

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Johnston<sup>1</sup> S1225

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State of Kentucky Henry County: SS

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1833 personally appeared before Price Nuttall – a Justice of the peace in and for Henry County and one of the Justices of the Henry County Court James Johnson [sic] a resident of said County of Henry Kentucky aged 69 years who is unable to attend court to make his declaration and who being first 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – that is to say, in the month of March 1780 as well as he remembers being then a resident of Culpepper County [Culpeper County] Virginia he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier and drafted Militia man in the Army of Captain William Staunton upon a tour of three months and served out his tour accordingly – that he rendezvoused with his Company at the Courthouse in Culpeper County and was attached to the Regiment of Colonel Roberts – And he further states that he was marched down to the coast on the Chesapeake Bay from his said place of rendezvous for the purpose of assisting in repelling the incursions of the British – he states that after having served out his tour fully and faithfully he was discharged and returned home.

He further states and declares that in the month of September as well as he remembers 1780 he again entered the service of the United States upon a tour of three months in the company of Captain James Browning as a drafted militia man – that he rendezvoused at the Courthouse in Culpeper County Virginia and was attached to the Regiment of Colonel Pendleton. He states that he was marched from his said place of rendezvous through Orange County Virginia and on to Fredericksburg Virginia and there continued in service aiding in protecting the Country from the incursions of the British during the whole of his said tour and at the expiration thereof was discharged and returned home.

He further states and declares that in the month of March in the year 1781 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States in the Company of Captain Staunton upon a tour of three months as a drafted militia man – that he rendezvoused with his Company at the Courthouse in Culpeper County Virginia and was again attached to the Regiment of Colonel Pendleton. That he was marched with his said company and Regiment through the County of Fredericksburg and was marched near Richmond Virginia and joined General Lafayette at a

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place called Ground Squirrel Bridge in Henrico County Virginia that he continued with the Army of General Lafayette during the whole of the Campaign and underwent all the fatigues & privation's of attendant upon the wild goose Chase as it was familiarly called and at the termination of his tour he was discharged & returned home.

He further states and declares that in the latter part of July or first of August 1781 as well as he now remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier in the company of Captain William Green [?]<sup>2</sup>, that he rendezvoused at Porter's house in Orange County Virginia and was attached to the Regiment of Colonel Roberts – that he was marched from thence and joined the Army of General Washington and was attached to the Brigade of General Stephenson that he continued with the Army doing duty and service until the expiration of his tour – was present at the siege of York and taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] and at the termination of his tour he was discharged and returned home.

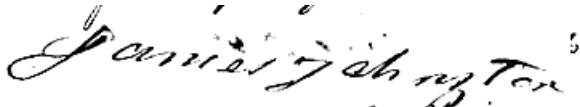
He states that from his bodily infirmity he is at present but ill able to undergo the fatigue of attending Court to make his declaration and that he is informed and believes that the Cholera is prevailing and has been for some time past in New Castle the place in which the Courts of Henry County are held and that he is afraid of attending court for the purpose of making his declaration and cannot do so from bodily infirmity.

He states he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Johnston



Interrogatories put to the above named applicant by Price Nuttall Justice of the peace in and for Henry County as aforesaid

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Culpepper County Virginia in 1764.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have none. It was burnt up in the destruction of my Brother's house.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in Culpeper County Virginia until about 1792 & then moved to Kentucky where I have ever since lived and now live in Henry County Kentucky.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was drafted upon all my tours.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I recollect Generals Lafayette, Wayne & Steuben, and Colonel Green and Major Welch & Major McClaugen of the regulars and Colonel Allcock of the Militia. My services were

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<sup>2</sup> *Wm. Green*

principally upon the coast against the British in repelling their incursions. I was with General Lafayette in his campaign against Cornwallis in Virginia.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received one discharge which was signed by my Captain in which I have lost.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I will name Jack Johnson [sic] and Benjamin H Perry.

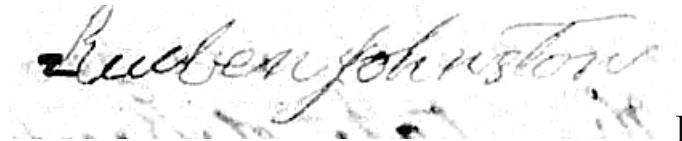
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[Benjamin H. Perry and Jack Johnston gave the standard supporting affidavit



[p 11: On July 15, 1855 in Henry County Kentucky, James Johnston, 96, made application for his bounty land entitlement as a pensioner of the United States describing himself as having served under captains Duncan & Greene in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Green having been drafted as a militia man from Culpeper County Virginia. He signed this document with his mark. Elisha Bishop and Reuben Johnston gave a supporting affidavit. The relationship, if any of Reuben Johnston to the veteran is not stated



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]