

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Johnston (Johnson) S34944

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State of Mississippi, County of Jefferson

I Solomon Johnson [sic] aged sixty-five years, who upon oath testify and declare, that I entered the service in 1780 for the term of during the war in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Pinckney [Charles Cotesworth Pinckney] in the line or State of South Carolina and continued therein until the close of the war in 1783, and was discharged from the Regiment commanded by Colonel __ Mayem or Maim [probably Hezekiah Maham] of the line or State of South Carolina. I further declare that I have neither received assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatever: Therefore, I request the Secretary of War to have the warrant sent to me at Petit Gulf Jefferson County Mississippi State and this shall be his receipt for the same before me the 18th of December 1827.

S/ Solomon Johnson, X his mark

S/ Alex Montgomery JP

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Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on the Pension list under the Act of the 18th of March 1818
County of Jefferson: SS

On this twelfth day of May 1827 Personally appeared in Open Court (being a Court of record for the County aforesaid) Solomon Johnson a resident in said County aged sixty-four years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820; that he the said Solomon Johnson enlisted for the term of three years on the __ day of __ in the year 1777 in the State of South Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. James Ichburg in the Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in the line of the State of South Carolina in the Continental Establishment: he continued to serve in said Corps until the 12th day of May 1780 when he was taken prisoner by the British Army at Fort Moultrie; that he the said Solomon Johnson was discharged on parole by the commanding officer of the British Army, and again enlisted for the term of two years on the 18th day of August 1780 in the State of South Carolina in the Company commanded by Capt. Robert McElvy in the Regiment commanded by Col. Mayham [Hezekiah Maham] in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental establishment; and that he continued to serve in said Corps until the 20th day of August 1782 when he was discharged from the service, in the

State of South Carolina: that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any State, except South Carolina and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension because he was able to support himself and family by his own manual exertions which he is now unable to do by reason of his feebleness. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit
six head of cattle of the value of thirty dollars

That since 18 March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property eight head of horned cattle which have been consumed in sustaining myself and family and fifteen head of hogs which have been consumed in like manner.

That Said Solomon further states that he has but two children to wit Elizabeth [illegible] neither of whom reside with him at this time and that he has always pursued the occupation of a farmer until the weakness of his body compelled him to cease labor.

S/ Solomon Johnson, X his mark

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To James L Edwards Esquire: Rodney January 30, 1843

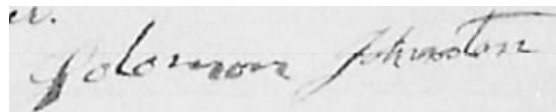
Honorable Sir,

Being appraised that you are a Commissioner of pensions of the United States And having served as a soldier in our Army's from the earliest period of our Countries' Struggles for independence until the restoration of peace, I avail myself of this opportunity (in my advanced stage of life, being 87 years of age) by means of an amanuensis, to confer with you upon the subject of my pension to which I beg leave to call your attention for a few moments. After having made application, I have received at the rate of ninety-six dollars per year from the year 1826 to the present. I am told that the law for remunerating Revolutionary pensioners took effect previous to 1826. If so I must be entitled to \$96 per year or at that rate for all the time intervening between the time that the act took effect, and the date of my first receipt, which is in the pension office. You will please to examine those records, and informed me of the amount of money due me in arrears: also the proper mode of procedure to obtain the same.

Please to direct a letter containing the above requisite information to me or my agent at Rodney Jefferson County Mississippi and oblige a Revolutionary Soldier.

Yours sincerely

S/ Solomon Johnston

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Solomon Johnston". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 12, 1827 for service as a private for 3 years in the South Carolina Continental line.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Solomon Johnston
Audited Account No. 4078A

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[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 550 Book V dated August 20, 1785 “delivered to Mr. Solomon Johnston this our INDENTED CERTIFICATE, for the Sum of Sixty Pounds, one Shilling & one Penny, Sterling, for 12 Months Pay due him & Balance of Bounty in Col. Maham’s Cavalry in 1781 & 1782, as per Account audited.”]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent bearing two endorsements by the veteran by signing his name with his mark. In addition, there is another endorsement acknowledging receipt of one year’s interest on the Indent signed by Richard Johnston, relationship to the veteran, if any, not stated. The signature of Richard Johnston appears as follows:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Johnston". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background and is enclosed in a rectangular box with a small closing bracket on the right side.

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person’s surname first in the “Full name” box followed by a comma and the person’s Christian name. The number behind the ‘pp’ indicates the number of pages in the file and the ‘Audited Account No.’ is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.