Country.

That during this affiant's marriage with the said Nicholas she had ten children, viz. Nancy – Sally T – Elizabeth W – Livina C. – Susan L – Winston J – Rhoda L – William P – Wesley C – and John Nicholas Jones, that four of said children are dead, and six living. The Survivors are, Nancy – who married, James McDaniel who lives in the County of Kanawha in the State of Virginia, Levina C. who married John Burton [? Buntan?] who lives in the State of Kentucky, Winston J, who lives in the State of Ohio, The other Survivors are Susan L who married Halbert

McAllison, William P, and John Nicholas who reside in the County of Rockbridge and State of Virginia. That the last named John Nicholas Jones is the youngest child, and was born on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 1804.

This affiant further states that her said husband died in the County of Rockbridge and State of Virginia on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1834 and that his death was caused by gravel in the bladder, one of his Physicians, entertained the opinion that his death was to some extent produced by the wound which he received during the War of the revolution, having never recovered perfectly from it.

This affiant further states that from her age and infirmity she considers it would be unsafe for her to attend to go to her Courthouse, to make this declaration.

This affiant further states that she is still the widow of the said Nicholas Jones, deceased, having never married since his death.

S/ Amarilla Jones, X her mark

[p 5: On the same day and at the same place, Hyse Camden, 76, gave testimony that she is the sister of Amarilla Jones widow of Nicholas Jones; that she was present and witnessed the marriage ceremony between her sister and Nicholas Jones in the County of Amherst in Virginia on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1783.]

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State of Virginia Rockbridge County: SS

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year while Lord 1845 personally appeared before the undersigned Alexander McGlasgow one of the Justices of the County Court of Rockbridge in the State of Virginia Amarella Jones, at her residence on the South River in the said County of Rockbridge and State aforesaid, aged seventy-nine years and ten months, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows;" and of the Act of Congress March 3, 1843 entitled "An act granting a pension to certain widows of Revolutionary Soldiers:" and also of the Act of Congress of June 17<sup>th</sup> 1844 entitled "An act to continue the pensions of certain widows." That she the said Amarella Jones is the widow of Nicholas Jones who was a private soldier in the Revolutionary War: That the said Nicholas Jones was attached to a company of Riflemen which was enlisted in the County of Amherst in the State of Virginia: That one of the officers commanding said Company was a certain James Franklin and that he was either the Captain of or Lieutenant in said Corps: That said company belonged to the Continental Line: that the said Nicholas Jones entered the service at a very early period of the War, about the summer of 1775 as she believes and continued therein until after the Battle of Brandywine in which battle he received a musket ball in his left thigh in sleeping a very serious wound: that the ball remained in his thigh about three years before it was extracted several abortive attempts having been made to do so: that in consequence of receiving said wound he was furloughed and never again performed service being disabled from doing so by his said wound: That the said Nicholas Jones was in several other engagements before the battle of Brandywine but the memory of the declarant does not enable her to specify them; that her knowledge of these different battles and of her husband's but as a patient in them is derived from repeated conversations with her husband on the subject; that her acquaintance with the said Nicholas Jones commenced before his enlistment she being then a child of some ten or eleven years of age and that she believes as well

from her own recollection as from her husband's conversations on the subject that he was in service between two and three years: that she cannot remember the name of the Colonel who commanded the Regiment in which her said husband served.

She further declares that she was married to the said Nicholas Jones in the month of July 1783: that her recollection as to the date of her marriage is aided by a Family Record now before her which shows that Nancy Jones her first child was born on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 1784 and she well remembers that this event occurred about eleven months after her marriage: that the said Record is in the hand writing of her son John Nicholas Jones and was made by him about twenty years since, the declarant supplying him with the dates of the births of her husband, herself and their children the two first from tradition and the last from her own memory and that of her husband: that the said Record is contained in a Family Bible which has been in the family for twenty-five or thirty years and has been in her custody ever since the death of Nicholas Jones: that she was married to the said Nicholas Jones in the County of Amherst and State of Virginia and at the house of her father John Camden and that she has no other means of establishing the time or the time of her marriage except the Family Record referred to, and the deposition of Lane Jones accompanying this declaration, unless the Records of Amherst County should furnish some evidence on the subject: that the clergyman who performed the marriage ceremony was Benjamin Coleman a Baptist Minister who has been dead many years and that she does not recollect any person now living who was present at her marriage: that her husband Nicholas Jones died on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1831: that the date of his death is shown by an entry in a blank leaf of the Family Bible already referred to, which entry is also in the handwriting of John Nicholas Jones and was made within a very few days after the death of his father: that she was not married to the said Nicholas Jones prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, viz.: at the time above stated.

