Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Jones R7934 Ann Parker¹ f59SC/VA
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State of South Carolina Sumter District: Court of Ordinary at Sumterville

On the Second day of February 1854 Before the subscribing Judge of Court of Ordinary and for the district and State aforesaid, personally appeared Elizabeth J. Jones aged 48 years, a resident of Sumter district South Carolina, who being duly sworn, according to law, declares, that her deceased Father William Jones formerly of Virginia late of said district who was a private &c in the Company commanded by captains __ in the __ Regiment of __ Commanded by Colonel Marshall Anderson &c in the war of American Independence

That __ said __ at __ on or about the __ for the term of __ and continued in actual service in said war until and was honorably discharged at on the which discharge, if ever received it is lost or mislaid: as she has been informed and believes; that her said father was originally from Amherst County Virginia and accompanied General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] troops as a private Soldier to the field of operation in South Carolina in the war of American Independence and continued to serve in said war until peace was proclaimed &c That her said father married Ann Freeman but the precise year of the marriage she has no means of ascertaining except a memorial of births and deaths recorded in the hand writing of her father from which it appears that her deceased Brother James Jones was born on the 17th of October 1782: That her father died on the 12th of February 1808 leaving her mother a widow and 9 children all of whom are now dead except this declarant and two Brothers, Leonard & Wiley Jones of Alabama; that her mother again married one John Parker who died in 1831 leaving her a widow and did not again marry but died a widow on the third day of June 1847 in the evening three Surviving children She makes this declaration for the purpose of training the pension to which she and her two Brothers are entitled under the Act of Congress passed first May 1828 – 7th June 1832, 4th July 1836 -- 7 July 1838 etc. further swears that she has never received any pension under the before him in the rated acts nor has she ever made any application therefore except the present, nor does he know or believes any application was ever made.

S/ Elizabeth J. Jones

Elizabeth J. Jones [L. S.]

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¹ Former widow

[p 7: Family Record:

James Jones was born the 17th—1782;

Elisabeth Jones Decest [deceased] was born December 5th, 1784

Mary Jones was born December 1, 1786

Pegy Jones was born May 11, 1789

Nancey Jones was born December 14, 1791

Eli Jones was born January 15, 1794

William Jones was born the 11 April [torn]

Leonard Jones was born June 18, 1798

Wiley Jones was born October 7, [torn]

Elisabeth Jones D [Departed] this life July

Betsey Anna Jones was born September the 3d 1805 Mary Jones marred [married] November 1805 James Jones marred January 8th 1806 William Jones [torn] in the [torn] Feb. 12th Betsey anner Jones

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Mary Jones Marris

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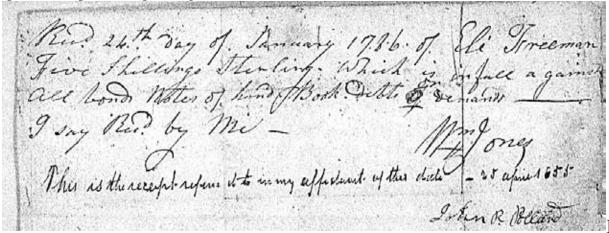
Veteran is said to have been in the Battles at Guilford Court House and Eutaw Springs.]

[p 26: On February 3, 1854 in Sumter District South Carolina, John R Pollard, Planter, gave testimony that he was born in Sumter District South Carolina in 1787 on October the 1st; that he was intimately acquainted with William Jones and his wife; that the deponent's father was a revolutionary Soldier and was at the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] where he was wounded and discharged from further service; at the Battle of Eutaw Springs, William Jones stood side-by-side with the affiant's father as he has heard them discuss in frequent conversations on the subject as well as at Guilford Court House in North Carolina [March 15, 1781].]

[p 23: On April 25, 1855 in Sumter District South Carolina, John R Pollard, 68, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with William Jones, deceased, a revolutionary Soldier; that he was familiar with the veteran's handwriting; that the veteran married Ann or Nancy Freeman daughter of James & Ann Freeman; that the attached receipt was signed by the veteran January 24, 1786; that the receipt is in the handwriting of Eli Freeman who was acting as agent for his mother Ann Freeman then the widow of James Freeman; that the receipt was given for the purpose of barring William Jones from making any further claim against the Estate of James Freeman.

John R. Polland

[p 22: receipt showing the signature of the veteran:



[p 30] State of South Carolina, Sumter district

On the 9th day of June 1855 before the Subscribing Magistrate for said district and State personally appeared William Vaughan² aged 90 years a resident of Sumter district, a Revolutionary pensioner under certificate No. 23437 who being duly sworn according to law upon his oath swears, that he is the identical William Vaughn who on a previous occasion had

² William Vaughan W11691

made a deposition relative to the Services of William Jones deceased also a Soldier of the Revolution, which deposition is said to have been insufficient or not minute in its particulars to establish the Services of the said William Jones in said war and being called on to be more particular and explicit declares as follows viz.: That he had no acquaintance or knowledge of but one William Jones who served in said war -- that although very young, at the period when or some time after that -- the William Jones referred to came with other Continual [sic, Continental?] Soldiers mainly Joshua Stafford, John Pollard, John Peek and many of others whose names he cannot now recollect without having their names called over, that said persons came with General Greene from Virginia to the aid of South Carolina; that said Jones married one (married one) Ann Freeman one or two years before the deponent joined the Army in 1780 and came to reside with his family with him 1 1/2 miles from deponent's father resided in Sumter district; that said William Jones was in the company of one Captain Long and others whose names he does not recollect that after his term expired in the Continental Service, said Jones joined the South Carolina militia with many others of the Continental soldiers in before the deponent mustered or volunteered into the Service in October 1780 under Captain Malone in whose company he found William Jones a member when he and about 20 others joined it; when they were alternately commanded by Captain Marlow Joseph Hill and George McCaulley under Colonel Peter Horry and Richard Richardson and the said William Jones and himself continued to serve in said war with the exception of a few days leave of absence occasionally until hostilities ceased in June 1782 after which said Jones was appointed to take the lead of Scouting parties against Robbers and thieves and Tories and on one occasion the said Jones and himself with about 20 others surprised a large gang of their enemy -- killing two and capturing ten whom they delivered up to Colonel Postell; that although the said William Jones and this deponent with their associated soldiers did not [serve] as regulars or constant be on duty as prior to the cessation of hostilities, yet they held themselves in readiness to join the service again, whenever called upon but were not again called into service. That the foregoing statement of facts with the exception of that which related to Continental Soldiers is wholly and entirely applicable to John Bradford, John A Bradford, William Broadway, Abraham Richardson⁵ -- Obadiah Spears⁶ and many others whom this deponent would recollect if their names were mentioned as they formed the number who Served as before referred to during the same period as this deponent. He further Swears that he has no interest directly or indirectly in any claim or claims all pensions which may be or are set up by the heirs of any of the parties before referred to or in the prosecution of

Sworn to before me who have no interest in claim or its prosecution. S/ Jno. R. Loagn, Magt.

S/ William Vaughan, X. his Mark

³ John Angel Bradford R1127

⁴ William Broadway (Broadaway) W8398

Abram Richardson R8763

⁶ Obadiah Spears S7586