

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Johnson [Johnston] S16427

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State of Indiana Sullivan County: SS

On this 26th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit Court now Sitting in and for the County of Sullivan State of Indiana Abraham Johnson a resident of Haddon Township State and County aforesaid, aged seventy-seven Years last October 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 June 7th 1832. That he entered into the service of the United States in the State of Virginia, Hampshire County, under the following named officers and served as herein stated. The applicant was a militia Captain in Hampshire County State of Virginia at the commencement of the Revolutionary War and was ordered as such into service in the month of August 1778 under the command of Colonel Stephen Riddle and Major Vanmeter [possibly Garret Vanmeter] both militia officers of the County of Hampshire Virginia – and all under the command of General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh]. The Term of Service was for three months but owing to different arrangements the applicant continued in service eight months having been dismissed in April 1779 – During said service the applicant was marched from his place of residence to Red Stone Fort on the Monongahela River from thence to the mouth of Big Beaver – at the Ohio River, at which place the applicant assisted in building a Fort which was called after the commander Fort McIntosh. From thence the applicant was remanded back to the County of Hampshire the place of his nativity for the purpose of conducting of another company to Fort McIntosh. But owing to the arrangements made with the Indians by General McIntosh, the Applicant did not reach the Fort having received orders not to proceed and consequently returned home.

In the month of July 1781 the applicant was again ordered into service for the Term of three months, which 3 months he served under the command of Colonel Elias Pasten and Major John Higgins militia officers; he proceeded in said service in capacity of Captain (Major Higgins did not go owing to sickness) under said Colonel Pasten as far as Fauquier County Virginia, in which County he applicant was appointed to act in capacity of Major he being the oldest Captain in the Regiment. The Colonel was here obliged to return home being unable to attend duty from sickness and ordered the applicant to conduct the Troops to Fredericksburg which he accordingly [did] and was there put under the command of Colonel William Dark [William Darke] of the regular Service, the applicant was then appointed by Colonel Dark to assist in conducting the horses of four companies back to Hampshire County the place of his residence. The whole Term of his service in the two Campaigns was as near as he can recollect Eleven months. The

applicant in this declaration does not ask compensation for his services as Major – he never received any Commission for that office but was merely appointed to meet the exigencies of the moment. The applicant has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person that can testify to any part of his service except Thomas Hollenbach whose affidavit accompanies this Declaration. The affirmant hereby releases every claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State to his knowledge.

S/ Abraham Johnson, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

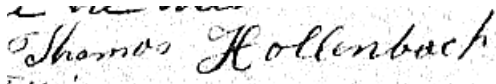
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[John W. Davis, physician, and James Brooke, an associate Judge gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Indiana Sullivan County SS

Personally appeared before the Circuit Court of said County now in Session Thomas Hollenbach who being duly sworn according to Law deposeth and saith that he is known to the within named Abm Johnson serving in General McIntosh's Campaign of Hampshire County Virginia in the year 1778 he verily believes and that he said A. Johnson was a militia Captain of respectable standing at home – But he Deponent does not recollect in what capacity said Johnson served nor the length of time he was in service.

S/ Thomas Hollenbach



1. Question – Where and in what year were you born

Answer – In the County of Hampshire State of Virginia: In the month of October 1754

2nd Question – Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Answer – I have none: I believe it was lost by my father at Braddock's defeat –

3rd Question – Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since and where do you now live –

Answer – When first called into service I resided in the County of Hampshire Virginia and after said war I removed to Belleville on the Ohio River in the County of Wood and State of Virginia and in the year 1810 I removed to the County of Sullivan State of Indiana and have lived there since and still do reside there –

4th Question – 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 ordered out by Colonel Hite as Captain of the militia

5th Question. State the names of some of the 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 – Colonel Abm Hite [Abraham Hite] – Colonel Stephen Riddle; Colonel Elias Posten and Colonel Michael Crissop. I served under General McIntosh we commenced our campaign in September of 1778 and marched from the County of Hampshire Virginia to Red Stone on Monongahela River; thence to the mouth of Big Beaver on the Ohio River – there I assisted in erecting a Fort which was named after General McIntosh: at this time I was ordered back by

Colonel Riddle and Major Vanmeter for a reinforcement and after I had collected them I received orders not to bring them on and was not discharged until the next spring –

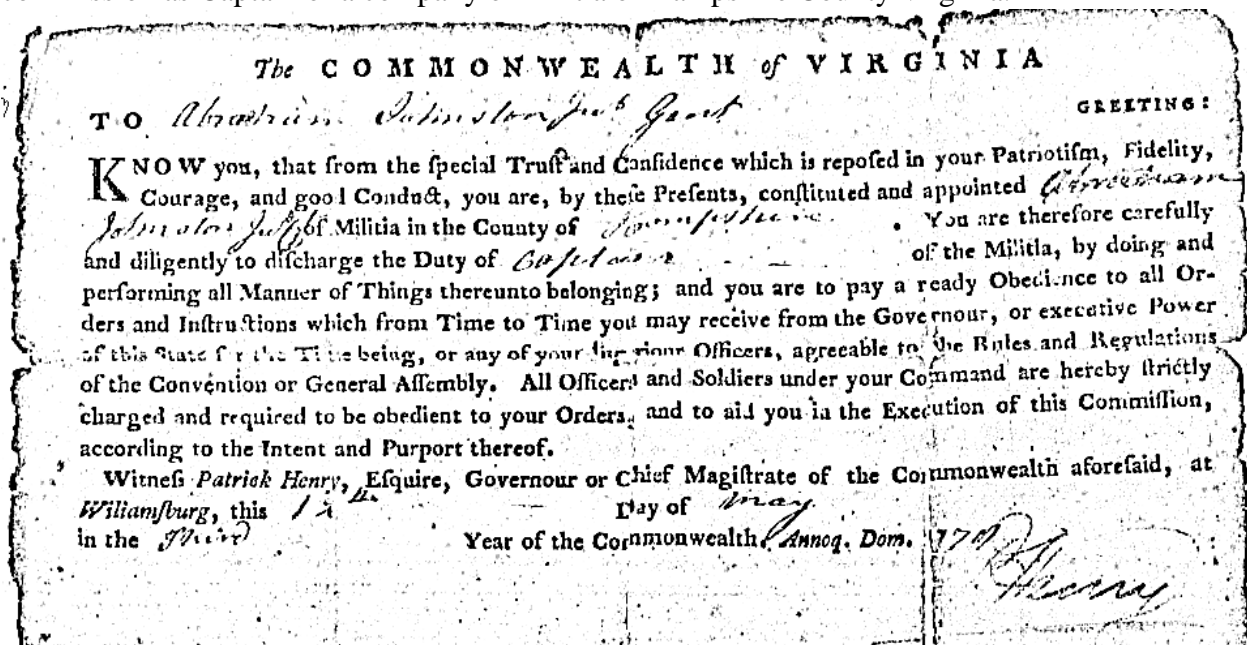
6th Question – Did you ever receive a commission and if so by whom

Answer. I did receive a commission – it was signed by Patrick Henry Governor of Virginia

7th Question – State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Answer – the Hon. James Brooks, Hon. Joseph Wilson, Doctor John W Davis, John N. Eaton, Esquire, Samuel Whittlesey Esquire, attorney at Law – Colonel John Benefiel – William M Purdy Merchant and Doctor James K O'Haven

[p 14: Commission dated May 1778 signed by P. Henry granting Abraham Johnston Junior commission as Captain of a company of militia of Hampshire County Virginia.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$140 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Captain for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]