

Pension Application for Jacob Jones

W.20184 (Widow: Hannah) Jacob was born 1759, Hannah was born February 13, 1759. Jacob Died May 4, 1839.

Jacob Jones was born September the 24, 1776

John Jones was born December the 26, 1779.

Charity Jones was born March 3, 1784.

Isaac Jones was born October 12, 1786.

Isaac Jones was born the six day of August 1788

Janah Jones was born the second day of July 1792.

Paten Jones was born May 27, 1798.

Walter Jones was born the last day of March the 31, 1795.

Isaac Jones Departed this life January the [blank] 1814.

Charity Jones departed this life November the 22 17[?]

Isaac Jones department this life March the 2, 1789.

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this fifth day of August eighteen hundred and forty two personally appeared before the undersigned a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas [Pleas] in and for Orange County , Hannah Jones, a resident of the town Monroe in said County & State of New York aged eighty three years and upwards 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 4, 1836; that she is the widow of Jacob Jones who was a private in the company of militia commander in the beginning of the war by Capt Quackenbush but he being disaffected was turned out and Capt Garret Ackerson was made Captain and served as such until the end of the war in the Regiment of Militia commanded by Col. A. Hawk Hay, Gilbert Cooper Lieut Col.

That her said husband Jacob Jones was called out in the month of May in 1776 by order of Capt Ackerson to work on the government road which making from the main land in Orange County to Stony Point across the marsh that intervened and prevented people traveling to and from the Island in this service Jacob Jones was out two weeks and returned home sometime in the same month.

That in the month of July of the same year a draft was made to raise a company of men to serve for five months from Col. Hays Regt that Abraham Blauvelt was one that was drafted from Capt. Ackersons company that after he was drafted he hired this declarants husband Jacob Jones to take his place in a company of five months men to be commanded by Capt. Jacob Deronde and two men by the name of Coe were Lieutenants.

That her husband Joined the said company on or about the first of August and went the Hudson River where they remained for some time guarding a long the said River they after wards crossed over the river and was at the White Plains with Gen McDougal from the White Plains they retreated to Peekskill and afterwards to their station on the heights not far from Peekskill where they according to the best of her

recollection remained until they were discharged [?] was on the last day of December 1776 and her husband returned home on New Years day after a service of full five months in the Regiment commanded by Col. Isaac Nichols.

She further declares that a Ferry was kept between Stony Point and the Eastern shore of the Hudson River by the Government and that they had a company of men enlisted as ferry men which were paid by the Government and whose employment it was to ferry soldiers across the river and baggage for the soldier and cattle for the use of the army and all other thing that was necessary for their comfort and to keep the government road which joined the main land to Stony Point in repair.

That on the first of April 1777 her husband Jacob Jones, enlisted into this company of barge men under Capt Cooley and served the government of the United States doing no other business only for the Government of the United States as a bargeman and such other business as appertained to the same for one year and was discharged on or about the first day of April 1778 he had a written discharge at that time which has since been destroyed or lost.

She further declares that in summer of 1776 her father built a house for her husband and herself to live in on a part of his farm and that she lived in the said house until after her husband enlisted under Capt Cooley when she went home and lived in her father's family until the spring of 1779.

That in the spring of 1778 a company of men was reased [raised] from Col. Hays Regiment to serve for nine months that every class had to furnish its man. That he husband returned from the ferry on the first of April and immediately hired to take the place of one of the classes in Capt. Ackerson's company for the whole term of nine months and joined the said company under Capt. Bell in the beginning of April 1778 and rendezvoused at Nyack on the Hudson River and remained there for sometime in the summer the said company was joined for a short time to that portion of the regular army that was lying at the White Plains after that they were ordered to Hackensack in New Jersey where they remained sometime and was there when the British Light Horse attackted [attacked] that place which was in October they had a light skirmish with the horsemen but where obliged to retreat from this place they retreated to the [Souriegns?] in Orange County and were stationed there for some little time and from thence they were marched to Tappan and there remained until their times were out and were discharged on or about the first day of January 1779 after a service of nine months and was discharged with the rest of the company at the expiration of his time Capt Bells company belonged to Col Grahams Regiment.

The reason why her husband continued so much in the service was because the militia were continually harassed and called out to guard the frontier that they could not do much at home and her husband being very young hired to do duty for the rest of many money.

She further declares that from the time her husband returned from service under Capt. Bell until the end of the was he done duty as a militia man under Capt Ackerson in the Col. Hay's Regt but she is unable to state the particular times that he was out although he was often out as a classman and upon alarms during the years

1779 and 1780 she recollects that at the time that Gen Wayne took stony Point Capt Ackersons company was out on duty and were stationed near to where she lived and that her husband was out in the service in the said company at that time and that when they heard of Wayne's being at the Point the said company marched down than a distance of about six miles and got there soon after the fort was taken in the service her husband Jacob Jones was out at least two weeks.

That he recollects that in September of the same year Capt. Ackerson's company was called out upon alarm by order of the Colonel and went to guard along the Hudson river and her husband Jacob Jones was out two weeks and returned home about the first of October.

That at or about the time Major Andre was hung in October 1780 her said husband Jacob Jones was out upon alarm under Capt Ackerson in Hayses Regt for the term of fifteen days and was discharged not far from the first of November. She further declares that she has no documentary evidence of her husband's services but relies upon the evidence that may be obtained from witnesses to sustain her claim and that she is perfectly satisfied that her husband Jacob Jones done more than two years service during the Revolutionary War from her own personal recollection she is satisfied of this.

She further declares that she was married to the said Jacob Jones at her father's house in the town of Haverstraw County of Orange and State of New York on the second day of February Seventeen hundred and seventy six by the Rev. Mr. Conselly a minister of the gospel who at that time who come as a supply to preach to a little Congregation of Dutch Reformed people in the neighbourhood where he parents lived she also declares that she was published to be married before the congregation some weeks before she was married by the same minister and that she was actually married at the time above stated that she and her husband were cousins and that they lived near to each other and contracted a very great fondness for each other at a very early age which will account for their being married so young.

That her name before marriage was Hannah Jones. That she has no documentary evidence of her said marriage nor does she believe there is any in existence. That the evidence that accompanies this declaration of her marriage is all that she at present knows of.

That the accompanying record as kept in the family bible of her husband's name and age and her own name and age with her children's names and birth is according to her best recollection and knowledge a true record of the same and was written many years since in the family bible by her son Jacob Jones & That her husband Jacob Jones died on the 4th day of May eighteen hundred and thirty nine and that she has ever since remained a widow as will more fully appear by the proof hereunto annexed.

(Signed with her mark) Hannah Jones

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before me. Miles Hughes one of the Judges of Orange County Courts.