

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Giles Johnson S38090

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Charles City County state of Virginia viz.

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 1818 before us the subscribers Justices of the peace and Judges of the County Court of Charles City personally appeared Giles Johnson aged sixty-two years resident in the County aforesaid, who being by us 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 the said Giles Johnson enlisted in the County of Charles City in the year 1779 in the State of Virginia taking the oath of a soldier before William Christian a Justice of the Peace for said County, that he then marched as far as the Blue Ball near Philadelphia where he and others were ordered back to Petersburg Virginia where he was enrolled in Captain Taliaferro's [probably Captain Benjamin Taliaferro's] Company, and was detached to the South and served in the first Virginia detachment under the command of Colonel Parker [probably Colonel Richard Parker who died from wounds suffered at Charleston in May 1780] – That he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until July 1781 – when he was discharged from service in Jamestown in the State of Virginia. That he was at the sieges of Savannah and Charleston at which last place he was taken prisoner and detained for sixteen months 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 accompanying affidavit his discharge having long since been lost.

Sworn to and declared before us the day and year aforesaid

S/ Henry Vaughan

S/ J. M. Gregory

S/ John Armistead

S/Benjamin Parker

We the undersigned justices of the peace for said County do further certify that Giles Johnston [sic] doth on his oath say that he served under Colonel Richard Parker to the South as stated above. That he was detached from the northern Army and the force under Parker consisted of 2 companies of horse and 4 of foot. That they were called the first Virginia detachment on Continental establishment.

S/ Benjamin Parker

This is to certify that Giles Johnson enlisted in the time of the Revolutionary war as a Soldier and I believe he served out his time.

Given under my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1818

S/ John Boury

I Isham Whitt do hereby certify that Mr. Giles Johnson enlisted in the year 1779 and Marched out near the place called the son of the blue ball from thence was carried to the South and was taken prisoner at the siege of Charleston.

S/ Isham Whitt

Charles City County

June 12, 1818

[p 5: On October 12, 1843 Frederick A. Mayo of Richmond Virginia wrote a letter to JL Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions inquiring on the half of Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, widow of Jiles Johnson [sic] to inquire as to whether or not she is entitled to a small pension on account of her husband's service in the revolution; that her husband was struck from the role of pensioners for some reason unknown to her; that she was not married to her husband prior to 1794; there is no statement as to when her husband died.]

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