

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to John Jones VAS1294

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

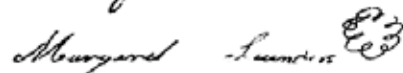
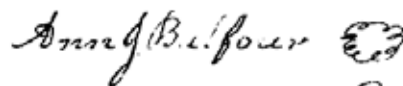
The Memorial of Ann Jones Balfour, widow, and Margaret Saunders the only surviving heirs at law of Captain John Jones late of Elizabeth City County

Your Petitioners humbly represent that shortly after the Revolutionary War, the said John Jones left the United States and remained absent there from many years. He returned to Virginia, and after remaining some short time with his family, he again departed from the Commonwealth and died somewhere about 1800, at his death he left an only sister named Francis Jones who intermarried with Alexander Lewellin, and at their death, they left 2 daughters, the first named Ann Lewellin who intermarried with Richard Barren the son of Capt. Richard Barren of the Navy of Virginia, and becoming a widow in 18 13 [unclear could be 1815] she sometime thereafter intermarried with James Balfour and she has for some time again become a widow. The other daughter has been dead many years, annual Petitioner Margaret Saunders is her only surviving heir at law.

Your petitioners respectfully represent to your Excellency that the named John Jones served as a Captain in the war of the Revolution in one of the Virginia regiments on Continental establishment commanded as they have been informed and verily believe by Colonel Mordecai Buckner, and embracing the period when he was a prisoner, your first named Petitioner speaks with entire confidence when she states, that he served more than 3 years, and thereby became entitled to the land bounty promised by Virginia. Your first named Petitioner has heard her uncle John Jones say to her mother, that he had claims upon Virginia for his services in the Revolution, and which his long absence from the Country has hitherto prevented him from obtaining. Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Excellency will examine into the Justice of the said claim, and the proofs here with exhibited, and if well and properly sustained, that the Register may be directed to issue a warrant for Land Bounty corresponding with his rank and services. And as in duty bound your Petitioners will ever pray &c

S/ Ann J. Balfour

S/ Margaret Saunders



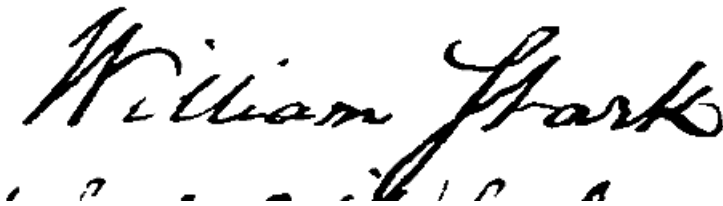
The above Petition was this day signed & sworn to as to the facts coming within their knowledge, & as to other facts they have heard, & believe him to be true  
July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1839

S/ William Hope, JP [Elizabeth City County Virginia]

Norfolk Borough to wit:

Before William Wright a Justice of the Peace in and for the Borough aforesaid personally appeared William Stark<sup>1</sup> of said Borough, and being first duly sworn stated that he served in the War of the Revolution, – In the month of December in the year 1775 he was appointed the Second Lieutenant in a company of state Troops commanded by Captain John Jones with whom deponent was well acquainted. The said Company after being duly organized marched to Williamsburg in the early part of the following Year, and shortly after reaching that place they were incorporated in the 6<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Mordecai Buckner. Immediately after their incorporation, the following persons were commissioned in the month of March 1776 officers of the said Company according to the following [indecipherable word]<sup>2</sup> to wit: the said John Jones was commissioned Captain, Peter Jones First Lieutenant, William Starke this deponent second Lieutenant and Dinwiddie Goodwin Ensign. The said Ensign Goodwin died whilst in active service. This deponent was wounded at the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] which occurred in the month of September 1777 and thereby at that time became disabled, and early in the year 1778 resigned his Commission. Both Captain and Lieutenant Jones served out there tour of three years.

S/ William Stark



[Note: This file also contains certifications by the First Auditor as to the contents of records in his files relating to this officer but the images of those are too faint to discern as posted online.]

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<sup>1</sup> [William Stark S7592](#)

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