

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Johnston S36633

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State of Kentucky

Be it remembered that on this 20th July 1818 James Johnston a Citizen of the County of Logan & State aforesaid & made oath that on the 15th May 1776, he enlisted as a private soldier in Captain Thomas Chisolm's [Thomas Chisholm's] Company Regiment first commanded by Jos. Habersham [Joseph Habersham] Georgia Continental Troops -- that he continued in the service of the United States fighting against the British &c from the time aforesaid till the 15th May 1777 -- and was duly discharged on the 20th May 1777, which now accompanies this application -- That by reason of his reduced circumstances he stands in need of the aid of his Government for support -- and therefore prays the benefit of a law passed last session of Congress allowing support to persons in his situation. He also relinquishes to the Government his claim to any pension heretofore allowed him, war that was allowed by the Government of the United States.

S/ Jas. Johnston



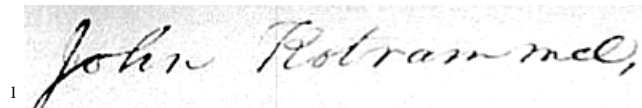
State of Kentucky Logan Circuit

This day James Johnston appeared before me B. Shackelford the Judge of the aforesaid circuit and subscribed and swore to the foregoing statement of facts and produced a certificate signed by Thomas Chisolm that said James served twelve months in the first Regiment of Georgia Continental troops commencing 15th May 1776 and ending 15th May 1777 certificate dated May 20th 1777. I am satisfied from the testimony of John Rotrammel [? sic, John Ro. Trammel?]¹ that the said James Johnston is in very low and needy circumstances and requires the assistance of his country for support. Given under my hand this 20th of July 1818.

S/ B. Shackelford

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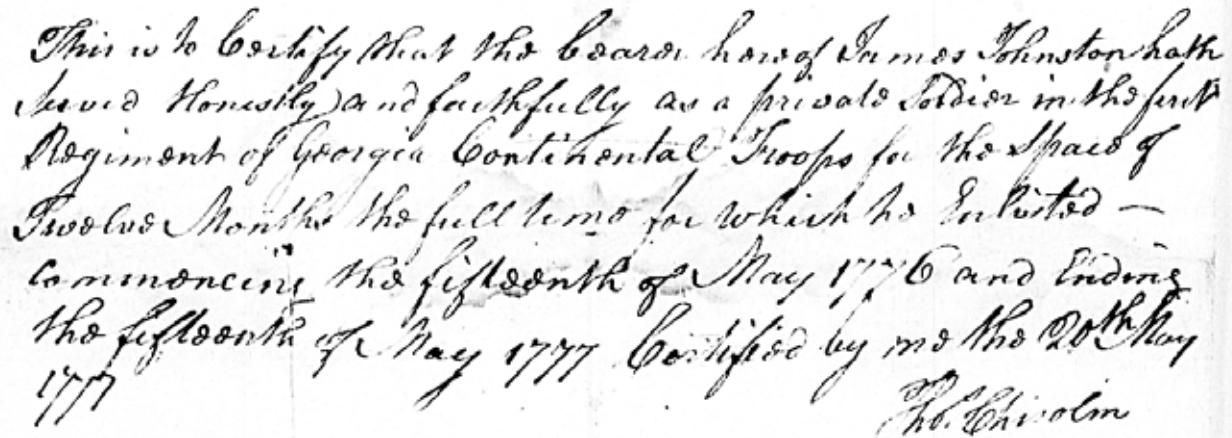
This is to Certify that the bearer hereof James Johnston hath Served Honestly and faithfully as a private Soldier in the first Regiment of Georgia Continental Troops for the Space of Twelve months the full time for which he Enlisted -- Commencing the 15th of May 1776 and Ending the



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15th of May 1777. Certified by me the 20th May 1777

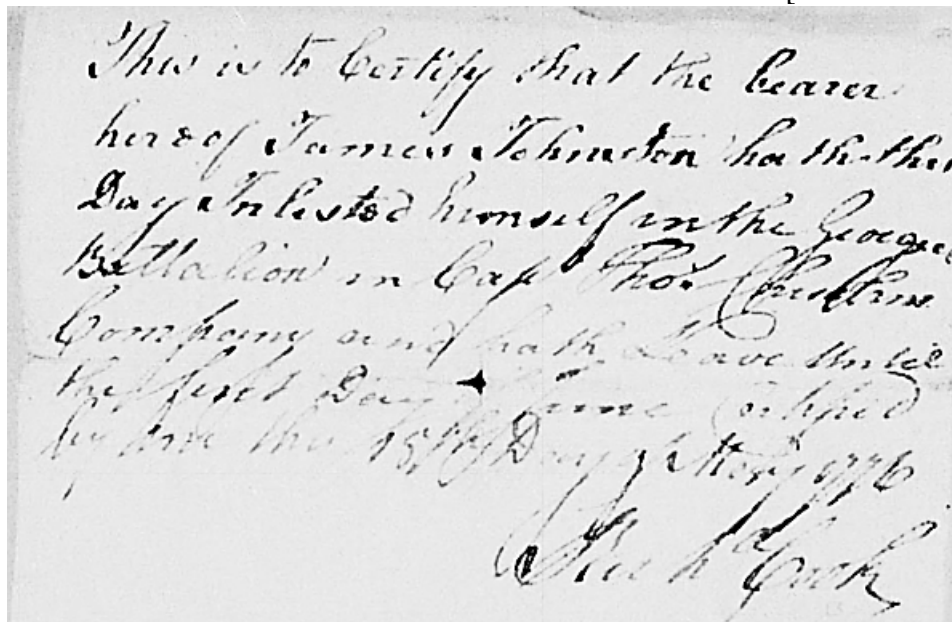
S/ Thos Chisolm



This is to Certify that the bearer hereof James Johnston hath served Honestly and faithfully as a private Soldier in the first Regiment of Georgia Continental Troops for the Space of Twelve Months the full term for which he Enlisted - commencing the fifteenth of May 1776 and ending the fifteenth of May 1777 Certified by me the 20th May 1777
Thos Chisolm

This is to Certify that the bearer hereof James Johnston hath this Day Enlisted himself in the Georgia Battalion of Captain Thos. Chisolm's Company and hath leave until the first day of June. Certified by me the 18th Day of May 1776

S/ Rich'd Cook [Richard Cook]



This is to Certify that the bearer hereof James Johnston has this Day Enlisted himself in the Georgia Battalion in Cap Thos Chisolm's Company and hath leave until the first Day of June Certified by me the 18th Day of May 1776
Rich'd Cook

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 20, 1818, for service as a private for 12 months in the Georgia Continental line.]