

Pension Application for Ebenezer Jones

R.5743 (Widow: Sarah)

Died Jan 2, 1840 in Matilde Twp, Elgin Co. Province of Canada

State of Illinois

Lee County SS.

On this seventh day of May AD one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, personally appeared before me David Welty Judge of the County Court within and for the County and State aforesaid Sarah Jones a resident of the County of Lee and State of Illinois aforesaid, aged Seventy one years and upwards who I certify to be respectable and entitled to full credit and who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the second section of the act of congress passed the 23rd day of February AD 1853 entitled "an act granting half pay & pension to certain widows and orphans &c and the several acts relative thereto.

That she is the widow of Ebenezer Jones who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, that he first volunteered in or near the County of Dutchess in the State of New York some time in the year AD 1777, (as she has frequently heard him say and verily believes) and served in the company commanded by Capt. Dykeman in Col. Fields Regiment, Col. Fields Regiment, that some time afterwards the said Ebenezer Jones was a Corporal in the Company commanded by Capt. Ebenezer Scofield in the Regiment commanded by Col. Thadius Craine and by a division of the last named company he continued his service as corporal in the company commanded by Capt Samuel Lewis in Col. Craines Regiment and that he remained in actual service in said war until about its close and was honorably discharged and returned home to his father's in Dutchess County aforesaid.

But she has no documentary proof in her possession and depends on the records which may be found and the testimony of persons who knew him & have heard him relate his service in said war and she further swears that the said Ebenezer Jones has frequently told her that he was in the army commanded by Genl Sullivan in the expedition against the Indians and went as far as the Genesee River in the State of New York that he was personally acquainted with Lieut Thomas Boyd in the said Expedition who was massacred by the Indians and that he saw his mutilated remains after the Indians had fled and that he belonged to the [?] under said command, and she further swears that the aforesaid Ebenezer Jones told her that he was towards the close of the war in the Southern division of the Army, that he was at the Battle of Monmoth [Monmouth] and also at the surrender of Lord CornWallace, and she further declares that she was lawfully married to the said Ebenezer Jones at the township of Saltfleet in the County of Wentworth & Province of Canada in the twenty sixty day of March AD 1802.

That her name before her said marriage was Sarah Springsted but she has no knowledge of any publick [public] or private record proving the fact of said marriage but she depends for said proof on persons who were present and witnesses the ceremony of same that she continued to reside with her said husband at the place last

mentioned for several years and then removed to the township of Malahide in the now Elgin County and Province aforesaid and that her said husband died in the township of Malahide aforesaid on the second day of January AD 1840, that she afterwards removed to the County of Lee in the state of Illinois where she still resides that she was never afterwards married and is still his widow, that she was not married to him previous to the AD 1810, but was on the day & the place above stated and that he husband the aforesaid Ebenezer Jones never received a pension. She also declares that she has not received a pension nor made any other application therefor. (Signed with her mark) Sarah Jones.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court before me at Dixon in the County of Lee & State of Illinois this seventh day of May AD 1855, after having been first read and duly explained to the said Sarah Jones and who seemed to fully understand the same and made her mark thereto in presence of John Sterms, James Hl Boyd. David Wetty, Judge of the aforesaid County Court.

Letter in folder dated October 27, 1913, written in response to an inquiry.

In reply to your letter dated the 17th and received the 22nd instant, you are advised that from the papers in the claim of Ebenezer Jones, R. File No. 5743, it is alleged that soldier enlisted in Dutchess County, New York, in 1777, in the New York troops, and served as a Corporal until near the close of the war.

He married March 26, 1802, in Township of Saltfleet, Wentworth County, Province of Canada, Sara Springsted, and died in Township of Malahide, Elgin County, Canada, January 2, 1840. It is stated that "they reared a family", but no names are stated other than Jacob S. who was 34 years old in 1855.

His widow applied for pension May 7, 1855, while a resident of Lee County, Illinois, aged seventy-one years. Her claim was not allowed for lack of sufficient proof of service.

The Revolutionary War records of this Bureau fail to afford any information in regard to a Captain Ebenezer Jones of the New York troops.