

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Johnson R5631

Jane Johnson

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State of Ohio, Ross County

On this fifteenth day of October 1838 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas, now sitting, in and for the said County, Jane Johnson a resident of Twin Township in said County of Ross, aged 81 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:" That she is the Widow of Alexander Johnson, who was a private Soldier in the Army of the Revolution, that he enlisted in the regular service, at Fauquier County in the State of Virginia, under Captain Shelton for three years, that having served out that term he returned home, when she was married to the said Alexander Johnson in Fauquier County, Virginia, on or about the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1779, after which, he again enlisted at Fauquier County, Virginia under Captain Triplett and served out the term for which he had enlisted, and received his discharge from his officer at Salisbury, South Carolina [sic, Salisbury, North Carolina], a few days after the battle at the Cow Pens [sic, Cowpens, January 17, 1781], that she cannot recollect the term of time he served in his last tour, and has no documentary evidence of any service performed by her late Husband in the Army of the revolution, but expects his name in services is of Record, in the War Office: That he never drew any Land or Pension in his life time, and she has not drawn any since his death, on account of his services. That the said Alexander Johnson died in Ross County, Ohio, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1819. That she has not been married since his death, that she has no evidence of her marriage with the said Alexander Johnson, except the Deposition of Hannah Johnson, hereto annexed, who was personally present at their wedding, and that her marriage took place previous to the year 1794 viz. At the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written, before,

S/ Humphrey Fullerton, Clerk R. C. P.

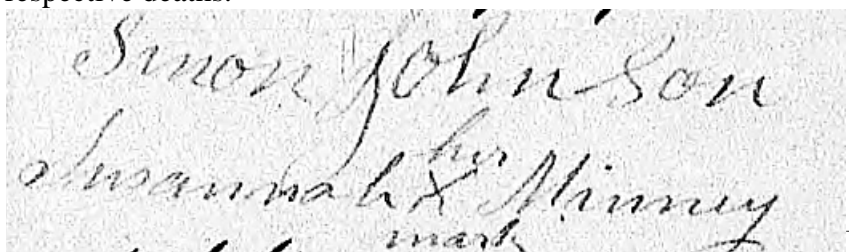
S/ Jane Johnson, X her mark

[p 12: Hannah Johnson (relationship, if any, not disclosed) gave a deposition in Ross County Ohio on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1838 in which she states that she was personally present at the marriage of Jane Miller (now Jane Johnson) to Alexander Johnson in Fauquier County Virginia in January of 1779; she states that Alexander Johnson did die at some time in the month of September 1819 in Ross County of Ohio. She signed her affidavit with her mark]

[There is a certificate dated March 18, 1856, from the Auditor of the state of Virginia in which the statement is made that the sum of £80.13.4 was paid to Alexander Johnson as a soldier in the infantry. The settlement was made on April 27 1784.]

[The file also contains applications dated July 1852 filed in Ross County, Ohio and made by Simon

Johnson, 54, Susannah Minney, 60, both of Twin Township, Ross County, claiming to be the surviving children of Jane and Alexander Johnson. Other children referred to in the file and presumed to be dead are John, Thornton and Delphena. They state that their mother died October 31, 1843 at the house of Simon Johnson. That their parents had seven children, the oldest named Sarah was born about the year 1787 and is dead; that the next child was named Catharine born about the year 1790 and is now dead; that Susannah was there 3<sup>rd</sup> child born about 1792 and is the oldest of their living children; that Susannah is the widow of Barney Minney; that their parents 4<sup>th</sup> child was John born about 1795 and supposed to be dead; that their 5<sup>th</sup> child was Simon born March 23, 1789; that their parents two youngest children were Thornton & Delphena, both dead. That their parents after the revolution moved to the state of North Carolina where they lived about 3 years and then moved to the state of Kentucky where they lived about 9 years then moved to Ross County Ohio where they lived at the time of their respective deaths.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Simon Johnson" on the top line and "Susannah Minney" on the bottom line. The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly textured. The signature is enclosed in a thin black border.

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This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 1784 in the name of Alexander Johnson as Soldier Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £80.13.4, delivered to Mr. Watson but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the ~~First~~ Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1856.

S/ G. W. Chilton  
Auditor P. Accts.

[No Seal of Office]

[p 20: Certificate dated April 18, 1856 given by the clerk of Fauquier County Virginia stating that he has made diligent search in the records in his office for evidence of the marriage of Alexander Johnson with Jane Miller on July 21, 1779 and has found no evidence of such marriage.]