S/ Amarella Jones, X her mark

[attestation by A. McGlasgow, JP that the above declaration was made before him at the home of Washington Camden on the South River in Rockbridge County Virginia.]

[p. 19: Deposition of Lane Jones taken at the house of William Black in Rockbridge County January 29<sup>th</sup>, 1845; he states his age is about 75 years of age; that he is the younger brother of Nicholas Jones Nicholas Jones Nicholas Jones Nicholas Jones who was a soldier in the revolutionary war and perfectly remembers his brother's return from the Army when he was about 7 or 8 years old; that his brother told him he received a severe wound at the battle of Brandywine from an ounce ball having entered the fleshy part of his thigh just below the hip; and the ball was not extracted for several years at which time James Tooley lanced the wound; that his brother complained of the wound for the rest of his life; that his brother was in several engagements prior to the battle of Brandywine one of which was the battle of Princeton [January 3, 1777] and another battle with the Indians; that his brother was attached to a company commanded by a Captain or Lieutenant James Franklin; "that about 40 years ago this affiant was with his brother Nicholas Jones at Buffalo Springs in the County of Amherst when he witnessed an interesting interview between his brother and his old commander James Franklin then called Major Franklin: that they had a great deal of conversation about their common services in the Revolutionary War and Major Franklin strongly urged Nicholas Jones to apply to the Government for some compensation as a wounded and disabled soldier: that in one of the engagements in which Nicholas Jones fall he was struck by a spent ball under his left eye the scar produced by which was distinctly visible to the day of his death: that when Nicholas Jones

returned home after the battle of Brandywine he brought with him a hat and hunting shirt both of which were perforated by bullets in which said Nicholas exhibited to show to his friends what a narrow escape he had made...."; That he remembers his brothers marriage to Ammaralla [sic] Camden daughter of John Camden of Amherst County Virginia; they were married at John Camden's house by Benjamin Coleman a Baptist minister to whom was paid \$2 for his services. The affiant signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 31: On February 4, 1845 in Rockbridge County Virginia, Nancy Camden, 69 as of January 2<sup>nd</sup> Gave testimony that she was acquainted with Nicholas Jones, the husband of Amarella Jones who has made her application for a pension; this affiant gives testimony very similar to that given by other supporting witnesses. She signed her affidavit with her mark. Her relationship to the widow is not stated.]

[p 32: On February 4, 1845 in Rockbridge County Virginia, Washington Camden, 63, also gave a supporting affidavit. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 12: family record:

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July 3<sup>rd</sup> in the year of our lord 1760

Jonma [?] R. C. Jones<sup>1</sup> was born March 20<sup>th</sup> in the year of our lord 1765

Nancy Jones was born June 29<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1784

Sally T Jones was born April 3<sup>rd</sup> in the year of our Lord 1786

Elizabeth W Jones was born March 15<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1788

Levina C. Jones was born May first in the year of our Lord 1790

Susan [?]<sup>2</sup> L. Jones Born September 26<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1792

Winston J Jones Born March 28<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1795

Rhode L. Jones born in August the 14<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1797

William P Jones, born January first in the year of our Lord 1800

Wesley C Jones born December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the year of our Lord 1802

John Nicholas Jones born in the year 1804 January 28<sup>th</sup>

#### Deaths

Wesley C Jones departed this life July 9<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1813 aged 10 years 11 months 3 days

Rhoda L. McCluer departed this life May the 7<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1827 aged 29 years 8 months 24 days

Elizabeth W McCluer departed this life March 17<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1838 aged 41 years 11 months 17 days

Nicholas Jones Se. Departed this life the 7 day of April 1834]

[p 18: family record:

Departed this life on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 1831 Nicholas Jones Senior age 70 years 11 months & 3 days.

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1 *Amma R. C. Jones*

2 *Susan, L. Jones*

Departed this life on  
7<sup>th</sup> day of Aprile 1831.  
Nicholas J. ... Aged  
70 years 11 month & 3 day

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to Nicholas Jones W7907

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 1 July 2020.

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

I do hereby certify that Nicholas Jones enlisted with me as a soldier for three years, to serve in the continental service, that he according did duty as such til the Action of Germantown, when he was wounded with a ball in the thigh & continued some time in the Hospital, and not being then able to extract the ball from the thigh, he was furlou'd during inability, that he remained in that situation, until after his term of inlistment had expired before the ball was extracted or he was thought able to do duty  
Given under my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of Sep'r 1810

James Franklin [VAS3633]  
formerly  
Capt. 10 Virginia Regm't

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Franklin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name and title.