

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Payne Johnson S38095

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District of Georgia Wilkes County:

On this 7th day of May 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of the County of Wilkes in said District personally appeared Joseph P Johnson aged seventy years on the 4th day of July last Resident in Captain Tarvers Company in the said District of Georgia who being by me 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 he the said Joseph P Johnson enlisted in the seventh Regiment in the Continental establishment in the Virginia Line by Captain Joseph Spencer and of the Corps of General William Woodford. Entered the service about the month of February in the year 1776, that he continued to serve in the said Corps or service of the United States until the 11th day of February 1778 when he was discharged from service at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania and that he was in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777] and 2 skirmishes near Brunswick in the State of Jersey [New Jersey].

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.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ B. Porter, Presiding JIC W. County

S/ Joseph P Johnson



Georgia Elbert County:

Personally appeared before me James Wood one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County John Carroll Esquire and being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Joseph Payne Johnson, and that he the said Johnson enlisted in the service of the United States in the month of February or March in the year 1776 under Captain Joseph Spencer whose company was attached to the seventh Virginia Regiment which was commanded by Colonel Alexander McClannihan [sic] in Brigadier General Woodford's Brigade and that the said Johnson entered said service in the capacity of a noncommissioned officer and continued in the aforesaid service to this deponent's knowledge until the first January 1778 at which time this deponent left the Regiment and left the aforesaid still in said service. Given under my hand and seal this 26 August 1818

Sworn to and subscribed before [me] the day and date above written
S/ James Wood, JIC S/ John Carroll {Seal}

Sept 1818
John Carroll

State of Georgia Wilkes County

Personally appeared before me Robert Grier a Justice of the peace of the said County John Robertson who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he knew Joseph Payne Johnson and he frequently saw him in Company with Captain Joseph Spencer in the Recruiting Service in the year 1776 and he believes he served two years in Captain Joseph Spencer's company the term for which he was enlisted, and that he is now in Reduced Circumstances and stands in need of assistance of his Country for support

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th of September 1818
S/ Robert Grier, JP S/ John Robertson

John Robertson

State of Georgia Wilkes County

Personally appeared before me Robert Grier a Justice of the peace of the said County Thomas Porter and being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he knew Joseph Payne Johnson as a Soldier or noncommissioned officer in Captain Joseph Spencer's company of the Virginia line and that he entered into Service about the month of February 1776, and that the said Johnson continued in said service with me in the State of Virginia where I left him in the service in the month of August 1776 and that I have good Reason to believe that he served two years the term for which he was enlisted, and further believe that he belonged to the seventh Virginia Regiment, and now is in Reduced Circumstances and Stands in need of his Country's support.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 18th September 1818
S/ Robert Grier, JP S/ Thomas Porter

Thomas Porter

State of Georgia Wilkes County

In the Inferior Court of said County In Session

On this eighteenth day of May 1824 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said County Joseph P Johnson aged seventy-six years resident in Wilkes County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: In the year 1775 he entered the service of his Country as a minute man under Colonel Lawrence Taliaferro in Virginia & served some months, and in February 1776 he enlisted for two years & served the whole time under Captain Joseph Spencer. At the time of enlistment the Regiment was commanded by Colonel William Dangerfield, but in the course of the time Colonel Crawford [William Crawford] and McClanachan [Alexander McClanachan] succeeded to the Command respectively

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.

One hundred sixty-two acres poorest third quality land, one blind mare – one sow & pigs – one cow & calf – other small articles not exceeding ten dollars in value. The declarant is a farmer upwards of 76 years old & unable to sustain personal labor except in a small degree. Has no family except his wife & she is older than himself, and that he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country. Declarant hath received a pension certificate, a copy whereof is hereunto annexed.

S/ Joseph P Johnson, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 7th, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

[Note: I (Will Graves) searched the pension records to see if any of the supporting witnesses which listed as pensioner. I found none of them. The above affidavits may well be the only record in the federal pension records of the services of all three supporting witnesses.]