

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha Edwards Johnson (Johnston) S38885

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To the Honorable the Secretary of War of the United States

The Petition of Elisha Edwards Johnson represents that soon after the battle of Sullivan's Island [June 28, 1776]<sup>1</sup> he enlisted during the revolutionary war as a soldier in the service of the United States under Captain Thomas Jarvey [Thomas Jervey] of the fifth South Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Isaac Huger, and was under his command at Savannah when it was taken by the British [Savannah Georgia was taken by the British on December 29, 1779] and was then taken prisoner That he was afterwards in the battle of Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six, May 21-June 19, 1781]<sup>2</sup> under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] in which he received three wounds one in his leg one in his hip and one in his shoulder, which disabled him so much that he was unable to perform duty again during the war and returned to his friends under a permit from General Greene, which was all the discharge he ever received, that this together with all his other papers have been destroyed by fire, so that he has no way of proving the above facts but by his own oath. Your petitioner states that after the fall of Savannah he never received any pay from the United States for his services nor has he ever received any pension from the United States nor from any of the States, after the conclusion of the war he continued to reside in South Carolina, and about eighteen years ago he removed to North Carolina where he resided until about one year ago when he removed to the State of Tennessee where he now resides and is an inhabitant of Giles County. He is about the age of seventy years is poor and in reduced circumstances, having no real estate and very little personal property, and is scarcely able with much difficulty to procure for himself a scanty subsistence by his personal exertions, and stands in need of the assistance of his country. He also releases any claim to a pension from the United States under any previous law to that passed in 1818 He therefore prays to be placed on the pension list agreeably to an act passed at the last Session of the Congress of the United States

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State of Tennessee, Maury County to wit.

This day personally appeared before me Thomas Stuart one of the Judges of the Circuit courts for the State of Tennessee now presiding in the Circuit Court of Maury County, Elisha Edwards Johnson the above petitioner who being duly sworn states that the facts set forth in the above petition are Just and true.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 20th day of June 1818.

S/ Thos. Stuart

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_ft\\_moultrie\\_1.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ninety\\_six.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html)

S/ Elisha Eds Johnson

June 1818?

*Elisha Eds Johnson*

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I do hereby Certify that Isaac Huger was a Colonel in the Regular Service in South Carolina & afterwards made a General & I make no doubt but what this Elisha E. Johnston [sic] has sworn to the truth.

Given under my hand this 18th of June 1818

S/ Richard Winn

Majr General In South Carolina

*I do hereby Certify that Isaac Huger was a Colonel in the Regular Service in South Carolina & afterwards made a General & I make no doubt but what this Elisha E. Johnston has sworn to the truth*

*Given under my hand this  
18<sup>th</sup> June 1818*

*Richard Winn*

*Majr General  
In South Carolina*

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State of Tennessee, Maury County

This day came before me Samuel Witherspoon one of the Justices for said County Edward Watts of sd. County and nearly seventy-seven years of age who being sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God, deposeth that while he served as a regular soldier in the Revolutionary War under the command of Colonel Isaac Huger, he believes that the within named Elisha E. Johnston [sic] served with him as a regular Soldier for the term of 18 months under said Huger, that he believes him Justly entitled to any benevolence for said services from the General Government, that he believes said Service as rendered by said Johnston under Captain Thomas Jarvey.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 19<sup>th</sup> June 1818

S/ Samuel Witherspoon, Justice of the peace

S/ Edward Watts

*Edward Watts*

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State of Tennessee, Maury County

This day came before me Samuel Witherspoon, one of the Justices for said County Elisha Edwards Johnson aged Seventy years who being Sworn on the Holy evangelist of Almighty God, deposeth that he served as a Continental Soldier in the Revolutionary War, for six years, that he enlisted during the War under the command of Colonel Isaac Huger and Served said time faithfully, that when that noted battle took place at Ninety Six South Carolina I was there under the command of General Greene at which place I received three wounds, the marks of which I Carry to my great injury.

That he was sent from the service on a permit by General Greene as unable for duty, which was all the discharge he received, that his papers pertaining to the war with all others he had was destroyed by fire therefore have no way of proving said services but by his oath.

S/ Elisha Eds Johnson

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 15 June 1818

S/ Samuel Witherspoon, Justice of the peace

[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 having enlisted for the war.]