

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archibald Johnson S34938 ¹

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State of Maryland First Judicial District

On the first day of April 1818 personally appeared Archibald Johnson of Charles County before the subscriber the Chief Judge of the above district in which Charles County is included and made oath on the holy evangelists of Almighty God that in the Spring of the year 1779, he enlisted as a soldier in the first Maryland Regiment, and that he was placed in Capt. Henry Gaither's Company and promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the same year, that he was transferred at different periods in the same grade from one company to another in consequence of casualties by which the companies were reduced; that he continued to serve to the end of the war, and returned with the balance of the Maryland line from the southward in the year 1783 and was discharged at the City of Annapolis in the fall of that year.

The said Johnson also made oath that in the winter of the year 1782 he was appointed a deputy forage master in the southern department and continued to act as such until the Continental forces were sold and disposed of. That he is now poor and needy and stands in the need of the assistance of the United States.

S/ Jno. Johnson

On the above date appeared also Robert Halkerston² and made oath that he knew the above mentioned Archibald Johnson to have been a soldier in the revolutionary war.

Sworn to before the subscriber the Chief Judge of the first Judicial district

S/ Jno Johnson

[p 8: On October 6, 1828 in the District of Columbia, Pamela Dixon, daughter of Archibald Johnson filed a power of attorney seeking the bounty land due her father for his service in the revolutionary war; the court found that the veteran died August 20th, 1818 in Charles County Maryland leaving no widow and that Pamela Dixon, the widow of John Dixon, and Thomas Johnson now of Frederick County Maryland are the reputed and only heirs at law of the said Archibald Johnson.]

[p13: On December 5, 1848, Congressman Robert Schenck³ wrote J L Edwards, Commissioner

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² [Robert Halkerstone \(Halkerston\) S34917](#)

³ SCHENCK, Robert Cumming, a Representative from Ohio; born in Franklin, Ohio, October 4, 1809; attended the rural schools and was graduated from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, in 1827; became a professor in that university 1827-1829; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1833 and commenced practice in Dayton, Ohio; member of the State house of representatives 1839-1843; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-eighth and to the three

of Pensions inquiring as to the claim made by Archibald Johnson who died in 1818 leaving one son (not named) who resides in the Congressman's district in Ohio.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 1, 1818, for service as a Sgt. in the Maryland Continental line.]

succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1851); chairman, Committee on Roads and Canals (Thirtieth Congress); was not a candidate for renomination; Minister to Brazil and also accredited to Uruguay, Argentine Confederation, and Paraguay, 1851-1853; entered the Union Army May 17, 1861, and served as brigadier general of Volunteers; promoted to major general September 18, 1862, to date from August 30, 1862; resigned his commission in the Army on December 3, 1863, to take his seat in Congress; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-eighth and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1863, to January 5, 1871, when he resigned to accept a position in the diplomatic service; chairman, Committee on Military Affairs (Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth Congresses), Committee on Ways and Means (Fortieth and Forty-first Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1870 to the Forty-second Congress; Minister to Great Britain from December 1870 until March 1876, when he resigned; delegate to the Philadelphia Loyalist Convention in 1866; member of the Alabama Claims Commission in 1871; resumed the practice of law in Washington, D.C., where he died March 23, 1890; interment in Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio. <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=S000118>