

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Roland Johnson S21846

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: to wit

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas for the District of Spartanburg now sitting Roland Johnson a Resident of said District 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 the act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. – I entered the service on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 1781 under Captain Frank Degraffenried in Lunenburg County in Virginia – and marched to Petersburg where we joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Meryweather [probably Thomas Meriwether], and Major Cloman [possibly Christian Charles de Klauman] – from thence we marched to Cabin Point and from thence to Portsmouth where the British were [word written over and indecipherable] – and [indecipherable word]<sup>1</sup> a few miles to our encampment and remained during the Winter. – In March following we were driven by the British into North Carolina to a place called the Southern Branch, where the State troops of North Carolina were posted and after crossing the Swamp we again joined the Army near Cabin Point, where we were discharged and returned home, have served something more than three months. – Sometime in July following I again went into the Service under Captain Robertson and Major Street, and Colonel Stokes, and with much difficulty reached Hog-Island, where we met the French Troops and Washington's Army – from there we moved to Williamsburg, where the Army generally convened [?]<sup>2</sup>--there the Army was divided and I, with my division moved up the Country and crossed Chickahominy River, Matiponi [Mattaponi] and Pomonki [Pamunkey] [rivers] in order to intercept the retreat of the British from York Town. On this march, I was taken from my company and put into the Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell, and marched to the siege of York Town where I remained until after the fall of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], when I was discharged without any form or ceremony, and returned home in the last of October 1781 –. I have no documentary evidence of my services – and referred to Mr. James Lawrence<sup>3</sup> who saw me in the Army –. I was born in Amelia County

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<sup>1</sup> *Co. of the 1st Regt. of the 1st Div. of the 1st Army*

<sup>2</sup> *generally convened*

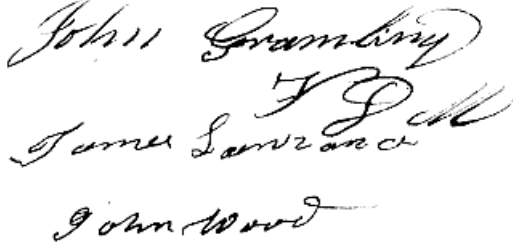
<sup>3</sup> This is probably the same man as [James Lawrance \(Lawrence\) S21858](#)

Virginia, but do not know the time, having no Record in my possession. – I lived in Lunenburg County when I entered the Service – And came to this District in 1783 and have resided here ever since. – I served as one of the drafted or Numbered militia. – I never received any written discharge – as to my character for truth and moral conduct I refer to the Reverend Mr. Gramling, John Chapman, Esquire, Dr. Lewis – Major Roland and any other persons who know me – I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declare that my name is not on the Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day aforesaid  
S/ R. Gantt, P. J. S/ Roland Johnson



[John Gramling, a clergyman, and John Wood and James Lawrence gave the standard supporting affidavit.



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The State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the Quorum, Rowland Johnson of said District who upon being duly sworn depose & saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service in his Second Campaign, but according to the best of his recollection on or about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1781 he entered the service under Captain Robertson & continued in the service under the command of the officers named in his original Declaration to the 19<sup>th</sup> of October following 1781 being three months and a half.

S/ Rowland Johnson



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 ½ months in the Virginia militia.]