

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abel Johnson R5600

Ann Johnson

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State of North Carolina, Johnston County

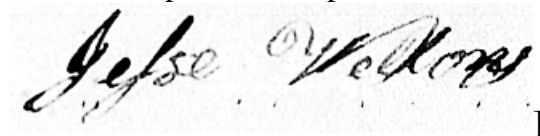
This day personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County Henry Johnson a resident of said County and made oath in due form of law that he was born on the 6th day of June 1779 agreeable to the family record of his Father Abel Johnson and that the Testament sent to the pension office of J H Kirkham does contain his age so by that age he has mustered work on the road and paid taxes -- but that the Testament does not contain his Father's family record but that his age was taken from his Father's record and wrote by his Brother in law in said testament by his request many years ago -- and that his said Father's old family record has been lost and not seen or heard of and 10 or 12 years and he further saith on his oath that he has no way of proving the marriage of his said Father and Mother that this and the other proof he has already sent to the pension office sworn to and subscribed before this 30th of October 1845.

Attest: N. Bryan, JP

S/ Henry Johnson, X his mark

[p 5: On October 15, 1852, William J Clarke, Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of North Carolina signed a certificate indicating that the records in his office reflect that payments were made to Abel Johnson for military services during the revolutionary war in the amount of 13 pounds 20 shillings 5 pence and 32 pounds 20 shillings 5 pence. He indicates that the services were rendered in the year 1782 and 1783 but gives no specifics.]

[p 27: On May 27, 1845 in Johnston County North Carolina, Jesse Wellons, 53, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Ann Johnson, the widow of Abel Johnson, a revolutionary war veteran; the affiant states that he married the daughter (not named) of Abel Johnson; that he, the affiant, was present on April 9, 1838 when the widow died and the affiant made her coffin.



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State of North Carolina, Johnston County

On this the 28 day of May 1845 personally appeared in open Court Henry Johnson a

resident of the County and State aforesaid and maketh the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed July 4 1836 And being first duly Sworn according to law doth declare on his said oath that he will be Sixty-Six years old the 6th day of this coming June (next month) that he is the son of Ann Johnson who was the widow of Abel Johnson who was a Soldier in the Revolution War in the Militia Service in the State of North Carolina for 2 years as he has often heard him say a great many times and he further saith that his said father has often told him and others of the soldiers in service with him to wit Barney Johnson Jacob Mathews Hardy Matthews or Mathis and he further states that he has heard him speak of his Captain by the name of Eben Folsom [Israel Folsom] of being under his Command and that his father Abel Johnson has been dead about twenty-four years and was at the time of his death about 64 years old and Further states that his said Father and Mother was married in Cumberland County in said State as he has always understood in the year 1777 And Distinctly Recollects of hearing his father speak of being in the Revolutionary Service at the close of the war and under the said Captain Isrel Folsom or Eben Folsom And he further Declares that his said Mother Ann Johnson Remained a widow from the day of her said Husbands death up to the time of her death which occurred on the 9 day of April 1838 and that she was at the time of her death -- 79 years old and that she married after the death of her said Husband Abel Johnson but died the widow of the said Abel Johnson in said County And he further declares on his said oath that his said mother Ann Johnson never made application for a pension During her life and that his mother's maiden name before she was married to her said Husband was a Miss Ann Johnson and declares that the following named children are all that survived his said mother Ann Johnson the widow of the said Abel Johnson Deceased their names to wit myself Henry Johnson Amos Johnson and Nancy Johnson who married Jessy Wellons and further he saith on his said oath that his said Father had by his mother one child older than himself by 13 months as he has always understood by his father and mother which died and he further saith that he was never apprised of the fact that he was entitled to a pension or pay extending to him for his father's services in the Revolution War until very Recently also nor never knew until recently that his said mother would have been entitled to pay for her said Husband's services in the Revolution War and he further states his place of Residence was in Johnson County [sic, Johnston County] said State where he lived, and died in further states that the family Record has been lost or mislaid for many years past. And that he is now in right of himself and Brothers and sister Relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present  
Sworn and subscribed in open Court the day and year above written before me in said Court.  
Test: S/ Thos. Bagley, Clk

S/ Henry Johnson, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Johnson County [sic, Johnston County] May 30 1845

This day personally appeared before me R. H. Stevens [?], one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Mr Rubin Barber a Soldier of the Revolutionary War and a resident of the County and State of North Carolina and first being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he is in his 83[rd] year of his age and a soldier of the Revolutionary War under the following captains William Hunter Captain Hardy Bryant [Hardy Bryan] and Robert Hy [Robert High] and was very intimately acquainted with Abel Johnson in the Revolutionary war and was a soldier in the said War with him in Cumberland County And further states that he saw him this side of Cape Fear [River] and also on the other side of Cape

Fear River in service in the said war of the American Revolutionary War and left him in Service And further states that he was very intimately acquainted with his wife before he married her who was a Miss Ann Johnson and was also acquainted with the said Abel Johnson before he married the said Miss Ann Johnson but did not see them married, and from his earliest Recollection they lived as man and wife and never in his life heard it disputed but what they were legally married, and was intimately acquainted with their first child -- and those 3 now living which are the only surviving children of their Father & mother Abel Johnson and his widow Ann Johnson who are both dead leaving only surviving them Henry Johnson Amos Johnson Nancy Johnson who married one Jessy Wellons -- the deponent further affirms in Cumberland County in said State was where he saw the said Abel Johnson in service in the Revolutionary war and the 3 children above named are all that survived and Johnson aforesaid.

