

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of George Johnson S23731

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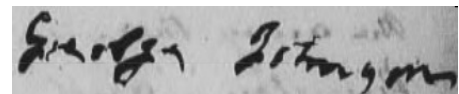
Somerset county Sct

On the 10th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the court of common pleas of the county & state aforesaid George Johnston a resident of the borough of Berlin, in the township of Brothers valley in the county of Somerset aforesaid aged seventy years, who after being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his solemn affirmation make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted for three years in the army of the United States on the seventh day of April seventeen hundred & seventy seven in Shepardstown [sic: Shepherdstown], Berkeley county, Virginia in the company of Captain Isaac Iserlow [possibly Isaac Israel VAS1353], of the 8th Virginia Regiment, that he served as a musician (fifer) – that he marched through Sharpsburgh [sic: Sharpsburg], Maryland – York, Pennsylvania and Lancaster, to Philadelphia immediately after his enlistment. That he with nine others were inoculated for the small pox and kept at the Hospital until they were cured when they joined the army then in Jersey – that he marched to Trenton & Princeton and that he was afterwards placed on the sick list & sent to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania where he remained until after the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] when he again joined the army, that he went in to Winter quarters at Valley Forge – at that time Colonel Nevil [sic: John Nevill BLWt595-500] commanded the regiment to which he (this declarant) belonged. That he was with the American army when they pursued the British to Monmouth in Jersey [28 Jun 1778] and that he continued with the army until the fall of 1779 when he received a furlough from Colonel Nevil – that soon after his return home a proclamation was issued, ordering all who were absent on furlough to join the eighteen months men in the Southern army then at Alexandria, Virginia, commanded by Colonel Blueford or Beaufort [sic: Abraham Buford S46372] – that he marched to Petersburg, Virginia where we went into winter quarters. That about the latter end of March 1780 he marched through Salisbury [NC], Camden [SC] & Sandy Hills [probably High Hills of Santee] in the direction of Charleston in South Carolina, and was about fifty miles from that place at the time of the battle when it was taken by the British [see endnote]. That he stayed with the army until June 1780 when he received a discharge which has been lost by time or accident. That he does not recollect the name of the officer who signed his discharge. That after he left the army he returned to Shepardstown Virginia – from thence he removed to Bedford, Pennsylvania & from thence about the year 1789 he removed to Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania where he has resided ever since.

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

Affirmed to & Subscribed the day & year first above written.



NOTE: Buford's detachment had been sent to the aid of besieged Charleston and was at Leneud's Ferry on Santee River when news arrived that the Americans had surrendered on 12 May 1780. During the return to Virginia Buford was overtaken by Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion at Waxhaws Settlement on 29 May 1780, with the ensuing battle resulting in many American casualties.