

I hope this answers many questions about my ancestor, Peter Jones. The DAR Patriot Index (which is not a proof) shows our Peter Jones as a Private, and another Peter Jones as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Continental Line. I ordered the DAR Record Copy and that Peter Jones was an 18 year-old from Westmorland County, quite unlikely considering the makeup of the 11<sup>th</sup> PA. The SAR shows the proper service including his service as a Private at the battle of Long Island where he was wounded. One company of 200 Berks County Associators commanded by Lt Col Jacob Lotz was in Stirling's brigade in August 1776.

Personal ID: PA01311 Last Name: JONES First Name: PETER Suffix:  
Rank: 1ST LIEUT Rank Type: COMMISSIONED OFFICER Ethnicity: Brigade: 2ND  
PA BRIGADE Company: CAPTAIN WILLIAM SAILL'S State: PA Regiment: 11 PA  
Division: 2ND DIVISION

Lt Peter Jones served in Capt William Scull's company (not Saill's as above). According to Trussell Scull was probably from Berks County. The geographical origins of the company commanders ... appear to have come chiefly from the area of Philadelphia and of Chester, Berks, and possibly Lancaster counties. The short time that this organization was in existence, however, suggests that its original regional composition would have remained essentially unchanged. Trussell, p. 130.

***Microfilmed pay vouchers at the SAR Library at the Headquarters, Louisville KY show:***

PETER JONES, 11TH Regiment of Pennsylvania, 2nd Lt., date of commission April 11 1777. In a return of the Officers 11th Pen. Regiment, Richard Humpton Colonel, raised 27th Sep. 1776 and incorporated with the 10th Pen Regiment 24th June 1778 "Return dated Camp White Plains Aug 30 1778; PETER JONES enlisted 30 Sep. 1776 promoted 2nd Lt. 11 April 77, vice Ross, promoted 1st Lt. Absent by leave 24 June 1778. A Pay voucher for PETER JONES, 1st Lieut, of Capt William Scull's Co. of the 11th Pennsylvania Reg't, commanded by Col. Richard Humpton, dated May 1778 shows pay per month 27 doll's (amount) 10 pds. 2 s. 6 p.

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"Jones, Peter (Pa). 2d Lieutenant 11th Pennsylvania. 30th September, 1776; 1st Lieutenant, 11th April, 1777; retired 1st July, 1778.

*Source: Heitman, Francis B. "Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During The War of the Revolution, April, 1775, to December, 1783." Reprint of the New, Revised, and Enlarged Edition of 1914 With Addenda, by Robert H. Kelby, 1932*

The 11th Regiment was with BGen Anthony Wayne at several major engagements, including Brandywine, Paoli, Germantown and spent the winter with Washington's army at Valley Forge.

***The lineage of Peter Jones:***

Jonas Nilsson b Sweden 1620 m. 1654 New Sweden, Gertrude Svensdotter d. 1693 at Kingsessing.

Mounce Jones b. 1663 Kingsessing, m. abt 1690 Ingabor Lycan, d. abt Apr 1727 Molatton, Phila Co.

Peter Jones b. 1693 Aronameck, Phila, m 1714 Molattin (Amity Twp) Elizabeth Henry, d. Aug 1739

Peter Jones (Sr.) b abt 1715 Amity Twp, m. 04 Jul 1744 Ruth Henton, d. 1773

Peter Jones III b. 10 Oct 1749, m. 13 Oct 1772 Catherine Kerlin, d. 24 Nov 1809, bur St. Gabriel's Episcopal Ch Douglassville. His gravestone is marked as Rev War Soldier each Memorial Day and that of his wife Catherine is next to his.

Peter and Catherine had fourteen children named in his probate.

Their daughter Ruth married Lawrence Isenberger (now Eisenberg). For many years the Jones-Eisenberg Family Association met in Douglassville. My mother, who was raised by her great grandparents, John and Sarah (Eisenberg) Knox attended several of the reunions.

The Peter Jones house was built in 1772 for or by Peter Jones, the father of the Patriot. As his eldest son was named Peter, he was termed Peter Jones, Sr. His will was drawn 29 May 1772 and probated 1 Feb 1773 (as spelled and capitalized in the original.)

...I give and Bequeath unto my well beloved wife Ruth Jones the front Room in my new Dwelling House for her one Use to Live in as Long as she Remains my widow...and my said Wife shall have Liberty of Part of the Cellar under my dwelling House as much as she shall want. I Bequeath and Devise unto my Eldest Son Peter Jones my Tenement Plantation and Tract of Land whereon I now Live Computed to be about one Hundred and Fifty Acres with all the Buildings and Every of the Appurtenances whatsoever thereunto Belonging (Excepting the Liberty and Privileges Herein before Given and Bequeathed to my wife). I Give Bequeath and Devise unto my Youngest Son Ezeiel [sic] my Back Plantation whereon Lenhart Heilman Now Liveth to be to contain Eighty Acres of Land and Twenty Acres of Clear Land out of the Back field of my Plantation whereon I now Live from the time he Erives to the Age of Twenty one Years and from thence forwards forever.

In the will drawn 29 May 1772 the house is referred to as “my new dwelling house,” so it was completed by then.



In the 1781 Berks County Tax Return and Assessment, Peter Jones paid 6 pounds Pennsylvania currency for 230 acres, 1 Negro, 4 horses, 4 cattle.

Peter Jones died intestate (wasn't expecting it I guess). At the time of his death his plantation (farm) consisted of 250 acres plus some other lands in adjacent counties.

His wife, Catherine was a son of another Patriot, John Kerlin, a tax assessor and Berks County commissioner during the war. John was also a cutler and produced weapons for the war.

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