

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Johnston S21843

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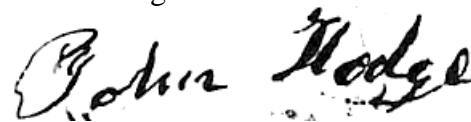
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Sumter District, State of South Carolina

On this 9th day of November 1853 Before me a Magistrate in and for said district and State personally appeared John Hodge of said district and State who being sworn according to law maketh oath and says that he has been intimately acquainted with the late James Johnson [sic] Since the termination of the war of independence, when he came to the house of the deponent's father immediately after he was released from captivity by an exchange of prisoners with the enemy under Colonel Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] that the said James Johnson married Frances Haley about 12 months after his arrival at the house of deponent's father and afterwards resided a short distance in the immediate neighborhood where he lived upwards of 30 years and had nine children Viz. Peter, Easter, James, William, Haley, John, Frances, Ransome and Lovy of whom Haley Johnson and Mrs. Frances Lowder are the only Surviving children That the said Soldier and his family removed to a distance of 12 or 13 miles nearer to Santee River where the Soldier died on the 8th day of October 1832 and his widow in about 12 months afterwards; This deponent further swears he was born in the year 1770 and has a perfect recollection of the facts as above set forth that the said Frances Johnson never again married but continued a widow till death

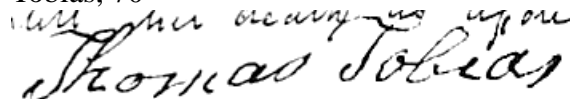
Subscribed and sworn to the year and date first above written.

S/ John Hodge



S/ JC Blackwell, Magistrate

[p 4: Thomas Tobias, 79, gave an affidavit similar to that given by Hodge. Ditto Catharine Tobias, 70



, Catharine Tobias signed her affidavit with her mark]

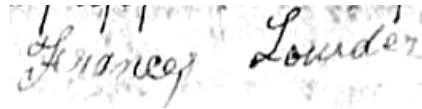
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State of South Carolina, Sumter district: Court of Common Pleas and Sessions November term 1853

On this 11th day of November 1853 before the said court now in session personally appeared Mrs. Frances Lowder who being duly sworn according to law upon her oath makes the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining for herself and Brother the only Surviving children the pension due to their father James Johnson deceased at the time of his death under the acts of 15 May 1828 and 7th June 1832; viz.:

That she is the daughter of the said James Johnson and Frances Johnson whose maiden name was Frances Haley, also deceased late of Sumter district South Carolina; that her father the said James Johnson was a Revolutionary Soldier -- enlisted in South Carolina was captured at the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] having previously served from commencement of the War was carried off by the Enemy under Colonel Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] a British officer or exchanged under him in Virginia and on his return went to the House of John Hodge's father in South Carolina with whom he remained until his marriage with Frances Haley in 12 months thereafter; That she has a perfect recollection of seeing recorded in her father and Mother's Bible the name of her brother Haley Johnson being born 28 November 1792 and her on being 28 March 1798 and her Brothers and Sister Easter, William, James and Peter having been born before Haley and her Brother John born before the declarant; that said Bible was carried off by declarant's youngest Brother Ransome when he removed to Alabama about the year 1833 -- directly after his Mother's death; that her said father had his services in the war ^{proved} by Peter David¹ a fellow Soldier of his in 1818 or 1819 and received a pension during his lifetime and his wife after him, but the declarant's father's claim was disallowed because he was in circumstances to support himself -- that he had his papers again prepared in 1832 and went to see Colonel McWillie but was taken ill with dropsy and sent the papers by John W. Ridgeway to Colonel Manning both of whom soon afterwards died Since which the declarant has not since heard what has become of the papers: she further swears her said father died eighth of October 1832 and her Mother on the 20th day of October 1833 from recollection of declarant's son James O. Lowder being born 27 April 1832 as recorded in her Bible and she never received any pension or made any application therefore except the present. Subscribed and sworn to this 11 March 1853

S/ Frances Lowder



S/ JC Blackwell, Magistrate

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S. South Carolina Sumter District

Personally appeared before the Subscribing Magistrate in and for said district R. T. Lowder Esquire of Sumter district who being duly sworn according to law, upon his oath declares he was well acquainted with Doctor William S. Price formerly of Sumter district but now a resident of one of the Western States: he further swears he has often seen the said Doctor Price frequently write and sign his name and on looking at the within written instructions and presentation and his name signed thereto do solemnly believe the same to be in his hand writing: He further swears he was present and did see James Johnson within mentioned department his life on 8 October 1832 and attended his funeral.

S/ R T Lowder

¹ [Peter David S39417](#)

R. S. Lowder

Subscribed and sworn to this 12th day of January 1854
S/ A. A. Nettles, Magst.

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“Mr Jonston will take table spoon full of that in the large bottle with a tea-spoon full of the medicine in the largest phial every 4 hours when the shortness of breath in troublesome; keep the bottle near the fire that it may be warm, heat the vinegar & pour it in a tea or coffee pot & take the spout in his mouth & breathe the Steam, do it frequently, keep the bowels open once a day with the magnesia here sent & some rheubarb if you have it; if he takes coffee let it be one by wasin[?] without milk or Sugar; when the shortness of breath is not very troublesome he will take 20 of the drops in the sallest [? tallest? smallest?] phial 3 times a day; his diet must be light & nournishing & not hot, must not speak much nor loud, his exercise must be very gentle, riding better than walking. The large bottle must be well shaken as it is to be poured out.

March 12th 1832

S/ Wm S. Price”



[William S. Price]

[pp 24-36: Consists of records certified by the SC Comptroller General showing payments to James Johnston/ James Johnson.]

[p 38: On April 3, 1854 in Sumter District South Carolina, Lydia David, 64, a resident of Sumner District gave testimony that she is the widow of Peter David, Jr., deceased who was the son of the late Peter David, Sr., a Revolutionary Pensioner; that she married him about the year 1812: that as a result of the death of her husband she became an "inmate" of the family of her father and mother in law and continued to live with them until the death of her father in law Peter David; that at the house of her late father-in-law she often saw James Johnson, a reputed Soldier of the Revolutionary war; that Peter David and James Johnson served together as fellow soldiers in the war the Revolution as she verily believes based on having heard frequent conversations between them regarding the particulars relative to their service; that James Johnson accompanied Peter David to Sumterville for the purpose of proving his service and obtaining a pension. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Note: in the file relating to Peter David's claim, James Johnston gave the following affidavit:
South Carolina Sumter district

Personally appeared before the Court of Equity for the said District James Johnson who being duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted with the within mentioned Peter David during the Revolutionary War in the United States of America that he this Deponent was himself a Soldier in the same Service and became a Prisoner at the same time and in the same manner and to the same Power as the said Peter David did and this Deponent declares that the contents of the within mentioned Affidavit are true to his own knowledge.

Sworn to before me in Open Court this 12 February 1819

S John D. Miller, Court Equity S. D.

S/ James Johnston, F his mark]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th 1831 and ending October 8, 1832 for service as a private for 2 years.]