

Pension Application for Silas Jones

W.15782 (Widow: Mercy) Born April 26, 1760 at East Greenwich R.I. Died Oct 14, 1832.

Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County or Rensselaer SS.

On this ninth day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Judge of the Mayor's Court of the City of Troy now sitting, Silas Jones a resident of Berlin county of Rensselaer and State of New York, aged seventy two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served has herein stated.

That in the year 1776 he resided in East Greenwich in the State of Rhode Island that in the fall of that year he entered the service as a private in the militia in Captain Johnsons' Company and marched to Warwick Neck Point and continued in said service thirty two days, that at the end of said time he again entered the service under Captain Michael Spencer as a substitute for Thomas Phillips & remained at the same place for three months more which made four months of continued service that during this time under both the preceding engagements he was in Colonel Waterman's Regiment.

That in the spring of 1777 he was called out under Captain Michael Spencer at East Greenwich and served two month and was engaged in garding [guarding] the sea shore—that in the spring & fore part of the summer of 1779 he entered the service under Captain Jonathan Bates at [blot] ferry in North Kingston as a substitute for his brother Noel Jones and served one months.

That in the spring of 1778 he moved from Rhode Island to where he now lives in Berlin County of Rensselaer & State of New York – That in the summer of this year he went as a substitute for Thomas Phillips to what was then called the Upper Fort in Schohary which was commanded by Colonel Froman and continued in said service thirty two days—

That in the fall of 1779 he went to Schenectady under Captain Hunter & Lieutenant Shaw or Captain Shaw in which [?] the latter [?] he does not recollect in which campaign they were on occupied about one month—that at about this time the precise time he does not recollect, he went under Captain Shaw to Fort Edward which occupied about fourteen days and that he was also engaged at several time in hunting Indians and Toryes under Captain Shaw about the County of Rensselaer as much as one month.

That he has no documentary evidence of his services & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure except what is hereunto annexed who can testify to his services.

To the prescribed Interrogatories put by the court he answers.

1. He was born in East Greenwich in the State of Rhode Island in the year 1760.

2. There is a record of his age in the Town Clerk's Office in said Town of East Greenwich.
3. When called into service first he lived in said Town of East Greenwich. He has ever since the Revolutionary War lived & continues to live in what is now the Town of Berlin, County of Rensselaer & State of New York.
4. He entered the service & served as above stated.
5. He did not serve with any regular troops & for his militia officers and given as circumstances of his service he refers to the statement given above.
6. He never received a written discharge.
7. He is known in his present neighbourhood to John Reeve [?] and Ruston Hammond Esqr who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Silas Jones

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid Archibald Bull Clerk

Letter in folder dated April 26, 1926, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W. 15782 it appears that Silas Jones was born April 26, 1760 in East Greenwich, Rhode Island.

While a resident of East Greenwich, Rhode Island he enlisted in the fall of 1776 and served thirty-two days as a private in captain Allen Johnson's company, Colonel Waterman's Rhode Island Regiment, and at the end of that service enlisted and served three months as a private in captain Michael Spencer's Company Colonel Waterman's Rhode Island Regiment.

He enlisted in the spring of 1777 and served two months as private in Captain Michael Spencer's Company, and enlisted in the summer of 1777 and served one month as a substitute for his brother Noel Jones in Captain Jonathan Bates' Rhode Island Company.

In the spring of 1778 he moved to Berlin, Rensselaer County, New York and in the summer of 1778 enlisted and served thirty-two days as a private at Upper fort at Schoharie under Colonel Freeman in the New York Troops.

He enlisted in the fall of 1779, served one month under Captains Husted and Shaw in the New York Troops, then fourteen days under Captain Shaw in said troops. He served subsequently, at sundry times, about one month in all, hunting Tories and Indians, under Captain Shaw in the New York Troops.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 9, 1832 while a resident of Berlin, New York. He died October 13, 1932.

Soldier married August 3, 1784 in Petersburg, Rensselaer County, New York, Marcy or Mercy Soriven born February 7, 1761 or 1762. She was allowed pension on her application executed October 30, 1838 while a resident of Berlin, New York. Their children were:

Varnum born June 16, 1785.

William born February 16, 1787.

Hannah born October 17, 1789, died October 30, 1790.

Hannah 2nd born March 27, 17—died in August 1794.

Marcy born April 17, 1792.

Zebulon born March 11, 1794.

Thomas born December 25, 1797.

Polly born December 15, 1800.

Betsey born July 10, 180? (illegible).

Silas L. born April 27, 1805.