

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Courts Jones: W25166
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District of Columbia }
County of Washington }

On this 27th day of August 1842, personally appeared before the subscriber chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia, Dorothy H Storer, a resident of the City of Washington, in the District and County aforesaid, aged 71 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 7th 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows," and also of the amendatory Act, in relation to the said act of July 7th 1838, approved August 23rd 1842, that she is the widow of John C Jones, who was a Captain in the Maryland Line attached to General [William] Smallwood's Brigade, and served, as she believes, from the commencement until the close of the Revolutionary War.

She further declares that she was married to the said John C Jones on the 29th day of July in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety, that her husband, the aforesaid John C Jones died on the 20th day of May in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Two; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794, viz, at the time above stated.

She further declares that she was afterwards married to John Storer, who died on the 27th day of July in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and 1812). That she was a widow on the 7th July 1838, and still remains a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed, on the day and year above written [signed] D H Storer

Treasury Department
Third Auditors office
26 August 1842

Sir I have received your letter written in behalf of Mrs. Dorothy H. Storer in which you ask me to inform you as to the service of her husband Capt. John C. Jones who was a Captain in the Maryland Line and also Aid de Camp to Gen'l Smallwood. also the Commutation pay & of Bounty Land to which he was entitled. also the Regt to which he belonged.

In reply I have to state that it appears, by the Records in this office that Capt. John C. Jones belonged to the 6th Regt of Maryland & was Aid-de-Camp to Gen'l. Smallwood. His services as far as the Records in this office furnish the information are from 1 June 1778 to 15 Nov'r 1783, the close of the War. his Commutation amounted to 2400 dollars being five years full pay as Captain which was paid to him, as well as the balance of pay to the end of his service. As to the Bounty Land to which Capt. Jones was entitled, the information would more properly come from the Bounty Land office, to which office I have referred your letter on that subject.

Respectfully
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J. R. Hanson Esq'r.
City of Washington

Department of State
October 30th, 1843.

James L. Edwards Esquire
Commissioner of Pensions

Sir, The examination requested by your letter of the 25th instant has been made, but nothing has been found to shew the services of John C. Jones as Aid-de-Camp to Gen'l. Smallwood. I am, Sir, your Obed't. Servt. [signature illegible]

Land office, Annapolis
12th October, 1846

I hereby certify, that it appears by the Muster rolls of the Revolution, remaining in this office, That John Courts Jones was appointed a Lieutenant in the 7th Maryland Regiment, on the 10th day of December 1776, & was promoted to the Rank of Captain, the 28th December 1777. And I also further Certify, That by a Pay Roll kept by John Hamilton, Agent for the Maryland line, also remaining in this office, That John Courts Jones, a Captain, received \$117.22 cts Depreciation of Subsistence, also \$525.31 cts arrears of pay from 1st August 1780 to 1st January 1782. Also \$472. pay from 1st January 1782 to 1st January 1783. Also \$325.00 cts Pay from 1st January 1783 to 15th of November 1783, Commutation \$2,300. Total received \$3799.53 cts.

George G. Brown
Reg'r. Land Off. Md.

Mem'd. By a Depreciation pay roll, John Courts Jones, a Captain, appears to have received depreciation pay as a Bd. Major in the Maryland line, but how long he performed service in that capacity I am unable to say, as the records are imperfect and afford no other evidence of his service.

George G. Brown
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NOTE: Dorothy Jones Storer was the daughter of Lt. Col. Robert Hanson Harris of the Virginia Continental Line (see BLWt1700-450).