

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Johnson (Johnston) R5622      Nancy Johnson      f28NC  
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Cumberland County, State of North Carolina: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions December Term 1834

On this first day of December 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County and State aforesaid now sitting Jacob Johnson a resident of said County -- aged seventy-five 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 7th 1832

That he was drafted into the service of the United States -- and served in a company commanded by Captain John Fletcher of Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) Cumberland County -- but being very illiterate and of frail memory -- does not recollect the year, was detached with others of his Company to procure provisions -- in collecting cattle -- butchering and salting them, in conveying the provisions thus procured to the depot at Cross Creek for the service of the Army -- he thinks this service was performed about eighteen months or two years before the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] -- and believes himself to have been then 17 years of age -- he received a written discharge from his Captain which has been lost, he was acquainted with no higher Officer he served this tour until the expiration of his draft three months.

Six months subsequently to this as well as he recollects -- he was again drafted and placed under the Command of Captain Archibald Smith of Cumberland -- he was detailed with others of his Company in guarding and herding the Cattle purchased and collected for the service of the United States, which duty he performed -- being absent from home three months -- when he was regularly discharged -- this certificate is lost -- A short time before or after the battle of Guilford -- he was called out by the authorities of Cumberland County with the other friendly population -- to suppress an insurrection of the Tories consequent upon the retreat of this US Army -- the Whig militia assembled near Cross Creek to the number of five hundred -- the only officer of note he recollects was Colonel Hardy Sanders of Wake the troop remained embodied until the defeat of the Tory chief Hector McNeil [Hector McNeill] at Lindley's Mills [September 13, 1781] in Moore County ~~by one Colonel Butler~~ the Whigs commander not now recollected. The Tories after this defeat being unable again to make head the troops were permitted to return home -- no discharge being given -- he was at this time out about twenty days.

This Declarant further states that he was born in Johnson County [sic, Johnston County], State of North Carolina day and date unknown to him having no record of his age and being unable to read it if he had one, that his parents removed into Cumberland when he was an infant

that he has since and now resides in that County -- that he was drafted twice as above stated -- was never in service with Continental troops -- any further than procuring provisions for their use -- that he does not recollect the Colonel of the Regiment to which his Company belonged - never being embodied -- when he was with it, that he received two written discharges which are lost, has no documentary evidence of his services -- but his brother Alexander Johnson<sup>1</sup> -- who served in Gates Army will testify to his services -- that there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood -- --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn and subscribed to the day and date above written.

S/ Jacob Johnson, JT his mark

The following answers were given to the interrogatories propounded by the Court

1<sup>st</sup> I was born in Johnston County State of N. C. day and date unknown

2<sup>nd</sup> I have no record of my age nor am I aware that one ever existed.

3<sup>rd</sup> I was removed to Cumberland County when an infant and have resided in the latter County ever since.

4<sup>th</sup> I was drafted twice -- volunteered about one month.

5<sup>th</sup> I recollect no regular Officers -- nor the names of regiments my services not having brought me into contact with the Continental troops.

6<sup>th</sup> I received two written discharges -- at the expiration of the terms of service -- from my commanders -- which have been lost.

7<sup>th</sup> That Alexander Johnson will testify to the fact of my services and \_\_ to my character for veracity and the reputation of my revolutionary services in the neighborhood.

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Alexander Johnson maketh oath that the statements in the above declaration are true to the best of his knowledge and belief -- he having personal knowledge of most of them.

Sworn and subscribed.

S/ Alexander Johnson, M his mark

[John McLean, Sheriff, and T. Spence, JP, gave evidence as to the veracity and reputation of the veteran and his brother Alexander Johnson. The affidavit was not in the form of a standard supporting affidavit.]

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"Printed List of 1852, Rejected & Suspended Claims, shows cause of Suspension as follows:

"Collecting provisions, butchering cattle, & salting meat not regarded as military service.""

[Facts in file: This applicant's claim was not allowed because the nature of his services during the war was not covered by the pension acts. The applicant died March 6, 1847; he married April 18, 1830 Nancy \_\_, in Cumberland County North Carolina; in 1852 Nancy Johnson gave her age as 55 years.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Alexander Johnson W5034](#)