

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Johnson (Johnston) S13579

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

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State of Kentucky, Morgan County

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of Morgan County now sitting Jacob Johnston a resident in the County of Morgan and State of Kentucky aged Seventy-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an 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.

He states that he served under General Francis Marion Colonel \_\_Baxter [Jacob Baxter], that Capt. Goodman Pathrigh [?]<sup>1</sup> he served under immediately -- he states that he enlisted for five years at the Eutaw Springs, that he had been about one year in the service before he enlisted under a Draft, that he was in the battle at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]<sup>2</sup> and the battle at Quinbee [Quinby Bridge, July 17, 1781]<sup>3</sup> about seven or eight miles from Charleston, That he remained in the regular service two years and six months, that he lived in Morgan County [sic, Marion County?]<sup>4</sup> in the State of South Carolina, was born on the eighth of October 1758 and was born in Raven [sic, Beaver?] County Pennsylvania, That he knows of no one who can now testify to his service in this Country, that he received a discharge from General Marion which he has lost in has no documentary evidence of his Service, that for a number of years

After the close of the war he resided in Morgan County South Carolina, that about 20 years since he removed to the State of Kentucky and is now a citizen of Morgan County in said State –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State --  
Questioned by the court:

Where and in what year were you born

Ans: I was born in the State of Pennsylvania in Raven [?] County 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1758

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<sup>1</sup> The War Department interpreted this as two men "Captains Goodman and Pathrigh [?]". I don't see an "s" at the end of the word "Capt." nor do I see an "and" or "&" between Goodman and Pathrigh.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_quinbys\\_bridge.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_quinbys_bridge.html)

<sup>4</sup> There is no such county in SC. I assume the scribe simply made a mistake and used the name of the county in which the veteran was then living in KY, or, alternately (and more likely), misinterpreted "Morgan" for "Marion."

Q. -- have you any record of your age

Ans: No

Q. where were you living when you entered the service and where have you lived since the Revolutionary War

Ans: I lived in Morgan County on the Adkin River [Yadkin River]<sup>5</sup> in South Carolina and have lived in South Carolina & Kentucky ever since

Q. how were you called into that he Service were you drafted or did you volunteer or were you a Substitute –

Ans: I was drafted when I first entered the service and afterwards enlisted –

Q. State the name of some of the Regular officers, who were with the Troops where you served –

Ans: General Marion, Colonel Baxter, Captain Goodman Pathrigh, and Lieutenant Mayams [?]. I do not recollect the names of all the officers -- I served in and about the Eutaw Springs, in the neighborhood of the Biggin Church and in the neighborhood of Charleston

Q. did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it –

Ans: I received a discharge from General Marion and have lost it –

Q. State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior, your services as a soldier of the Revolution –

Ans: I am known by William Lewis, Esq. -- Thomas Lewis Senior and a number of others -- that he Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jacob Johnson, X his mark

[William Coffee, a clergyman, and Isaac Nickell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Frankfort 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1835

Dear Sir [letter addressed to J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions]

Mr. Allison arrived here today in good health. By him I was informed that Mr. Loughborough would most probably not be here during the approaching term of the court. I hoped that he would before this time have been sent out as an agent to investigate the pension claims in this state, knowing as we all do, that a large portion of them are based on fraud. One of my deputies had handed me a list of some pensioners who were pointed out to him as coming within that description, which I showed to Mr. L. whilst he was here last year. He then felt confident that an agent would be appointed and requested me to hold them until then. The message of the President to Congress last December recommended such a measure; and I felt greatly surprised when I was informed that no investigation was to take place here, although it had been done in other states, and where it is not more loudly called for. The following names were handed to me as imposters, and the witnesses to prove it.

In Morgan County K [Kentucky].

