

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

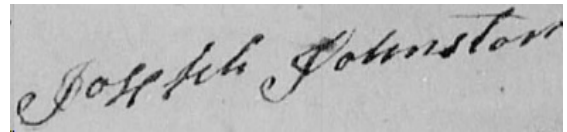
Pension Application of Joseph Johnston (Johnson) S35481
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Beaver County Ss.

on the 14th day of April 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the associate Judges of the Court of Common pleas for said County of Beaver in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania personally appears Joseph Johnston aged Sixty years resident in Beaver County who being by me first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certen persons engaged in the land and navel Service of the united States in the revolutionary war, that he the said Joseph Johnston enlisted in Lancaster County in the State of Pennsylvania on the 6th day of July 1776 in the company commanded by Captain Mathew Smith [Matthew Smith] in the 1^d Pennsylvania Regiment commanded by Col. [Edward] Hand that he continued to serve in said corps or in the service of the United States untill peace was concluded with Great Britten and the army generally discharged he was discharged from service by Col William Butler in Carlile [sic: Carlisle] Pennsylvania, that he was in the Battles of Germintown [sic: Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] and Brandewine [sic: Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777] in Pennsy'va and Stonny point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779] and Monmouth N. Jersey [28 Jun 1778] and the Green Spring [Green Springs Plantation VA, 6 Jul 1781] and capture of Lord Cornwallace army [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] in Virginia and that he was wounded in the leg at the Green Spring, and that he is unable to labour and in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his cuntry for support, and that he put his discharge into the hands of the late Honorable Robt. Whitehill to procure his donation land and never seen it since and that he has no other evidences now in his power of his said services and that he has not been been heretofore placed on the Pension list by any law of the united States.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Johnston". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and characteristic of the late 18th or early 19th century.

Beaver County Ss. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

On the 18th day of September 1820 Personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Beaver Joseph Johnston aged sixty five years and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said Joseph Johnston enlisted the 6th day of July 1776 in the state of Pennsylvania in the company commanded by Captain Mathew Smith in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Hand in the line of the state of Pennsylvania on the Continental Establishment that he Continued to serve in said Corps untill September 1783 he was discharged from said service at Carlisle in the State of Pennsylvania that he was in the Batles of East Chester [NY, 18 Jan 1780], White Plains [28 Oct 1776], Trenton [26 Dec 1776], Princeton [3 Jan 1777], Brandiwine Germantown, Peole [sic: Paoli PA, 20 Sep 1777], Monmouth Stony Point Green Spring and that he was wounded in the leg at Green Spring shortly before Cornwallis Army surrender'd at York in Virginia that the ball was not extricated out of his leg for eight months after, and that he has no other evidence of his said Service except what accompanied his former application to the war office dated the 14th day of April 1818, he was placed on the pension list Pennsylvania Agency, as will appear by his certificate signed by the Secretary of War, bearing date the 9th day of February 1819 No 6893. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st 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 in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring

myself within the provisions 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.

Schedule, no property real or personal only some little household goods and Beding not exceeding ten dollars.

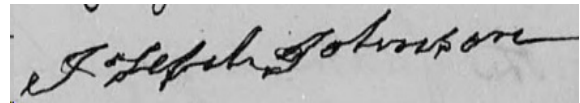
Joseph Johnson

Declarant saith his occupation is a farmer but unable to labour for to support his family being considerably crippled, and that his family consists of himself and wife and one daughter named Elizabeth 25 years old.

Sworn to and declared the 18th day of September 1820 Joseph Johnson

NOTES:

On 7 Jan 1836 Joseph Johnson stated that he had resided in Brooke County VA for 13 years and wished to be paid at Wheeling VA. He signed as shown:

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On 2 May 1836 Joseph Johnston stated that he had served in the company of Michael Simpson and had belonged to a company commanded by Capt. David Ziegler when the regiment was commanded by Col. James Chambers. He stated that he had lived in Ohio for two years, having moved there “with the expectation of purchasing real estate,” but that after moving there he accepted an offer to lease a farm and ferry place in Brooke County.

A Treasury-Department document states that the children of Joseph Johnston received the final pension payment up to the date of his death, 31 Jan 1837.

On 7 Jan 1853 Francis Johnston of Alleghany Township in Armstrong County PA, assigned power of attorney to obtain any benefits due as one of the heirs of Joseph Johnston.