

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Johnston S38873

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Virginia

Be it remembered that at a court held in and for the County of Monongalia at the courthouse of the said County on Wednesday the 27th day of May A.D. 1818 Richard Johnston aged fifty-six years resident in said County of Monongalia, personally appeared before the said court and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God upon his oath doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions of the late act of Congress entitled "An act providing for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" –

That he the said Richard Johnston enlisted as a soldier in the service of the United States and joined the Army under General Washington at Valley Forge in the year 1777 in the company of Captain Wells the 15th Regiment and General Woodford's [William Woodford's] brigade: was at the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] under the command of the Marquis de Lafayette and at Stony Point [July 16, 1779] under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne]: then marched to the Siege of Charleston in the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel Russell in General Woodford's brigade was taken prisoner, made his escape, got a pass from General Rutherford [presumably Griffith Rutherford of North Carolina?], and Colonel Quebecker [perhaps a mistaken attempt to identify Colonel Christian Febiger] to join Washington's Army missed the Army and was at Lancaster Pennsylvania when Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781]. That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.
[Ordered to be certified and transmitted to the war Department]

Be it remembered that at a Court held for the County of Monongalia at the Courthouse of the said County on Tuesday the 27th of April in the year 1819 Richard Johnston personally appeared in court and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God the following declaration, That from the time he enlisted in 1777 till the time he escape from the British was about 3 years during which time he served in the Regular service of the United States in the Virginia line on Continental establishment first under Colonel Wallace and afterwards Colonel Russell"
[the above certificate was ordered to be transmitted to the war office.]

Virginia

Be it remembered that at a County court held in and for the County of Monongalia at the courthouse of said County, on the 20th day of June in the year 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record which proceeds according to the course of the Common law, with a

jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceedings, Richard Johnston aged about fifty-eight years resident in Preston County Late part of Monongalia 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 as a private soldier in the service of the United States and joined the Army under General Washington at Valley Forge in the year 1777 in the company of Captain Wells in the 15th Regiment and General Woodford's brigade, was at the battle of Monmouth under the command of the Marquis de Lafayette and at Stony Point under General Wayne, that he marched to the siege of Charleston in the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel Russell in General Woodford's brigade, was taken prisoner, that made his escape, got a pass from General Rutherford and Colonel Febiger to join Washington's Army, but lost his way, and was at Lancaster Pennsylvania when Cornwallis was taken, that he was in service of the United States for about three years, that he made a declaration in order to obtain the provisions of the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 before the said court, on the 27th of May 1818, and an additional one on the 27th of April 1819, and that there was granted to him by the Secretary of War, a pension certificate dated the 21st of July A.D. 1819 and numbered 12.458 at the back of said certificate.

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, to wit

One horse, 14 years old last spring

*One cow

Six hogs & six shoats

One shovel & one coalter plough & gears

A few earthen plates

One table

One iron pot & 2 or 3 old spoons

½ sett of knives & forks

*purchased with the money that I have received as a pension

S/ Richard Johnston, X his mark

That he has no trade or occupation which he is enabled to support himself that he has no family living with him, that he hires the wife of a near neighbor to do many little things for him in his cabin, that he resides upon a small piece of poor land, for which he pays but a small rent for; that with the aid of the Government he is enabled to live without assistance from others, otherwise he thinks within a year or two past he could not, that he is getting very infirm, and for several months past, has barely been able to get from home.

Sworn to and declared on the day and date aforesaid before the aforesaid County of Monongalia

[Attested by Nimrod Evans as clerk of the court June 28, 1820 in which the clerk says the court valued the property schedule by the veteran at \$36.25.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 27, 1818, for service as a private for 4 years in the Virginia Continental line.]