David Allenton – witness Reuben Coafer

Wm McGinnis – witness Thomas Cassidey, a connexion

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<sup>5</sup> The only way this makes sense is that the river known as the Yadkin River in the State of North Carolina becomes the Pee Dee River and flows into South Carolina emptying into Winyah Bay at Georgetown. The Pee Dee forms one of the boundaries of Marion County.

John Smother Sen.<sup>6</sup> an old Tory of South Carolina. Witnesses M. McClure near Sharpsburg and Ben Smellen on Flat Creek

Jacob Johnson – about 60 years of age.

Mr. Saml. R. Turner of Owingsville will give much information on these and other cases. There are many others in same County. The Hazelriggs were the principal agents in the cases.

Now Sir you can make what use you think proper of this memo and as it is the business of the government to determine upon the course to be pursued, I have destroyed my list after having transferred it to this sheet.

With personal regard I remain

Yours respectfully

S/ Jno. M. McCalla [John M. McCalla]

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War Department

Pension Office, May 14, 1835

Sir,

your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant has been received. Mr. Loughborough has been appointed Chief Clerk of the Post Office Department and cannot therefore leave the Seat of government, it is presumed to act as an Agent in the examination of pension claims. You say that it is known that a large proportion of them in Kentucky or fraudulent. From the number who have claimed there can be no doubt that such is the fact; but what particular cases are so, we are unable to determine; and we have no means of ascertaining the facts unless to make examination of every case through someone appointed and paid for the express purpose.

If you can suggest any mode by which we can arrive at a full knowledge of the cases, any hints from you will be received most cheerfully.

I have stopped the payment of the pensions of John Smethers and Jacob Johnson.

The other names to which you allude, viz., David Allenton and William McGinnis are not on any of our Books.

I have written to Samuel R Turner, Esquire of Owningsville so soon as I hear from him, I will write to you again.

[Not signed, but undoubtedly in the handwriting of Pension Commissioner

J L Edwards]

J. McCalla, Esq., Frankfort, Ken.

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War Department, Pension Office, May 14, 1835

Sir,

I have been referred to you for information touching the cases of David Allenton, William McGinnis, John Smother, Senr. and Jacob Johnson, who are said to be fraudulently claiming pensions under the Revolutionary Pension walls. If you could furnish me with any information on which would enable this Department to bring the offenders to trial, it would confer a favor on the Department and subserve the cause of justice. Be pleased to let me know the facts so far as they may have come to your knowledge, and who the witnesses are by whom the allegations against them can be proved.

[Not signed, but undoubtedly in the handwriting of Pension Commissioner J L Edwards]

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<sup>6</sup> [John Smothers \(Smethers, Smithers\) W26475](#)

Samuel R. Turner, Esq. Owingsville Ken.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>7</sup> relating to Jacob Johnston pp 7  
Audited Account No. 4067  
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No. 58  
No. 128 Lib. [Book] V} July 27, 1785  
Jacob Johnston 19 days duty as Private on foot in the Militia at 10/ [10 shillings old South Carolina] Currency per day<sup>8</sup> in 1782  
Amounting to £1.4.3 ½ Stg. [Sterling]  
Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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To  
To Jacob Johnston December 16, 1782  
To Nineteen Days of Duty Under the Command of Genl. Marion [Francis Marion],  
Personally appeared Jacob Johnston who being Duly [Sworn] Saith that the within account is  
Just & true and has never received any satisfaction for the same. Sworn before me this 7 of  
August [undecipherable]  
S/ Philip Bethea, JP S/ Jacob Johnston, X his mark

[p 5: Printed form of Indent No. 128 Book V]

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William Hort Esquire Treasurer} George Town District  
Black River 26 July 17??

Sir

Please to deliver to Thomas Skrine Esquire my Indents, which was for Continental and militia Duty and his receipt shall be your Discharge for the same. Given under my Hand &c  
Witness

S/ P. Dollard, JP S/ Jacob Johnston, J his mark

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<sup>7</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

<sup>8</sup> this was the pay rate for a militia man serving on foot