

SERVICE

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Penn.

Jones, Benjamin

S. 5626

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carded

B. Oct 12, 1787 in Oxford Co., Md., & res there about
buried at Rock Creek Twp. York Co., Pa.; & lived there till 1847

No 32.422.

Pennsylvania

Benjamin Jones

of York (in the State of Penn :
who was a Major - in the confed. - commanded
by Captain W. Connelly of the Regt. - commanded
by Col: Smith - in the Pennsylvania
line for Gen: S

Inscribed on the Roll of Phila. Dept. Line -
at the rate of 72 Dollars Cents per annum,
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 25 day of
February 1846 and sent to Hon: Mr.
McLean, H. R.

Acreas to the 1st of March 46 \$ 330. 00 -
Semi-annual allowance ending 11 Sept: 11. 00

\$341.00

{ Revolutionary Claim,
} Act June 7, 1832.

Recorded by Col: McLean and Clerk
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Benjamin Jones

S. A.

Act 7. June 32

adm'd 6 mo. after

\$22.00 per ann

from 4 March 1831

Hon M. McLean
House of Reps

State of Pennsylvania
York County &c

On this the twenty-eighth day of November 1845 personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County Benjamin Jones a resident of Peachbottom Township in the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-eight 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 on the 2d of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and Service as is herein stated -

That in the year 1776 about the 1st of August he marched in the Volunteer Company of Captain James McCloud, which Company was attached to the Regiment of Colonel Smith, and under the command of General Potter. That they marched from York County aforesaid towards New York City by Philadelphia, Trenton, Princeton to Ambrose in the State of New Jersey where they were stationed during this term of Service.

That after having been in said Service for two Months, most of the time at Ambrose aforesaid, that being the time for which they had entered, they were discharged.

That they then volunteered to remain a while longer, and continued in Service in the additional period of two Months. That they were finally discharged at Philadelphia after having marched there on their

on their return, by the way of Princeton and Woodbridge New Jersey.

That he does not remember the names of any of the General or regular Officers, with whom he served except General Potter, and he thinks General Mervin.

That afterwards in the year 1781 a large number of the prisoners, taken from Burgoyne, were marched into York County aforesaid, and were retained for safe keeping at a place called "Camp Security" in said County, and were guarded by the Militia and Volunteer Companies of the surrounding Country. That this Declaration was drafted into the service in the Militia Company of Captain James Edgar in the year 1781 and remained there on duty as a Militiaman for two Months - And afterwards listed as a Volunteer at the same place and under the same Commander for the additional period of two Months. This was in 1782, and during these two terms of Service the duty performed, was that of guarding the prisoners taken from Burgoyne. Major William Ashton was the Commander of the Encampment while Declarant was there.

He further states that he has no documentary evidence to offer in support of his claim, but that the accompanying affidavits show a part of the service he performed, as they were taken to support his application for a State pension, & that both the Witnesses in said affidavits are dead.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present - And that his Name is not on the pension Roll of any State, except on the Roll of Pensioners of York County aforesaid, from the Treasury of

which he draws annually the sum of Forty Dollars, granted him by an Act of the Legislature of Pennsylvania. But he would have made application for a United States pension before - but did not apply because he thought he could not get two pensions - And that in order to obtain a United States pension it would be necessary to relinquish his State Pension and that he has lived, and still lives in, a remote, and out of the way section of the County where he had no opportunity of learning that such was not the case; And that so soon as he learned that he could receive the two pensions, he took immediate steps to have his application drawn.

He further states that during the whole period of his service in the Revolution he was the figure of the Company to which he was attached or York and is entitled the day and year aforesaid

Before me
J. Steckel

We the subscribers residing in Peachbottom Township York County aforesaid do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Benjamin Lutz, who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration and that we believe him to be Eighty eight years of Age, that he is respected and beloved in the Neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion

Sworn & Subscribed

I. D. Wiley

the day & year aforesaid

Sworn Before me in open Court J. R. Howell Commissioner of Probate

I, Lewis Justice President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of York County do hereby declare that it is my opinion after the investigation of the Matter & after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states - And I further certify that it appears to me that the three persons who have signed the preceding Certificate J. D. Wiley, A. C. McCurdy and Cunningham Sample reside in Peachbottom Township in said County, the residence of the declarant and that their statement is entitled to credit

D. Parker

1. In Huntingdon County Md. on the 10th day of
October 1757 - I was born -
2. I have a record of my age - it is in the hands
of David Jones my Nephew residing in York
County.

3. I was living in Harford County Maryland
and came to Pennsylvania York County
Pa - to join the Company which marched
from that place - I have lived in Harford
County five years after leaving the service
and ever since there in York County Pa
where I now reside -

4. I was drafted, and subsequently volunteer-
ed -

5th I do not remember the name of any regular
Captain who was with the troops, except
General Allen or one of any Militia or
Continental Regiments except those of Coloneys
and Smith - I marched from York County
aforeaid towards New York City by the way
of Philadelphia, Trenton, Princeton, Hunterdon
and Bergen - I was stationed at the two latter places
first for a period of two months - afterwards
I volunteered to remain two more the longer
part of which latter period I was also at
Trenton & Bergen and returned home by
Trenton, Woodbridge, New Jersey and was dis-
charged at Philadelphia - this was in 1776.
Subsequently in 1781 and 1782 I served
from Berwick at Camp Security in York
County aperiod under Captain Edgar
and Major Ashton acting as one of a
guard over Burgoyne's prisoners.

