

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Johnson Strong S32542

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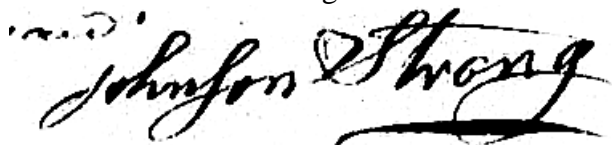
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The State of Alabama Fayette County: On this 22nd day of July 1833 personally appeared in vacation before Walter Harkins Judge of the County Court of Fayette County, Johnson Strong a resident of said County aged about seventy-four years who being first 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer sometime about the 1st of June 1776 in Hanover County in the State of Virginia under the command of Captain Charles Dabney who was commanded by Colonel Samuel Meredith and marched from Hanover County to Williamsburg and from thence to York town and from thence to Hampton in Virginia and encamped there several months and from thence marched to Portsmouth and from there discharged by Colonel Samuel Meredith a few days before Christmas 1776 making a service of nearly seven months. And after I returned home sometime in the latter part of the year 1777 I volunteered my service to labor in the public Iron works in Buckingham County Virginia, which works was carried into effect by Thomas Ballantine and John Rively and managed by George Rively and remained in the public service in the Iron works until sometime in the latter part of the year 1779 making a service of full two years for all of which service but a small compensation I received not amounting to more than \$10. Again I entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in January 1781 in Buckingham County Virginia under the command of Captain William Cannon who was commanded by Colonel Holcom [perhaps John Holcombe] and General Stephens [Edward Stevens] and marched from Buckingham County directly to Guilford Court House North Carolina and was in the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], and after the Battle we were marched to Ramseys Mills on Deep River in North Carolina and from thence to Dan River in North Carolina and there discharged sometime about the 1st of April 1781 making a service of 3 months both of which discharges are lost or mislaid so that he cannot be found and that I have no documentary evidence and I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Walter Harkins, Judge

S/ Johnson Strong

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Johnson Strong". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent underline.

[John Pryor a clergyman and John Cochran gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. 1. In Hanover County Virginia in the year 1758.

Q. 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A. 2. In my family Bible at my house

Q. 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. 3. In Hanover County at one time of service and in Buckingham County one tour of service, since that time I have lived in the State of Georgia and the State of Missouri and am no [now] living in Fayette County Alabama

Q. 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A. 4. I volunteered at each Term of service

Q. 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular and Continental officers who served with the troops where you served.

A. 6 [sic]. Holcom, Stephens, Skipith [Skipwith], Genl. Green[Nathanael Greene] &c.

Q 7 [sic] Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A. 7. The discharge from my 1st service was given by Samuel Meredith, the next discharge of Captain John Allen who acted in the place of Captain Cannon who had returned home on account of sickness, which discharges are lost or mislaid so they cannot be found –

The State of Alabama Fayette County: Before me B. W. Wilson an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Johnson Strong who being 1st duly sworn according to law doth on his oath amend his declaration for a pension in the following manner. That he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services as an artificer in the Revolutionary war, and for that reason he hereby relinquishes his services to that part of his claim as a pensioner. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of December 1833.

S/ B. W. Wilson, JP

S/ Johnson Strong

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia for 10 months.]