

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Jonathan Jones: W231

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State of Tennessee}

Carroll County} SS

On this the fourth day of December 1843 personally appeared before the county court of the county of Carroll and State aforesaid, Elizabeth Jones, widow of Johnathan Jones, aged seventy eight 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 the 7th 1838, entitled, "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Johnathan Jones, who was a private soldier in the revolutionary war serving in South Carolina. That to the best of her knowledge and belief he was engaged in the war in south Carolina in 1780 and 1781, as she has frequently heard her husband speak of being in the service and being engaged in battle. But from her age & want of memory she cannot recollect the precise time when he entered the service the length of time he served or the precise time when he left the service. That he was at the defeat of Sumpter at the Battle of Blackstocks [see note below], serving under Capt. Pagon, and has frequently heard her husband speak of assisting in bearing Sumpter off after he was wounded She has frequently heard her husband speak of having served under Capt. John Wills and Capt. John Measure, and under Major Miller and Col. Patton. She says that from her age and want of memory she cannot positively state the time for which her husband served, but that it was during the beforementioned years 1780 and 1781. That her husband drew a pension (in Chester District South Carolina when he lived) of sixty dollars a year for several years before his death. That she was married to the said Johnathan Jones, in Chester District on the 8th of March 1787. That he died on the 4th day of August 1835 in Chester District South Carolina, since which time she has remained a widow. That she was married to him after his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 - at the time above stated

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written

Elizabeth herXmark Jones

NOTE: "The defeat of Sumpter" and "the Battle of Blackstocks" may refer to two separate battles. "Sumpter" - Gen. Thomas Sumter - was defeated but not wounded at Fishing Creek on 18 Aug 1780, and Capt. James Pagan was killed in that action. Sumter was wounded at the Battle of Blackstock's Plantation on 20 Nov of that year, but his troops were not technically defeated there.