

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Darling Jones <sup>1</sup> W7922

Nancy Jones

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[p 8]

State of Tennessee, ~~Washington~~ Carter County: July Sessions of the Court of Common Pleas

On this 22nd day of July 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the aforesaid court, Darling Jones a resident citizen of the County of Washington State aforesaid aged Seventy years, who after first being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, made & subscribed the following declaration on oath in order to obtain the provision of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of July 1834 [sic, June 7, 1832] that he was born in the County of Wake State of North Carolina in the year 1764 but has no record of his age nor does he know of there having been kept by his parents any record but the foregoing is the tradition handed down to him. That his father removed from Wake County North Carolina to the frontier West of the mountains now Tennessee, in a very early period of the settlement of that Country, and settled in what is now Carter County, but then the Cherokee Country & the Indians in hostile array against the whites in league with the British, and daily committing murders & depredations, which gave rise to the inhabitants thus separated from the denze [sic, dense] and old settled parts of the State being called upon to defend the inhabitants from the Indians, he this declarant was when he attained the age sufficient put upon the muster roll, and to subdue the British & Tories a draft was made in the Company to cross the mountains & join Marion's [Francis Marion's] Army in the South, when this declarant was drafted to perform a tour of duty in Captain Carter's [Landon Carter's] company (Shelby [Isaac Shelby] was the Colonel) and after his enrollment in said Company & under said officers as a drafted militia man, & rendezvoused at Roan Creek, crossed the Stone Mountain at the head of Watauga [River] fell in upon the Devils fork, & to Broad River, thence the high hills of Santee, & to the Santee Swamps where they joined Marion, and continued in service skirmishing & scouting until the expiration of his term of time, during which time in an engagement at Moncks Corner [November 17, 1781]<sup>2</sup> with the British, they took a number of prisoners, & this declarant was sent as one of a guard to guard them to Camden where they were left & this declarant discharged, his term of time having expired which was for three months.

That after his return home the Cherokee Indians being hostile & depredating he volunteered his service to go against the Cherokee Indians under Colonel John Sevier and was stationed at what is now the <sup>Taylor's, Sycamore Shoals</sup> crab Orchard, and served his term of time, & again

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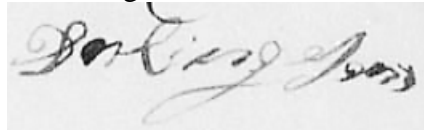
<sup>1</sup> BLWt26674-160-55

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_fair\\_lawn\\_plantation.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fair_lawn_plantation.html)

volunteered a second time and served in that quarter & service in expelling the Indians & guarding & scouting during the most of the summer under said engagements as a volunteer, he is very confident three months each time being six months under the two and with the three months, first specified was nine months in the whole period these services were performed during the Revolution, but he cannot state the precise period but knows it was during the Revolution, and commenced when Marion was at Moncks Corner in the South, & terminated the next summer, & his best impression is was in 1781 after Kings Mountain [Battle of Kings Mountain, October 7, 1780] though the great lapse of time renders it impossible with certainty for him to speak as to dates.

That he has no documentary evidence having lost his discharges by dropping them in a pot of fat into which they fell & he never calculated on their being useful to him. Nor has he any evidence that he knows of by which he can establish his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, & declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any State Nor is there any resident minister of the Gospel in his facility by whom he can establish his said services by reputation But that Jeremiah Campbell & William B. Jones are persons known to him & he to them And by whom he can establish the repute of his having served in the Revolution, & whose affidavits are annexed hereto, that he has rendered the principal part of the time since the Revolution in the County of Carter where he has resided until very lately but now resides in Washington his casual absence was in Georgia.  
Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 27th day of August 1834.

S/ Darling Jones

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Darling Jones", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Test: S/ Geo. Williams, Clk

[Jeremiah Campbell and William B. Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 19: On March 28, 1853 in Washington County Tennessee, Nancy Jones, aged about 40 years, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Darling's Jones, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum; that he died October 9, 1848; that they were married in Carter County Tennessee in March 1833; that she has remained his widow; that they were married by Esquire William B Carter. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 22: On November 9, 1853 in Carter County Tennessee, Abraham Tipton and Abraham T. Lacy gave testimony that they were present at the marriage of Darling Jones (who was rather an aged man) and Nancy Huff in Carter County at the residence of Samuel Huff; that the ceremony was performed by William B Carter, Esquire.]

[p 16: On March 27, 1855, in Washington County Tennessee, Nancy Jones, aged about 40 years, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Darling Jones, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum; she states that she married him in Carter County Tennessee in March 1833 that her name prior to her marriage was Nancy Huff [could be Hoff or Heff or Haff—later documents more clearly indicate that “Huff” is what she said]; that they were married by William B. Carter Esquire and that her husband died in Washington County on October 9, 1848. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 22: Marriage bond is dated February 18, 1832 in Carter County, Tenn. issued for the marriage of Darling Jones and Nancy Huff.]

[p 37: On November 11, 1865 in Washington County Tennessee, Nancy Jones, aged 49 a resident of said County petition for the reinstatement of her pension benefit; in this document she states that she has lived 5 miles East of Jones Borough since January 1, 1861; that she did not encourage the rebellion against the United States. She signed this document with her mark.

[Nancy Jones was still living in 1891 in Washington County, Tenn.]

[p 2: Note in the file indicates that the widow died July 6, 1902.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount. After the American Civil War her pension was increased to \$96 per annum