

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Johnson S38099

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State of Georgia, Wilkes County, on this 9th day of April 1819, before me the Subscriber one of the Justices (or Judges of the Inferior) Court for the County of Wilkes personally appeared Abraham Johnson of the State and County aforesaid, aged sixty three years and resident in the said State and County seven years immediately preceding the date hereof who being first by me 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 Abraham Johnson Enlisted for the term of three years in the month of June in the year 1775 in the State of South Carolina in the Company Commanded by Captain Robert Lile [Robert Lyle] of the Regiment Commanded by Colo. William Thompson [William Thomson] in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the Service of the United States until some time in the year 1778 when he was discharged from service in the State of South Carolina that he was in the battle at Stono [June 20, 1779],¹ & at the skirmishes at Bacon's bridge, Talliposee [sic, Tallapoosa?] and other skirmishes during the time of his said enlistment and that he acted and performed his duty faithfully according to orders during his said Enlistment, 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 Subscribed before me this ninth day of April 1819

S/ Johnson Wellborn, JIC

S/ Abraham Johnson, A his Mark

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Georgia, Wilkes County} On this 16th day of July 1819, Before me the Subscriber one of the Judges or Justices of the Inferior Court for the County of Wilkes personally appeared Abraham Johnson of the State and County aforesaid who after being duly sworn deposed and saith that he this deponent was whilst he was in Enlisted (Soldier) as stated in the accompanying alphadavit [sic, affidavit] taken prisoner by the Enemies of the United States called Tories and by them carried into the City of Savannah and there detained by the British troops whilst they were in possession of Savannah on board of their prison ship and in the said City for the Time of five

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html and <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/stonoferry.htm>

months and seven days as nearly as this deponent can recollect and that whilst he was a prisoner in the said City of Savannah he this deponent received a severe wound (by which) he suffered so that his life was greatly despaired of which said Imprisonment this Deponent believes was in the year 1778 and this deponent further deposeseth and verily doth believe that he this deponent was the only enlisted Soldier of the same name in Colonel Thompson's [William Thomson's] Regiment, and this deponent further saith that as to the precise dates or the time of his Enlistment & discharged -- it may be that some small Inaccuracies may have taken place, but that the whole of this and the accompanying affidavit are substantially true as aforesaid and this deponent further states that years after his discharge from the Service of the United States, he understood that one John Cook half Brother of this deponent undertook without his Knowledge to make some exertions with the war department or authority to obtain for him a pension or some remuneration for his services & Sufferings, whilst he was in the United States Service but as yet, nothing has been received by this deponent nor does he believe that any one has for him before born Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and date aforesaid

S/ Johnson Wellborn, JIC

S/ Abraham Johnson, A his Mark

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State of Georgia, Wilkes County: In Wilkes Superior Court, July term 1820

On this 19th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for the said County & State aforesaid, Abraham Johnson, aged sixty-seven years in March last, resident in this said County & State, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, That he was enlisted as a private in Camden district in the State of South Carolina, and the third Regiment, commanded then by Colonel William Thomson, in a company Commanded by Captain Robert Lyles, which Regiment belonged to the South Carolina line on Continental establishment. That he is now a pensioner under the act of Congress of the 18th day of March 1818. That his original declaration to obtain his pension bears date of the 15th day of June 1818 this pension Certificate is numbered 14,833. That he served in said Regiment for three years, & for further particulars of his enlistment, service & discharged refers to his original declaration sent to & now in the War Department. Further the deponent's saith "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 other wise 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" -- and I further swear & declare that I have been a shoemaker by trade, but am now too old & feeble to follow my trade so as to make it a means of support. That I live in a house rented of Christopher Kinder [?]², have a wife & one child, a daughter, named Frances aged 15, residing with me, my wife is 55 years old -- All which circumstances I submit to the war department.

Sworn to & Declared on the 19th July 1820 before

Christopher Kinder

S/ Jno. M. Dooly, JIC

S/ Abraham Johnson, A his mark
Schedule annexed to the foregoing declaration

3 dozen avol[?] blades
1 gross shoe tacks
3 shoe Knives
1 pr punchers [?] & some shoe making lasts
1 shoe making bench

I swear & declared that the foregoing contains all that I own, real or personal [several indecipherable words], my necessary bedding & clothing only excepted.

S/ Abraham Johnson, A his mark

[Facts in file: Veteran died December 26, 1826; son, Tyre Johnson was living as of 1854; his age is not shown.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 15, 1818, for service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line for 3 years.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to Abraham Johnson pp7
Audited Account No. 4038

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Petition of Abraham Johnson
5 December 1798
Committee on Pensions
Mr. Gaillard
Col. McRee
Maj. Hampton

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To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate of South Carolina, Assembled:
The humble Petition of Abraham Johnston [sic]

Sheweth,

That your Petitioner during the late American war served three years as a Soldier in the third regiment of South Carolina commanded by Col. William Thomson – That your Petitioner was wounded during the time of his Service and that he hath hitherto received no compensation for his Services in the said Regiment; –

Wherefore your Petitioner prays that this Honorable House will be pleased to grant such relief to your Petitioner as from the Premises shall seem fit and expedient.

And your Petitioner will ever pray

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

December 5th, 1798

S/ Abraham A. Johnson

*Abraham A. Johnson*⁴

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[p 5: Identical petition as set forth above except this one is addressed to the South Carolina House of Representatives]

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South Carolina

I do hereby Certify, that Abraham Johnston [sic] was a Soldier in the third Regiment, that he was Wounded in one of his thighs during the Year 1779, and that, his continuing to be incapable of duty, in consequence of Said wound – appears to me the only reason why he was not in Garrison with the said Regiment at the Surrender of Charleston on the 12th May 1780, which was within the term of his enlistment –

S/ Wm Thomson [William Thomson]
Colo. of 3rd Regt.

Wm Thomson
Colo. of 3rd Regt

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It is necessary that the within Certificate Should Specify whether the within Soldier continued a Prisoner, until the General Exchange
Also wards [??]

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⁴ Although not labeled as such, this is probably his mark, rather than his signature.