

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Jones W943
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Schedule

District of Washington SS

On this 30th day of August 1824 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Greene State of Tennessee, the subscriber Joseph Jones aged sixty-nine who being first duly sworn made & subscribed the following statement & schedule to wit, that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows to wit in the year 1776 in the month of February (or thereabouts) he enlisted in the County of Hampshire, State of Virginia into the Continental service for the term of two years under Lieutenant Robert Heggins [sic, Robert Higgins] of Captain Abel Westfall's company of the 8th Regiment of the Virginia line then commanded by General Lee [presumably Charles Lee], and Colonel Mulenburg [Peter Muhlenberg], as Colonel, under which enlistment he was taken into service, & marched to Suffolk then to Norfolk, from thence to the southward, to Halifax North Carolina, thence to Charleston South Carolina, and was before his discharge again marched back to the North, where he received his discharge from said Lieutenant Heggins, who at the time of his discharge was a Captain – having faithfully served the term of his enlistment, which was for two years – and was in the following engagement, to wit, between Suffolk & Norfolk (Portsmouth, at Norfolk) & at the siege near Charleston, at Hatterals point [Haddrell's Point], Ashley Bay, Fort Mootery [Fort Moultrie] ¹& also some smaller encounters – he states that he kept his said discharge for many years until by casualty & under and apprehension of its inutility he lost or mislaid the same.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

2 horses, \$40 each, one old wagon \$100	\$180
3 cows, \$10 each, too young calves – \$2 – 2 steers \$7	45

¹ The engagement described by the veteran relates to the first siege of Charleston South Carolina by the British in June 1776. In this engagement the Whigs were successful in repelling the British forces and successfully defending Charleston.

3 pots 1 oven 7
some little delp & dress ware not exceeding 8
\$240

that he has a wife & three children two sons and one daughter resides on rented land, & from bodily infirmity is unable to labor for to make a support and is dependent on his children & their labor & must suffer when they leave him.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this the 30th day of August 1824

S/ Joseph Jones, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Green County: August Sessions 1824

Then personally appeared in Open Court, the subscriber Michael Weese & made oath that he is intimately acquainted with Joseph Jones now present and in the spring of the year 1776 or close of the winter of the year 1775, entered with the said Joseph Jones into the 8th Regiment of the Virginia line of Continental troops in the Revolutionary war – that they enlisted together for 2 years, marched together in the same Company until they were with the Army marched from the South, to the North, as far as Winchester Virginia where said Jones was taken sick, & left behind, which was after being altogether between one & 2 years & this deponent well knows of his having served in said Company & Regiment more than 9 months in succession.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 30th day of August 1824

S/ Michael Weese²



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State of Tennessee Green County: April Sessions 1825

On this 27th day of April 1825 personally appeared in open Court the subscriber Joseph Jones who heretofore applied for a pension under the act of the 18th March 1818 & its subsequent amendments, and made oath according to law that there was no change made in his pecuniary circumstances from the 18th of March 1818 the date of the law alluded to until the exhibiting of his schedule attached to his original declaration except such stock as was necessary for him to kill in the support of himself & family, which consisted of hogs, principally, that he has neither diminished by sale nor increased by purchase his said property he further states that he is now more feeble than he ever has been & wholly unable to even make the slightest exertion for a livelihood, & is dependent upon the charity of his friends for support. He assigns as his reason for delaying his application his ignorance of the provisions made together with his desire to linger out his time if possible without such appeal being made to the Government on his behalf.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this the 27th day of April 1825

S/ Joseph Jones, X his mark

[p 13: Finding by the court of Greene County Tennessee at its October Term, October 4, 1852 that Joseph Jones was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum at the time of his death; that he died April 22, 1826 leaving a widow named Joanna Jones who also died in

² [Michael Weese S39121](#)

Greene County Tennessee; that she died August 15, 1842 leaving the following children surviving: Caleb, Sally Brumley wife of David Brumley, Thomas Jones, Betsey Brumley widow of William Brumley, Samuel Jones and Joseph Jones, only surviving children and heirs at law of the said Joseph and Joanna Jones.]

[p 9: On October 19, 1852 in Greene County Tennessee, Mary Babb, 90, gave testimony that she was married to Seth Babb in Greene County North Carolina now Tennessee January 22nd 1791; that she is now a revolutionary war pensioner; that Joseph Jones and his wife Joanna resided in Greene County Tennessee at the time the affiant was married; they lived about 2 or 3 miles from where the marriage took place. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 11: On October 25, 1852 in Greene County Tennessee, Jacob Farns, 66, gave testimony that he was personally acquainted with Joseph and Joanna Jones, both deceased; that they left surviving the following children to wit Caleb Jones, Sally Brumly [sic] by intermarriage with David Brumley, Betsey Brumley widow of William Brumley, Thomas Jones, Samuel Jones and Joseph Jones all residents of Greene County Tennessee and over 21 years of age; he also testified that Polly, Susannah, John and Anne, other children of the veteran and his wife are all dead; that about 30 years ago Joseph Jones gave the affiant's wife Polly his family Bible containing the names and ages of his 6 oldest children to wit, Polly, Caleb, Susannah, Sally, John and Anne; that his wife Polly The Bible in her possession until she died about 18 or 20 years ago since which time it has been in the possession of the affiant; that Joseph Jones told the affiant's wife Polly that the record was made at his request by Thomas Perry, a schoolmaster. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 17: On November 15, 1852 in Greene County Tennessee, Thomas Jones, aged about 52, filed as the administrator of the estate of Joanna Jones, deceased widow of Joseph Jones, for the pension benefit due his mother as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; that Joseph Jones was a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum at the time of his death; that his father died in Greene County; that his mother survived and lived until August 15th 1842 when she died still the widow of his father; that his mother left living at the time of her death Caleb, Sally Brumley wife of David Brumley, Thomas Jones, Betsey Brumley widow of William Brumley, Samuel Jones and Joseph Jones as her heirs, all of whom were over 21 years of age at the time of the death of their mother. He signed his application with his mark.]

[p 16: family record:]

Polly Jones was born March the 7th 1787

Caleb Jones was born February 8th 1789

Susanna Jones was born October 29th 1791

Salley Jones was born May the 11th 1793

John Jones was born July [? very faint] the 17th 1794

Anna Jones was born April 25th 1796

The image shows a vertical strip of handwritten text, likely a page from a family record book. The text is written in cursive and matches the typed transcription on the left. It lists the names and birth dates of six children: Polly Jones (March 7th 1787), Caleb Jones (February 8th 1789), Susanna Jones (October 29th 1791), Salley Jones (May 11th 1793), John Jones (July 17th 1794), and Anna Jones (April 25th 1796). Each entry is separated by a horizontal line.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 27, 1825, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]