

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archibald Johnston S38091

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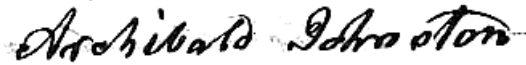
State of Kentucky Shelby County: SS

On this 17th day of April 1834 personally appeared before me George Burgin a Justice of the Peace in and for Shelby County and one of the Judges of the County Court of said County Archibald Johnston aged 83 years on the 17th day of January last who being duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

He states that he was residing in Loudon [Loudoun] County State of Virginia when he entered the Service of the United States and served as herein stated – that sometime in the month of September 1777 he volunteered under Captain Jacob Reed for a tour of three months and was commissioned as a Lieutenant in said Company. He states they rendezvoused at Leesburg in said County of Loudoun – and when they marched from said place of rendezvous they were attached to Colonel ~~James Coleman's~~ Josiah Clapham's [Josias Clapham's] Regiment – they then proceeded across the Potomac River at Nolons ferry [Noland's Ferry] thence through Maryland into Pennsylvania passed through Torney town, thence through York town, thence through Lancaster. And at a place called the twin taverns, he states they fell in with the rear of the Continental Army – he states that they then proceed [proceeded] to a place called the Wet encampment or Tan Yard and joined the Army commanded by General Washington he states that they remained with said Army until the three months were out they then marched to Nolon's ferry where they were all discharged in December 1777. He further states that after returning to Loudoun County that he moved to Fairfax County and that in the month of April 1781 that he again volunteered for a tour of three months under Captain Robert Sandford [also spelled Robert Sanford] he says they Rendezvoused at the Town of Alexandria and that Captain Sandford in choosing his subaltern officers gave to said declarant the appointment of Orderly Sergeant: he further states that upon taking up the line of march that the two Companies from Fairfax the one commanded by Captain Sandford, the other by Captain Charles Little were under the command of Major Dennis Ramsay – they marched to Fredericksburg – thence to Williamsburg thence to Yorktown, thence they marched to a place called halfway from York to Hampton – thence to Williamsburg again. He states that General Philips [William Phillips] was pursuing the American Army and that they had to retreat from place to place till the three months for which he had volunteered being expired he and the balance of Captain Sandford's Company was discharged in the town of Fredericksburg sometime in the month of July 1781. – He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no living witness by whom he can prove said service he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except

the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. He states that from bodily infirmity that he is unable to appear in open Court to make his declaration.

S/ Archibald Johnston

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Archibald Johnston".

Sworn and subscribed this day and year aforesaid

S/ Geo. Burgin

Answer to Questions put by the Justice

I was born in Frederick County State of Virginia in the year 1750 and have no written record of my age – and when I entered the service of the United States I was living in Loudoun County Virginia, the Second time I entered the service I was living in Fairfax County Virginia where I remained until the year of 1815 I then moved to Shelby County Kentucky where I now live and in the year 1777 I volunteered under Captain Reed for a tour of three months and in this tour there were of the regular officers General Washington, General Wayne and Lord Sterling as of the Militia there General Stephens [presumably Edward Stevens], Colonels Coleman, Chapham of Virginia on my Second tour there were of the Continental officers Colonel Richardson of the militia there were Colonel Ennis and Brent. I did receive a commission signed by a committee for the purpose of giving commissions and I received a discharge signed by Captain Sandford both of which from the great length of time have been lost. I will state the names of John Metcalfe clergyman and George Burgin residing in my present neighborhood who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my service as a soldier of the Revolution.

[John Metcalfe, a clergyman, and George Burgin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]