6th

I received - Discharge from Captain Edgar
and also from Captain McCloud his -
but regarding them as aforesaid they have
been lost, or destroyed -

I am known in my neighborhood by
James McCourtay, Andrew McCourtay,
Joshua Oliver, Colonel James Ramsey and
Col Clark and many others who will
testify to my character for veracity and
the belief of my service as a Revolution-
ary Soldier

Given and subscribed this 28th day of November
1845 before me -

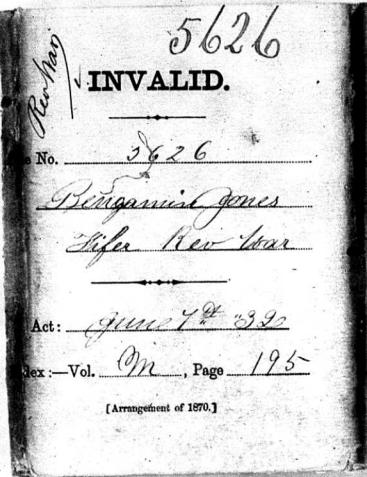
S. Darkee

State of Pennsylvania
York County

I John R. Donnell
Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas for said County
do hereby Certify that S. Darkee whose name appears
to the foregoing declaration, and Interrogatories, is and
at the time of the execution thereof was the President
Judge of said Court duly commissioned, and qualified
and that the foregoing signatures purporting to be
his are genuine And I further Certify that J. D. Wiley
J. C. Kennedy, and Cunningham Sample who in Court
are sworn to the foregoing Certificate, are justly entitled to
credibility and belief

In testimony whereof I have here-
unto set my hand and Seal of Office
this 8th day of January 1846 -

J. R. Donnell
Prothonotary



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Bengannin Jones
Piper
Rec'd. Mr. Wm. McLean
June 20. 1832

At 7th June 1832.

State of Pennsylvania
York County

On the Eleventh day
of February 1846 personally appeared in Open Court
James Ringleland and Thomas Murphy who
being duly sworn according to Law do say
that they are Neighbours of Benjamin Jones
of York County Pennsylvania, who has ap-
plied for a United States Pension - That they
have known said Jones for a great number
of Years past - that he is reputed, and believed
by his Neighbours to have been a Soldier of
the Revolutionary War; and we concur in
that opinion - Said Jones we also believe to
be a Man of truth, and veracity

Sworn and Subscribed in Open Court before me
J. P. Donnell Pro
James Ringleland
Thomas Murphy

State of Pennsylvania
York County

I John R. Donnell
Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas
in and for said County do hereby certify
that it satisfactorily appears to said Court
that James Ringleland and Thomas Murphy
whose Names appear to the foregoing affidavit
are old and respectable Neighbours of Benja-
min Jones, and that they are persons entitled
to creditability and belief

In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and
Seal of Office this Eleventh day
of February A.D. 1846.

J. R. Donnell
Pro

House of Representatives
January 15th 1846

Hon. W. L. Edwards Esq.

Dear Sir

I enclose you the application of Benjamin Jones a resident of my district for a Pension in the amount if he should be entitled to anything is small and I shall be gratified by having an early reply to his application —

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
your Obt. Servt.
Wm. McClean

House of Representatives
July 11th 1846

W. L. Edwards Esq.

Dear Sir

Your letter of January 20th
1846 in reference to the application of
Benjamin Jones of South Co. Penna for a
Pension sets forth that "if he will sustain
his reputation for military merit in the
Revolution by the most respectable of his
old neighbors his claim may be allowed
for nine months service as a private" "I have
had the enclosed affidavit taken and
authenticated which will meet the
requirement of your letter — I know of
no other way of complying with it — several
applications have already been filed showing
want of Jones service — I shall be pleased
to have an early decision of the case.
Respectfully yours

Wm. McClean

York County p) Before me Alex^r Wallace Esq^r one of the Justices of
the peace in and for said County personally appeared
Major James Patterson who upon his solemn oath taken
according to law deposes and swears that he became
acquainted with Benjamin Jones in the year 1776 That on the
3rd day of July in that year said Benjamin Jones marched in a volunteer
company to oppose the British, whereof James McCandless
was Captain William Rowan first Lieutenant John Laird sec-
ond Lieutenant & Deponent ensign - said Benj^m Jones was often
for said company & served out his tour of duty faithfully as Deponent
minutely believes - Deponent joined the flying Camp after days before
this time expired & was not present when he was Discharged but minily
believes he was legally Discharged
Signed and Subscribed December 17th AD 1830 Before
me Alex^r Wallace

James Patterson

9 McConkey York
Set in support of the
Claim of Benjamin Jones
A.D. Jan 25 1831
Chas.

York county 1831

Before me James Wilson one of the Justices of the
Peace in and for said county personally appeared
Samuel Morrison of Fawn Township in said county
who being sworn according to law deposeth and doth
say that he and Benjamin Jones of Peach Bottom
Township in the year one thousand seven hundred and
eighty four were drafted and served a tour of military
duty and were mess mates serving at Camp Security
under Captain James Edgar under the command of
Major William Ashton and served until they
were regularly discharged further saith not.

Samuel Morrison

sworn & subscribed

13th Jan'y AD 1831

Before James Wilson ^{Seal}

State of Pennsylvania
York County

I John R. Donnell
Notary Public of the Court of Common Pleas in
and for said County do hereby Certify that Sam-
uel Morrison and James Patterson whose names
appear as witnesses to the accompanying affidavits
are both dead, that I was acquainted with them,
and that they were persons entitled to credibility
and belief - And I further Certify that Alex-
ander Wallace before whom one of the said affi-
davits was made is dead, that both he and
James Wilson before whom the other of said
affidavits was made, were at the time of the
Execution thereof Justices of the Peace in and for
said County, and that the signatures pur-
porting to be theirs are genuine.

In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and
Seal of Office this 8th day of
January 1846

J. R. Donnell
Notary