

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of R5669 William Johnson

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To the Commissioner Pensions

State of Georgia Columbia County:

On this the 16th day of October 1855, personally came before me Stephen Drane a Judge of the Inferior Court for and in said County and State, William Johnson, a resident of the same, aged sixty-nine years, who being 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 May the 15th 1828, in right of his deceased father the late Lieutenant William Johnson of the Continental line. He declares and says they [text obliterated by an ink blot] William Johnson entered the Continental service in the State of Georgia, Parish of St. Paul, in the year 1776, and, that he continued in the service under Colonels Elbert [Samuel Elbert] and McIntosh¹ until the end of the War except when a prisoner. And he further declares, that, his father the said William Johnson, was under Elbert in the Florida expedition [probably a reference to the Second Florida Expedition],² in the South at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779]³ and other places, which is frail memory now forgets. And, he further declares, that, he was at many other fights, but, he left his father when young, and he hence, he never learned much of his Revolutionary trials and routes, nor, did he receive any of his papers as he died in his absence consequently he must appeal to the justice of the Department and the notorious [? notoriousness] of the services, to sustain it. But he declares and says, that, he is the only living child of the said William Johnson, who was the identical William, who was a Lieutenant in the Georgia Continental Line from 1776 to the close of the war and who died on the 8th of April 1839 in the 87th year of his age. And he further declares, that, the said William Johnson never drew a pension, that, he is aware of, but, that, he thinks he applied and was rejected on account of being able to live without it; or, something of the sort, afterwards, he never applied, that, he knows of and, this he has only received from a brother deceased now.

And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any Pension or annuity in the right of his father the said Lieutenant William Johnson, except the present, and, he further declares that, his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State, that, he knows of and, if any, and he ever drew, he does not wish it, but, if the claim is due, he wishes it as he is poor and in one.

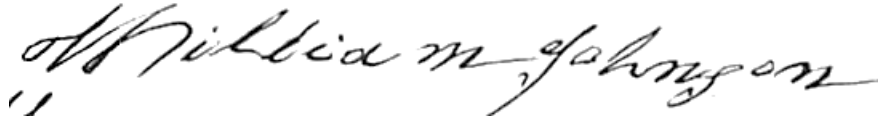
¹ Lachlan McIntosh, John McIntosh, and William McIntosh all served as colonels in the Georgia Continental line during the revolutionary war. To which of them this reference refers is unclear.

² http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/ogh/Second_Florida_Expedition

³ www.georgiasocietysar.org/revtrail/pdf/brochure_briercreek.pdf

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.
S/ Stephen Drane, JIC

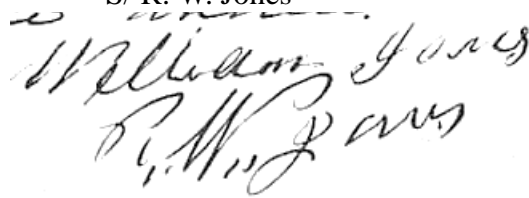
S/ William Johnson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Johnson".

State of Georgia Columbia County: We the undersigned hereby swear and declare, that, we know William Johnson the declarant that, he is poor, and crippled, that, he is a credible man & his statements entitled to respect, and, that, William Johnson in our opinion was a Lieutenant in the Continental service. Sworn to and subscribed before me, the day and year above written.

S/ William Jones

S/ R. W. Jones

Two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature reads "William Jones" and the bottom signature reads "R. W. Jones".