

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Johnson R5654

Rebecca Johnson

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State of North Carolina, Johnston County: SS

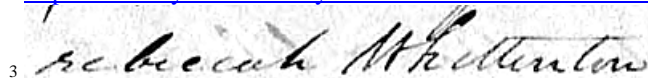
Be it known that on this 24th day of November 1845 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Mrs. Rebeccah Johnson a resident of said County aged 85 years and being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the acts of Congress passed on the 7th of July 1838 and the 3rd of March 1843.

That she is the widow of Moses Johnson who was a private soldier of the war of the Revolution in the militia of North Carolina and that a part of the time he served under one Captain Smith [Jonathan Smith] at length of time her said husband served under Captain Smith she cannot say on account of the loss of memory -- and the balance of the time he served under Captain McCullers [Matthew McCullers] as he often told her and that the whole time of his service was better than three years as she has heard him say divers times -- and that when her said Husband Moses Johnson entered the Army he was a resident of the County of Johnston and the said State -- and she heard him often speak of being in the battle of Camdin [sic, Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]¹ in South Carolina in the battle of brier creek [sic, Battle of Briar Creek, March 3, 1779]² also and several others which she cannot now recollect and she further saith that she was married to her said Husband Moses Johnson on the 25th of February 1791 in Johnston County in said State by one Hardy Bryan Esquire and she further saith that her said Husband Moses Johnson died in the year 1808 leaving her a widow and that she has remained a widow from that time up to the present time and is still the widow of her said Husband Moses Johnson -- and she further saith that her said Husband was at the time of his death about 56 years old -- and she further saith that her maiden name was Rebeccah Whittenton [?]³ -- and that the reason she has never made application for a pension was she did not know she was entitled until very recently and that she has now made application for a pension for the services of her deceased Husband Moses Johnson -- and that she is unable to go to Court and has called to her house a Justice of the peace before whom she has made her application -- and she further saith that she has no family Bible or other documentary evidence setting forth the age of her children all the time of her marriage and she does hereby now relinquish all claim to a pension except the present sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year first above written.

S/ Pa Sanders [Baldy Sanders], JP

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html

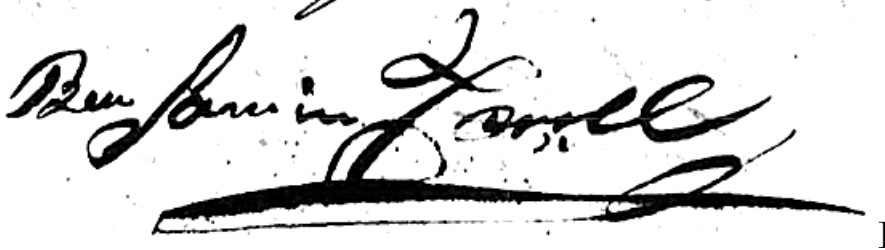
² <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

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S/ Rebecca Johnson, X her mark

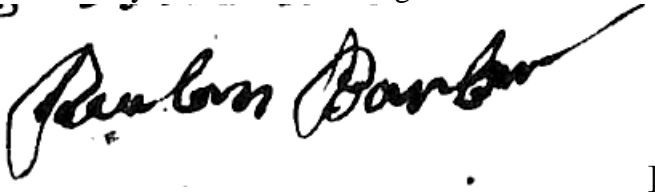
[p 41: On May 27, 1845, Phereby Flowers, 67, a resident of Johnston County gave an affidavit regarding being present at the marriage of Rebecca and Moses Johnson. She states that she knows that Moses and Rebecca were married 54 years ago because she has a brother who was a baby at the time of their marriage and he is now 55 years old. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 27: On August 25, 1845, Benjamin Carrell, 68, a resident of Johnston County gave an affidavit regarding his recollections of conversations with Moses Johnson about his services in the revolutionary war and the marriage of Moses and Rebecca. He states that he always understood quote from his Father who served with him in the militia of North Carolina at the following places during the Revolutionary war at the Camden battle in South Carolina at the Guilford Battle in North Carolina and at that time of service he was under the command of one Captain Smith and he further sayeth that during his Father's lifetime he often heard him the said Moses Johnson & his Father talking about there being in the war of the Revolution together and being in the same mess together and he further sayeth that his Father died about 27 years ago and that the said Moses Johnson died before that time some several years."



Handwritten signature of Benjamin Carrell in cursive script, underlined with a thick black line. A closing bracket "]" is located to the right of the signature.

[p 31: On August 25, 1845, Reuben Barber, 82, a resident of Johnston County gave an affidavit regarding his recollections of conversations with Moses Johnson about his services in the revolutionary war and the marriage of Moses and Rebecca.



Handwritten signature of Reuben Barber in cursive script. A closing bracket "]" is located to the right of the signature.

[p 23: On August 27, 1845, John Avera, 80, a resident of Johnston County gave an affidavit regarding his recollections of conversations with Moses Johnson about his services in the revolutionary war and the marriage of Moses and Rebecca. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 43: On August 26, 1845, Jacob Flowers, 68, a resident of Johnston County gave an affidavit regarding his recollections of conversations with Moses Johnson about his services in the revolutionary war and the marriage of Moses and Rebecca. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 10: On January 26, 1847, John Messer, 70, of Johnston County North Carolina gave a supporting affidavit as to what he recalls Moses Johnson telling him of being at the Battle of Briar Creek and serving a little over 2 years in the Revolution; and of the marriage of Rebecca Whitenton to Moses Johnson.

John Messer]

[p 15: On January 26, 1847, William Honeycutt, 60, of Johnston County gave a supporting affidavit in which he stated that he is the son of Drury Honeycutt, a soldier of the revolution; that he recalls his father and Moses Johnson discussing this service in the revolution. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 18: On January 26, 1847, Henry Johnson, 67, of Johnston County gave an affidavit that he remembers hearing Moses Johnson speak of his services in the revolutionary war. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 49: certificate of the North Carolina Comptroller of Public Accounts as to payments made to a Moses Johnston for military service during the Revolutionary War. The following is a copy of that certificate.

Raleigh N. C.
Comptroller of Public
Accounts in and for the State of North Carolina
do hereby certify that the name of Moses
Johnston appears of record in this office
as having had the following special certificates
issued in his favor for military service
(viz) One for Twelve Pounds (£12) see Book
12-14 page 55 also in same Book page 57 another
13-10 for Thirteen Pounds Six Shillings (£13.10)
which above certificates were paid into
the Comptrollers office by the Sheriff of
Johnston County. There appears also in
the same Book at page 116 another certi-
9- ficate for Nine Pounds (£9). It also appears
in Book No 10 page 31 that another certificate
20.6 was issued for Two Pounds Six Shillings (£20.6)
issued Jan 1783. Also another for One Pound
1.9- Eight Shillings (£1.8) see Book G. No 16 page 2.5
also another in Book H No 2 page 59 for thirteen
19.6.8 Pounds six Shillings and Eight pence (£19.6.8)
issued April 1777. also another for Two Pounds
2.5- five Shillings (£2.5) see Book No 23 page 131
and another in Book No 9 page 11 for
9.6 Nine Pounds six Shillings (£9.6) issued
September 1782 given under my
hand and seal this 21st day of
January A.D. 1846.
Wm. Honeycutt