

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John M. Johnson R5666 Tabitha Johnson f11NC
(a/ka/ Moses Johnson)

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The State of Alabama, County of Hancock

On this 30th day of December in the year of our Lord 1856, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Probate of Hancock County in the State of Alabama now sitting, Tabitha Johnson, a resident of said County of Hancock in said State of Alabama, aged about Eighty-eight 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 Acts of Congress passed 7th of June 1832, the 7th day of July 1838, the 30th day of March 1843, the 17th day of June 1844, & the 29th day of July 1848.

That she is the widow of John M. Johnson deceased, (otherwise sometimes called Moses Johnson), that said John M. Johnson was some time a private soldier in the War of the Revolution and served in the State Troops & Militia of the State of North Carolina for 2 years and upwards in tours in different directions -- that he served at one time in the Company commanded by Captain Wilson [James Wilson] (whose given name is not now certainly recollected, but believed to be William) -- that, he also served under Colonel Sevier [John Sevier] (whose given name is not remembered, but the same that Commanded at Ferguson's [Patrick Ferguson's] defeat at King's Mountain [Battle of Kings Mountain, October 7, 1780]¹) and also that he served under or with Colonel Ben Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], but affiant cannot more particularly specify the service that the said John M. Johnson entered the service as a volunteer in the County of Greene in the State of North Carolina sometime early in the War of the Revolution and continued in actual service until the end or about the end of the War; for a period of two years & more -- that she does not certainly know where her said husband resided when he entered the service, but supposes it was in said County of Greene in the State of North Carolina where he entered the service and was discharged; that her said husband had a discharge which was long since lost in the burning of his mother's house; and she has now no documentary evidence of the same or of his service and knows of no person whose testimony she can procure who can testify to his service -- that she has often heard him say that he had served under or with Colonel Sevier, Colonel Ben Cleveland, & Colonel Campbell [William Campbell], who fought at Ferguson's defeat at King's mountain.

That she was married to said John M. Johnson deceased (otherwise sometimes called Moses Johnson) in the month of January about the year A.D. 1786 by Justice of the Peace

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

in the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina; that the name of said Justice is not now remembered; that she knows of no record or documentary evidence of said marriage, nor of any one now living by whom she could prove that the same took place, otherwise than by reputation, that her name before her said marriage was Tabitha Massey, that her said husband (said John M. Johnson) died in Hancock County in the State of Alabama on or about the 8th day of February 1848; & that she is now a widow & has remained unmarried since the death of her said Husband. That this application is made for the purpose of obtaining arrears of Pension due said John M. Johnson and to affiant as his widow under the provisions of the several acts aforesaid.

S/ Tabitha Johnson, X her mark

Sworn & subscribed to in open Court
S/ Orrin Davis, J. Probate H.C.