Further the deponent saith not. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

S/ R. W. Stevens, JP

S/ Reuben Barber<sup>1</sup>

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reuben Barber". Above the signature, there is a faint, illegible handwritten note that appears to say "not written".

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State of North Carolina, Johnston County this 6th day of September 1845 personally appeared before me R W Stevens one of the acting Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Session for said County Mr. Rubin Barber a Soldier of the Revolutionary War who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and say on his said oath that he is in his 83 [rd] year of his age & he was very intimately acquainted with Abel Johnson and his wife before their marriage -- and after their marriage and before the Revolutionary War & [indecipherable word] he was and saw him and was with him the said Johnson in the War. Question: Was this said Johnson and Ann Johnson of father and mother of those children making application for a pension, they are their Identical children what are their names Henry Johnson Amos Johnson and Nancy Wellons. Was the said Henry Johnson Born before you and his father Abel Johnson was in service in the War together. He was what time was it that you were in service with his father in the year 1781 & 1782 why do you know so well the time. Ans [answer] I am very positive it was after Lord Corn Wallice [sic Cornwallis] passed through Fayetteville in NC on his way to North. Then you are positive that the said Abel Johnson and his wife who was Miss Ann Johnson were married and had children before you and him were in service together, ans [answer] I am very positive as to that fact. I was living in the immediate neighborhood when they were married, and I saw their children before we went into Service. Where was it you were in service with the said Abel Johnson, in Cumberland County NC on this side of Cape Fear River & on the other side of the River, we separated or parted and I saw the said Abel Johnson no more until after the war, and further this deponent saith not. -- Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year first above written.

S/ R. W. Stevens, JP

S/ Reuben Barber

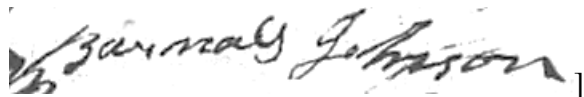
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<sup>1</sup> Will Graves could not find a pensioner by this name (or any similar name) who claimed to have service in NC during the Revolution.

[p 10: On August 31, 1846 in Wake County North Carolina, David D Dupree, 38, gave testimony that he has recently settled his family in the City of Raleigh; that he has been informed that the Pension department in Washington City requires information regarding the services of the affiant's grandfather, Abel Johnson, deceased; that affiant's mother Sally Johnson was the daughter of said Abel Johnson; that the affiant's mother's age was recorded in a book by her husband Peter Dupree at least 35 years ago and that said record indicated that Sally Dupree was born August 11, 1782 or 83; that his mother had 3 Brothers older than herself, Jonathan, Henry & Samuel and for younger siblings, Amos, Nancy, Elizabeth and Edith; that affiant's grandfather died in 1821 and his grandmother died in 1838.

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[p 12: On September 30, 1846 in Wake County North Carolina, Barney Johnson, 50, gave testimony as to what he recalls having heard Abel Johnson state about his services during the revolutionary war; that the veteran told him he served 3 tours of 6 months each under Captain Folsom in the Cavalry or horse company; that he, affiant, has also heard Captain Folsom speak of the services of Abel Johnson during the revolutionary war. The relationship, if any, of the affiant to the veteran is not stated.

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State of North Carolina, Johnston County October 1<sup>st</sup> 1849

This day personally appeared before me the Undersigned an acting Justice of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for said County & State aforesaid old Mr. Wiley Johnson aged 85 years of age, who being first duly sworn according to law depose as follows That he is informed that the pension department require proof of Service and marriage of Abel Johnson & his wife and Johnson this is to inform Said department that he the deponent Wiley Johnson is the Brother of said Abel Johnson and recollects distinctly that his said Brother was a married man and had 2 children at the time of the Battle of Guilford Court house in the State of North Carolina during the Revolutionary War and that his said Brother was at said battle at Guilford Court house & was at the close of the war & served 2 years. This deponent states that he is the younger brother of his father & mother & Amos Johnson who had 3 sons older than himself and that his said Brother Abel Johnson was about 7 years older than himself who died about 29 years ago and that his wife died about the date 1838 and that Henry Johnson made application for a pension a few years ago is the son of Abel Johnson & Anne his wife and that also Nancy Wellons & Amos Johnson are also their lawful children all 3 of whom survived their mother Deponent further states that he knew his said brother's Abel Johnson's wife before he married her who was a Miss Ann Johnson & did serve after their marriage his 2 years. Sworn to & subscribed before me.

S/ H. H. Finch, JP

S/ Wiley Johnson, X his mark

[p 15: Power of attorney dated July 26, 1856 executed in Johnston County North Carolina William H Coats who states he is the administrator of the estate of Ann Johnson, deceased, the widow of Abel Johnson, a revolutionary war veteran who served in the companies of Captain

Lytle and Captain Folsom.

 M. H. Beatty

[p 34: A certificate dated March 4, 1857 issued by the then Comptroller of Public accounts for the state of North Carolina indicating a number of disbursements made to Abel Johnson or A. Johnson for military service during the revolutionary war.]