

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Johnston S38088

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District and State of Virginia, Jefferson County Sct.

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 1818 before me the subscriber presiding and sole judge of the superior Court of Law for the said County of Jefferson in the 9<sup>th</sup> District and State aforesaid personally appeared George Johnston aged 78 years and resident in the said County and district, who being first duly sworn by me according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war. That he the said George Johnston enlisted in February 1776 at Martinsburg in the State aforesaid in the company commanded by Captain George Wayles [probably George Walls] in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel John Nevill [John Neville] and was afterwards transferred to Captain Griffin Stith's company by whom his discharge was signed. That he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the full expiration of his term of service which was three years when he was discharged from service at Middlebrook New Jersey. That he was in the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] & Monmouth [June 28, 1778]. 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 testimony under oath of Abram Davenport who has sworn that he said Davenport did carry to Richmond and delivered to General Wood one of the Council of State said George Johnston's discharge from service. Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Robt. White

Jefferson County, District & State of Virginia Sct.

\_\_\_ made oath before me the subscriber Judge of the Superior Court of law for the said County of Jefferson Major Abram Davenport that he carried to Richmond in Virginia and Delivered to General James Wood of the Council of State George Johnston's discharge from the Service of the United States.

Sworn to before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Robt. White

State of Virginia Jefferson County Sct.

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 1820, personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County George Johnston aged eighty years, resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows that he enlisted at Martinsburg Berkeley County State of Virginia in the year 1776 and

served 3 years (as will appear by the documents filed with my declaration for a pension about the fall of 1818) and was in the Battle of German Town and Monmouth and Trenton [December 26, 1776] and at the taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] – and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 and that I am unable to maintain and support myself by labor and that I have no possession, but have hitherto supported myself by day labor and have no family residing with me and have received a pension by virtue of a certificate No. 4.120.

S/ George Johnston, X his mark

Schedule

I have no property except some wearing apparel and some in different articles of household furniture and seven small hogs.

Sworn to and declared on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1820 in open Court

S/ George Johnson, X his mark

[the court valued the veterans property as being worth \$14]

Jefferson County Sct.

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County of Jefferson, John Cross,<sup>1</sup> and made oath that George Johnson [sic] enlisted under Captain Fitchpatrick (or Killpatrick) in the year 1781 in then Berkeley now Jefferson County, to serve during the war, and that the said George Johnson served with him the said John Cross in the company commanded by the said Fitchpatrick (or Killpatrick) which company was attached to the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment and was ordered to join General Green [Nathanael Greene] in the South, but on the way the company to which he belonged was countermanded and ordered to join the Army in pursuit of Lord Cornwallis, and that it became attached to the Army at York, and was commanded by Colonel Gaskins & Major Willis, before the arrival of General Washington – and that the affiant joined the Course afterwards and knows nothing of the said Johnson after that time until the conclusion of the war.

Given under my hand and seal this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 1823

S/ Matthew Ranson

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 21, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do hereby Certify that I had in my possession George Johnston's Discharge as a soldier in the revolution war to get his land warrant in Richmond and left it with General James Wood who was Lieutenant Governor That time at the death of Wood his discharge got lost or mislaid & this

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<sup>1</sup> [John Cross S39382](#)

is the same George Johnson [sic] that had the discharge as a Soldier in the war with Great Britain.

Giving [sic] under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> January 1819

S/ A. Davenport

I do hereby certify that I had in my possession George Johnson's Discharge as a soldier in the Revolution war to get his Land warrant in Richmond and left it with gunneral James Wood who was Lieut Governor at that time at the death of Wood his discharge got lost or mislaid & this is the same George Johnson that had the discharge as a Soldier in the war with Great Britain giving under my hand the 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 1819 A. Davenport