

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Johnston (Johnson) S31168

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State of Kentucky Henry County

On this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1832 personally appeared before me Price Nuttall one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the Peace in and for said County, John Johnston Senior a resident of the County of Henry and State of Kentucky aged Seventy-three 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered into the Service of the United States in the year 1777 under the following named officers and served as herein stated, General Stephens [Edward Stevens] of Culpeper, General Mulingburg [Peter Muhlenberg] and General Lafayette, Major Long, Captain Browning, Captain William Green

1. Where and in what year were you born

Culpeper County State of Virginia and in the year 1757.

2. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it,

There is a record of my age at John Berry's of Henry County Kentucky.

3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

When I was called into service I lived [in] Culpeper County State of Virginia and have since lived in the State of Kentucky and am still residing in Henry County & State of Kentucky.

4. How were you called into service: were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a Substitute for

I first went in for my Father at a very early period of my life; Served out his tower [tour], and was then drafted and performed another tower.

5. State the names of some of the regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, Such Continental and Militia officers as you can recollect and the general Circumstances of your Service –

From Williamsburg I was attached from under the command of Major Armistead and was marched for Petersburg under the command of General Muhlenberg and when we arrived at Petersburg we had a very severe engagement [April 25, 1781] from Petersburg we marched still under the command of General Muhlenberg to a place called Osburn [Osborne, April 27, 1781], from Osburn we marched to Richmond and getting there at the time the British were setting fire to the warehouses in Manchester [April 30, 1781]. From Richmond we marched to the Moben hills [Malvern Hills] there I volunteered under Colonel Lewis, crossed the River with one hundred sixty men went to the British lines, was attacked by Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton]

Troop of Horse, a severe battle<sup>1</sup> was fought in which we lost sixty men taken prisoners and killed altogether, I myself escaped by charging baonets [bayonets] together with my fellow soldiers breaking through the British Horse and running for our lives, we then returned to the Army again. I then was commanded by Lafayette Commander in Chief went down the River to old James Town and stood and beheld Wain [Anthony Wayne] fighting the enemy at James Town [July 6, 1781]. I then got my discharge and went home to Culpeper County Virginia where I was drafted for 18 months and obtained a Certificate for that tower, but believing that it would be of little or no use to me I was careless about it and lost it.

I hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or (if any) only on that of the agency of the State of Kentucky.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Johnston

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Johnston", written in a cursive style.

[Isaac Malin, a clergyman, and Henry R Roberts gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 6 months in the Virginia service.]

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<sup>1</sup> This MAY be a reference to the engagement at Chesterfield courthouse on May 23, 1781.