

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Johnson<sup>1</sup> R5652 Rebecca Johnson

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State of Virginia County of Mason: SS

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 1858 Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace within and for the County & State aforesaid Rebecca Johnson a Resident of the County of Mason in the State of Virginia aged about eighty-eight (88) 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 Act of Congress passed July the 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 Entitled an act Granting half pay and Pensions to certain Widows and the several amendments thereof Passed since 7<sup>th</sup> of July 1838 and all acts of Congress passed since said Date having reference thereto. That she is the widow of Benjamin Johnson who was a Private Soldier of Infantry & from the Best recollection she has of the statements made by her said Husband Benjamin Johnson he had Enlisted twice or oftener in the service of the United States in the Continental line in the Revolutionary War with Great Britain and that he served one tour of duty in the Service of the State of Virginia in the same war & served as a Sergeant in a company of Infantry but of the officers or Regiment she does not recollect she is though certain from the statements of her said Husband that he was at least three different times in service of the United States Continental & State line and that he served some three years in all or longer in said War in which he was Honorably Discharged each time &c which will appear by reference to the muster Rolls and records either in the Auditor's office at Richmond Virginia or the War Department in Washington City. She further declares that she was married to the said Benjamin Johnson on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 1794 (in the year seventeen ninety-four) and that her Husband the aforesaid Benjamin Johnson died on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 1834 at Redhouse Shoals in the County of Kenawha [Kanawha] now Putnam County Virginia and that she was not married to him Prior to his leaving the Service but the marriage took place at the time aforesaid 15<sup>th</sup> December 1794. She further declares that she heard her said Husband state that he had to send to Richmond some 3 or 4 times for his pay for services rendered in the War aforesaid sometime soon after marriage he so informed her and he had received his Pay according to law. She states that she has no family record but the one here with giving account of his death.

She further swears that she is now a widow and that she never was married since the death of her said Husband Regiment Johnson and that she has never before applied for his Pension. She also states that her husband aforesaid frequently spoke of applying but living in a

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<sup>1</sup> B.L.Reg. 291229-1855

remote part of their County of Kanawha and having lost his Discharges & other papers Despaired of having sufficient Proofs & finally died without making any application whatever and she states that she supposed she would never get anything for want of Proofs & never made application until now and necessity has brought her to the trial of her claim she also states that she heard her Husband say he was in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] in North Carolina State.

S/ Rebecca Johnson, X her mark

[p 3: On May 26, 1858 in Mason County Virginia, the widow also applied for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Benjamin Johnson; in this document she states that he served in a Regiment under the command of Colonel Lynch; that she was married to her husband in the town of Lynchburg in Campbell County Virginia on or about December 15, 1894 by the Reverend Alderson Weeks; that her name before her marriage was Rebecca [indecipherable last name]<sup>2</sup>. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p 2: On June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1858 in Putnam County Virginia, Alfred Brown and Thomas Summers gave a joint affidavit in which they state among other things that Benjamin Johnson quote followed boating on James River" and they think that Johnson stated he was born in Lynchburg.]

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Family Record

Births

Susan Ginnings daughter of Lucy was born 11<sup>th</sup> of July 1841

Cornelius Pleasant was born January 1<sup>st</sup> 1829

Deaths

Benjamin Johnson Departed this life on the 29 day of January 1834

Isaac Oldakers deceased November 25<sup>th</sup> 1840

Marget Belvill Departed this life December 21<sup>st</sup> 1840

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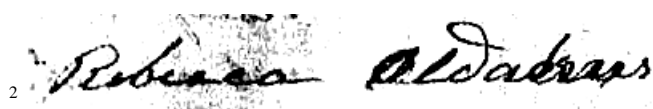
This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1783 in the name of Benjamin Johnson as soldier Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £14.12, delivered to James Hawkins 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 1858.

S/ E. L. Hewitt

Act'g Auditor of Public Accounts

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Rebecca Johnson', with a small number '2' written below the first few letters.

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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 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 1783 in the name of Benjamin Johnson as Sergeant Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £45.16.11, delivered to Jacob Cohan 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 1858.

S/ J. M. Bennett  
Auditor of Public Accounts

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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 Continental 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 1785 in the name of Benjamin Johnson as Soldier Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £70.14.2, delivered to Rice Tuncell [?] 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  
19<sup>th</sup> day of July 1858.

S/ E. L. Hewitt  
Act'g Auditor of Public Accounts

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