

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Johnson (Johnston) S36026

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Commonwealth of Kentucky

Personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Circuit Judges of the Commonwealth aforesaid John Johnston and declared upon oath that he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War against Great Britain in the year 1775 as a Private Soldier in the William Taliaferro he owes Company belonging to the 2nd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Woodford [William Woodford] and served one year. In 1776 he was appointed an Ensign in the same Regiment, Colonel Spotswood [Alexander Spotswood] then having the command – in Captain John Willis' Company and served until 1778 at which time he resigned his commission and left the Army on account of his being unable to support the expenses incident to his situation being very poor and that he resigned for no other cause whatever but left the Army as he believes with honor and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services than the affidavit of John Craig. That he is sixty-nine years old last August and is infirm and indigent and needs the assistance of his government in his old age.

Witness my hand this 6th day of April 1818

S/ Benj. Johnson, Circuit Judge

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Commonwealth of Kentucky

Personally appeared before me the undersigned John Craig and made oath that he was a neighbor of John Johnston in 1776 in Virginia and was well acquainted with him. That he left the neighborhood and was generally absent until 1778 as he understood in the Army and believes that he was during that time in the Army of the United States. That he has been well acquainted with him ever since leaves he is the age he states himself to be viz. 69 and that he is indigent and needs assistance. Witness my hand this 6th of April 1818

S/ Ben Johnson, Circuit Judge

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This day came before me Jeremiah Craig of the County of Gallatin and State of Kentucky and swore that he served under John Johnson of Scott County Kentucky as a Subaltern Officer in the time of the Revolutionary War against the common enemy. Given under my hand and seal this 22nd day of January 1819

S/ Joel Ellis, JP GC

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Personally came before me one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the Peace for Pendleton County Colonel Joseph Spencer¹ of said County & made oath that Captain John Johnson was a Soldier in Captain William Taliaferro's Company of Regulars in the Second Virginia Regiment then commanded by Colonel William Woodford in the year 1775 & was at the battle of the Great Bridge & Norfolk & that in the year 1776 the said Johnson was appointed an Ensign in Captain John Willis's Company in the above said Regiment then commanded by Colonel Alexander Spotswood & was with that Regiment until the close of the year 1777 at which time the said Spencer being in a bad state of health resigned his said Commission when he left the Revolutionary Army near the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania & then he left the said Johnson with the Army & that further he has seen a statement of said Johnson's declaration before judge Johnson & verily believes it contains nothing but facts that the said Captain Johnson is about seventy years of age & in very reduced Circumstances Given under my hand this 22nd of January 1819

S/ Bernard Spencer JP PC

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Schedule

District of Kentucky Scott Circuit Court SS

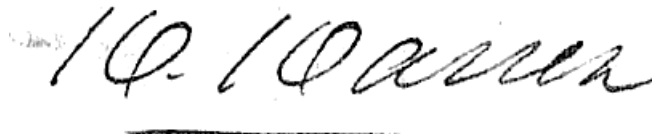
On this 7th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the circuit aforesaid John Johnston aged 71 years resident in Scott County in said District and Circuit who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: In the year 1775 he enlisted as a regular soldier for one year under Captain William Toliver of the second Virginia Regiment in the Continental line commanded by Colonel Woodford 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 viz.

One horse saddle and bridle worth \$50 which is all the property I have.

I am by profession a house Carpenter but have been for many years unable to follow it & I have no person in family but myself.

Sworn to and declared on this 7th day of June 1832 before me the undersigned one of the Circuit Judges of the District aforesaid.

S/ W. Warren [?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Warren", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is in dark ink and is somewhat stylized.

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Original Claim

¹ [Joseph Spencer S37436](#)

District of Kentucky Scott County Court SS

On this seventh day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court for the County aforesaid being a court of record John Johnson aged Seventy-one years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st of May 1820, that he the said John Johnson enlisted for the term of one year in the year 1775 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain William Tolliver in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Woodford in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the year 1776 when he was discharged from said Service in Williamsburg in the State of Virginia and appointed Ensign under the command of Captain John Willis in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Spotswood in the line of the State aforesaid on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve as an Officer until the year 1778 when he resigned at Morristown or Bon Brook [Boundbrook] in the State of New Jersey – and that he was in the battles of the Great Bridge [December 9, 1775] in Virginia and the Siege of Norfolk, and that he has no other evidences of his services now in his ~~possession~~ power, except several small skirmishes.

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 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 viz. one horse saddle and bridle worth fifty dollars which is all the property I have. I am by profession a house Carpenter, but have been for many years unable to follow it & I have no person in family but myself.

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To Commissioner of Pensions Washington 4th of March 1834

Captain John Johnson was placed on the Pension roll under the Act of 1818 , has since died . I wish on the behalf of the heirs to see the proof on file in order to get land from Virginia.

S/ Wm H. Todd

[Facts in file: Veteran died March 27, 1825; this file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing April 6, 1818, for service as an Ensign in the Virginia Continental line for 2 years.]