

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Johns S36025

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District of Columbia: SS

On this 18th day of May 1818, before me, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of the United States for the said district, personally appeared George Jones aged 69 years, resident in Alexandria in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he the said George Johns enlisted in Alexandria then in the state of Virginia in the year 1777 in the company commanded by Captain David Earle [sic, David Arell or Arill] of the 3rd Regiment of the Virginia line; and that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the end of the revolutionary war: that he was a prisoner at the close of the war and never received a written discharge other than an order to draw provisions, that he was in the battles of Stony Point [July 16, 1779], Monmouth [June 28, 1778], and at the siege of Charleston South Carolina [Charleston was surrendered to the British on May 12, 1780], and some other battles and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the deposition of John Bennet McFarling¹ hereto annexed

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid

S/ W. Cranch

George Johns has been supported as a pauper by the town of Alexandria for several years past.

S/ W. Cranch

District of Columbia to wit

On the 18th of May 1818, before me came also John Bennet McFarling age 60 years and made oath in due form of law that he knows the facts stated by the within named George Johns to be true as stated in his affidavit within written.

Sworn before me

S/ W. Cranch

District of Columbia, to wit.

¹ [John Bennett McFarling S36086](#)

On this 6th day of January 1820 before me William Cranch, Chief Judge of the said district came George Johns and made oath in due form of law that yesterday he had his certificate of his pension under the act of 1818 in his pocket of his coat wrapped in the cover or envelope hereunto annexed, and having obtained a small job of work he took off his coat and hung it on the fence; that while he was at work some person unknown to him rifle his pocket and took there from the said certificate. That he has been all this morning looking for it and trying to discover the thief, but without success; and that he believes it is irrecoverably lost

S/ William Cranch

I further certify that the said Richard Johns [sic]² came to me yesterday and desired to borrow money & offered to deposit with me the certificate of his pension. That I know that he had such a certificate granted him by the Department of War and that he is very poor & old. I also believe that his account of the loss of his certificate is true and hope that his loss may be repaired.

S/ W. Cranch

District of Columbia Alexandria County to wit

On this 30th day of May 1820 George Johns personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County in the District aforesaid aged 75 years resident in the said County who being first duly sworn doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: a private in Captain David Arell's [also spelled David Arill's] Company 3rd Virginia Regiment Colonel Heath [William Heth] that the date of his original declaration is in the War Office: Number of his pension Certificate 4993. And 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 whatever 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

Schedule of property referred to

Two Chairs	\$1.50
1 Iron Pot	.50
1 Tea Kettle	.50
1 Doz. Plates	.50
3 Old forks	<u>.25</u>
	\$3.00

That his Occupation is a fisherman: that he is unable from age and infirmity to pursue any business, his family consist of no person except himself and wife aged 79 years who from total infirmity is a direct charge on him.

S/ George Johns, X his mark

[Facts in file: Veteran died February 14, 1822, place not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 18, 1818, or service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

² Note: Will Graves: I think the Judge simply misspoke when he referred to "Richard Johns" instead of "George Johns. I do not believe there was a separate veteran who made application to Judge Cranch.