

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Johnson BLANK (NC10 assigned by me)

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State of Alabama, Pickins [Pickens] County} SS

On this 27th day of April in the year of our Lord 1836 -- personally appeared before Samuel Bolton (Judge of the County Court) but at the applicant's own house John Johnson aged about seventy-four years, a resident of the County of Pickens and State of Alabama, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath take the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was drafted for the term of twelve months, He was drafted in February 1782, as well as he now recollects, by the State of North Carolina ^{as State Troops} where he was raised. He does not now recollect who was the drafting officer. In March following he went into service. He joined the troops in Salisbury Rowan County. The troops were commanded by Major Joel Lewis. He does not recollect the Adjutant; his Captain was named Charles Gordon: does not recollect the lieutenants. His first Sergeant was James Haskin. When the troops first met at Salisbury, there was but one Company. Lewis marched this Company to Widow Rees' where it was joined with some other Companies. He does not know how many; but he recollects some of the captains names. They were Captain Trouton [Swan Trouton], Captain Christmas. He does not recollect any other officers of these troops. The troops stayed at Salisbury until about June before they marched to the widow Rees'. He was furloughed while there 4 or 5 days, was taken sick with the mumps, and did not join his company until they arrived at the widow Rees'. He was about 6 days going from Salisbury to the widow Rees': who live somewhere in the Sand Hills, in Chatham or Moore County. They marched from widow Rees' through widow Dawes' Thence they marched to Hillsboro. They remained there one day, and were furloughed for 5 days. They returned back to Salisbury and were discharged by order from the Governor of North Carolina. He does not recollect the Country through which he marched. It was mostly in the Sand Hills. He recollects of being at Chatham Courthouse & at Hillsboro. He was discharged in March, twelve months from the time he went into active service. He was in no battles. Had some inconsiderable skirmishes with the Tories, which mostly consisted in taking them prisoners. Previous to his enlistment he served about 3 months in the militia. Though of this service he has no proof that he knows of, except his own declaration. In this service he volunteered for 3 months at Wilkes Court-house. His Colonel here was Benjamin Cleveland. His Captain was Abram De Moss, Garrett Smithey was his Lieutenant; His head commander was Campbell. In this three months tour, he marched from Wilkes to Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780], on the top of which they fought a battle with the British & Tories, who were commanded by Forgusson [Patrick Ferguson]. Ferguson was killed. He was not in the battle himself: but was 20 miles from the place guarding the sick, of which there were about 20. The sick were left on the other side of

Broad River. Before the battle came on an order was sent to this guard, of which he was one, to join the other troops, leaving a few to guard the sick. The sick guard immediately marched off towards the mountain, but met the flag of victory on the part of the patriots, not far from the Cherokee Ford on Broad River. The guard then went on and met the American Army about 10 miles from the Mountain. They were then marched back to Wilkes Court house; thence they were marched to Moravian Town, in Surry [County] he believes, and there they were relieved and discharged by other troops having been in actual service 3 months lacking nineteen days He applied once before for a pension, but stated in his declaration that the 12 months service^c was in the militia; this he did, not knowing the difference between the State troops & Militia. He sends also herewith annexed the testimony of Andrew Carnahan¹ with whom he was acquainted in the revolutionary war. He first became acquainted with him at Salisbury, about the month of March 1782. He was in the same company with declarant, until sometime in July, when the Captain was arrested, and Carnahan went off as guard with him to be Governor, and declarant saw no more of him until about 25 years since, when he became acquainted with him again, in Rutherford County Tennessee; where said Carnahan now lives, and is drawing a pension from the government, for his revolutionary services. Declarant moved into Rutherford County about 25 years since, where he lived about 15 years; since which time (about 10 years) he has been living in this County.

He has no papers, commissions, or discharges, by which he can prove his services. He obtained discharges both times, but has lost them. He knows of no other witness, besides Carnahan, by whom he can prove his services -- except it may be one John McCrory,² who lives somewhere in Tennessee, he knows not where, and who was in the same company with him.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State or Territory.

Sworn to, and subscribed the day & year aforesaid –

S/ John Johnson, X his mark

[Attested by Sam B. Moore, Judge]

[William Harris, a clergyman, and Josiah Carver gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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To the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, & 7th Interrogatories propounded by the foregoing Judge of the County Court to the applicant he answers in substance that he was born in Halifax County North Carolina A.D. 1762 on the 2nd day of January: That he has a record of his age in his house, taken from some old entries in an old family Prayer book. That he was living in Rowan County North Carolina when called into Service. That since the Revolutionary war he has lived in Rutherford County Tennessee, Lauderdale County Alabama & now in this (Pickens) County where he has lived for the last 4 or 5 years: That he was drafted in the State Troops as already mentioned for the term of 12 months: and one tour volunteered for 3 months; does not recollect the name of any of the regular officers, or of any of the Continental or militia regiments. That he received a written discharge from Captain Gordon for the 12 months Tour, and for the 3 months Tour he got a written discharge from Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, both of which have been long since lost: That he never received any commission: He states that the Reverend William Harris and Josiah Carver are well acquainted with him and can testify to his character for truth & veracity & also to the reputation of his having been a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed before me 27 April 1836.

S/ John Johnson, X his mark

¹ [Andrew Carnahan W8577](#)

² [John McCrory W25689](#)

S/ Sam B. Moore, Judge

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that John Johnston a private in Captain Mills' Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on 1 January 1782 for the term of 12 months, that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 28th May 1836.

S/ Wm Hill

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State of Tennessee -- Rutherford County

This day personally came before me John W. Conly an acting justice of the peace for the County & State aforesaid Andrew Carnahan at his own house, aged 76 years who is infirm, but of sound mind, and who being sworn upon the holy evangelist of Almighty God the truth to speak, and nothing but the truth touching the revolutionary services of John Johnson and being by me thereupon question answers as follows;

Question 1st: Are you acquainted with John Johnson, if so, state when you became acquainted with him, and what you know, if anything, of his military services during the revolutionary War.

Answer I am acquainted with John Johnson I became acquainted with him in the year 1782 at Salisbury in the State of North Carolina in the County of Rowan he joined the State Troops at Salisbury sometime in the spring of 1782 and remained there until sometime in the summer of the same year.

State the officers he served under Joel Lewis was Major that John Johnson served under Charles Gordon was the Captain over the Company that I and John Johnson served in, and further this deponent saith not this 21st of November 1835.

S/ John W. Conly, JP

S/ Andrew Carnahan

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Andrew Carnahan". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'n'.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]