

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Johnson S38082

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At a Court of Quarterly Sessions held for Hanover County at the Courthouse on Wednesday the 22nd of July 1818

John Johnson this day appeared in Court and made oath that he is a native born Citizen of the United States and is a resident of this County, that he enlisted in the Continental Army of the United States in the month of January 1777 under the then Captain Holt Richeson [Holt Richeson or Holt Richardson], that he served five years in the said Army, and was duly discharged in South Carolina, which discharge is now lost or worn out, that he was at the Battles of Brandy Wine [Brandywine, September 11, 1777], German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] & at Savannah, and that his circumstances are so reduced as actually to require the aid & assistance of his Government for his support.

George Sheet made oath that the said John Johnson is in such circumstances as actually to require the aid and assistance of his Government for his support

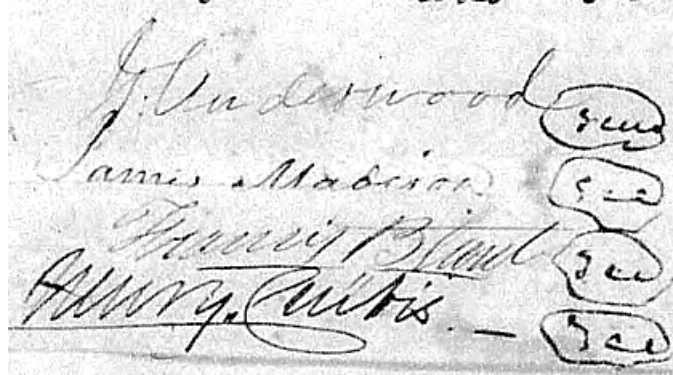
[Certified as a true copy of the court proceedings by William Pollard, clerk of court August 10, 1818.]

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At a Court held for Hanover County at the courthouse on Wednesday 28th April 1819 –

The above certificate having been returned for certain Defects noted thereon, John Johnson appeared again in court and made oath that as to the day and year of his enlistment, he is now enabled to correct an error in the above certificate he enlisted in January 1776 under Captain Holt Richeson of the 7th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment in King William County in the State of Virginia – that he continued to serve in said Corps until the 22nd December 1777 when he entered the first Virginia Regiment of Light Dragoons on Continental establishment at the Valley Forge in the company commanded by Captain John Belfield which said Regiment was at that time under the command of Colonel Theodoric Bland and afterwards of Colonel Walton White [Anthony Walton Quite]. That he served in said Corps until the 22nd December 178[? last digit unclear]¹ when he was discharged from service near Anderson's Ferry on the Pedee [River] in the State of South Carolina – All of which appears to our satisfaction and is accordingly certified.

S/ G Underwood
S/ James Madison
S/ Francis Blunt
S/ Henry Curtis



A photograph of a document showing four handwritten signatures in cursive. From top to bottom, they are: G. Underwood, James Madison, Francis Blunt, and Henry Curtis. To the right of each signature is a small circle containing the letter 'S', indicating a signature.

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King William County to wit

This day Robert Dugar² made oath before me William Gregory a Justice of the peace for this County that John Johnson of Hanover County enlisted in the Continental service under Captain Holt Richeson in the 7th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel McClanachan and served 5 years in the Revolutionary War with Great Britain, and that he was in the Battles of German Town, Brandy Wine and Savannah. Given under my hand this 4th day of November 1819

S/ Wm Gregory

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At a Court held for Hanover County at the Court House on Wednesday the 24th of November 1819

The first of the preceding certificates having been returned for certain defects therein which defects were intended to be corrected or supplied died the second preceding certificate And there having been an error and the said second Certificate as appears by the endorsement made at the War Office in the words and figures following (to wit) "War Department Pension Office June 10, 1819, Bland's Regiment was not on the Continental establishment. – This claim is therefore rejected."

Now the said John Johnson in order to have the facts as correctly stated as it is in his power to state them has again appeared in Court and made oath, That he enlisted under Captain Holt Richeson of King William County Virginia in the month of January 1776 in the 7th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment which Regiment when the said Johnson left it was commanded by Colonel McClanachan that when he the said Johnson left the 7th Virginia Regiment which was in December 1777 it was by his enlisting in the company of Captain John Belfield of the first Virginia Regiment of Light Dragoons on Continental establishment that having enlisted under Captain Belfield he was granted a furlough to return to his native Country to see his relations and thence to meet Captain Belfield at the Town of Petersburg Virginia, that when he joined his Captain in Petersburg the Officer who appeared to have command of all the

² [Robert Dugar S39465](#)

troops there was a Colonel Theodoric Bland but whether he was on Continental establishment or not the said Johnson (being only a private) does not know. That Captain Belfield with his company was in Petersburg but a short time, only until they could get supplied and equipped for service when the Company marched to the North and joined the first Virginia Regiment of Light Dragoons on Continental establishment under the command of Colonel White and that he continued in the said Regiment until the latter end of December 1780 when he was regularly discharged from service by Colonel White near Anderson's ferry on the Pee Dee [Pedee River] in the State of South Carolina and that Robert Dugar of the County of King William whose affidavit he has now exhibited to the Court and which affidavit he request may be annexed to this record enlisted at the same time he did and served in the same company with him throughout his whole service aforesaid.

And the Court being satisfied that the said John Johnson served as herein before stated in the Revolutionary War against the common enemy they therefore certify and transmit the testimony in this case and the proceedings had thereon to the Secretary of the Department of War.

S/ P. Street
S/ J. F. Swann
S/ Wm Starnes
S/ Jno. Pate
S/ Edmund B. Crenshaw

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In Hanover Court House October 25th, 1821 [sic]

On this 25th day of October 1820 [sic] personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Hanover John Johnson aged sixty years a resident in the said County in the district of Virginia who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, to wit, that he enlisted in the month of January 1777 under Captain Holt Richardson, that he served five years in the said Army, and was duly discharged in South Carolina, which discharge is now lost or worn out, that he was at the battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Savannah, that the date of his original declaration is the 22nd July 1818 and the number of his pension Certificate is __ 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, to wit, Three cows, two hogs, three hoes & a little household furniture that he is a farmer by trade, but is unable to do much labor, that he has a wife between thirty and forty years of age, that he has four sons and one daughter living with him, the oldest of whom is thirteen and the youngest five years of age & that he stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

S/ John Johnson, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 22, 1818, for service as a private for 4 years in the Virginia Continental line.]