

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Johnson S41698

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State of North Carolina

Personally appeared before me Leonard Henderson one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the State aforesaid, Thomas Johnson (aged about sixty-three years) and makes oath that early in the revolutionary War (being an unlettered man he cannot state the date) he Enlisted in the regular Army of the United States in the North Carolina line for twelve months in the first Regiment under Captain Henry Dixon (Tilman Dixon [Tilghman Dixon] Lieutenant) that he faithfully served his Country in the capacity aforesaid until near the Expiration of his time when he was again Enlisted in the said line under the same officers for three years in 1777 which period he also faithfully served and obtained his discharge at the Expiration thereof -- That in the year 1801 he delivered his discharge and other papers including his Services to John R. Eaton at that time as member of the North Carolina Legislature for the purpose of obtaining his military bounty lands under the laws of North Carolina -- that soon thereafter he Eaton delivered to him a land warrant for two hundred and seventy-four acres of land -- that a short time ago he made application to the Secretary of State for North Carolina for his discharge &c who sent him word that his papers would not be of any service to him and forwarded to him the annexed Certificate as more competent Evidence of his claims.

He further states that he has but a very small property consisting of one hundred acres of poor unimproved land except for a very small part thereof. That his dwelling house is a log cabin that he has seven head of cattle one feather bed and furniture and a small quantity of household and kitchen furniture, an old female slave between sixty and seventy years of little or no value. That he has no other property except wearing apparel and a few plantation tools that his wife is about sixty-seven years old -- That his children have left him and are poor and that he in his concern [?] believes he stands in need of the Assistance of his country. That his land might be rented for fifteen dollars a year possibly twenty no part of is broke [?] but little for cultivation. Sworn to before me this 29th of March 1820.

S/ Thomas Johnson, T his mark

John R. Eaton makes oath that in the year 1801 being a member of the North Carolina Legislature Thomas Johnson who has made the foregoing affidavit applied to him to obtain his military bounty land from the State and showed him his papers -- that he examined them and found they were regular and satisfactory that he appeared before Committee of the Legislature to

whom the Johnson petition had been referred and laid the papers before them, that they were examined and pronounced live the chairman to be not only satisfactory but highly so the [sic, that?] a warrant was directed to issue for 274 acres of land which he drew and shortly after his return home delivered to the Johnson.

S/ John R. Eaton

Sworn to before me this 29th of March A.D. 1820

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Amount of Estate of Thomas Johnston [sic]

One hundred Acres of Poor Land

One old Negro woman between 60 & 70 years old

Stock of Cattle 8 Head, one Feather Bed and Furniture & 12 Head of Hogs and a small Quantity of household Furniture, sworn to and subscribed to before me 30th day of March A.D. 1820.

S/ Thomas Johnson, T his mark

S/ Charles Taylor, JP

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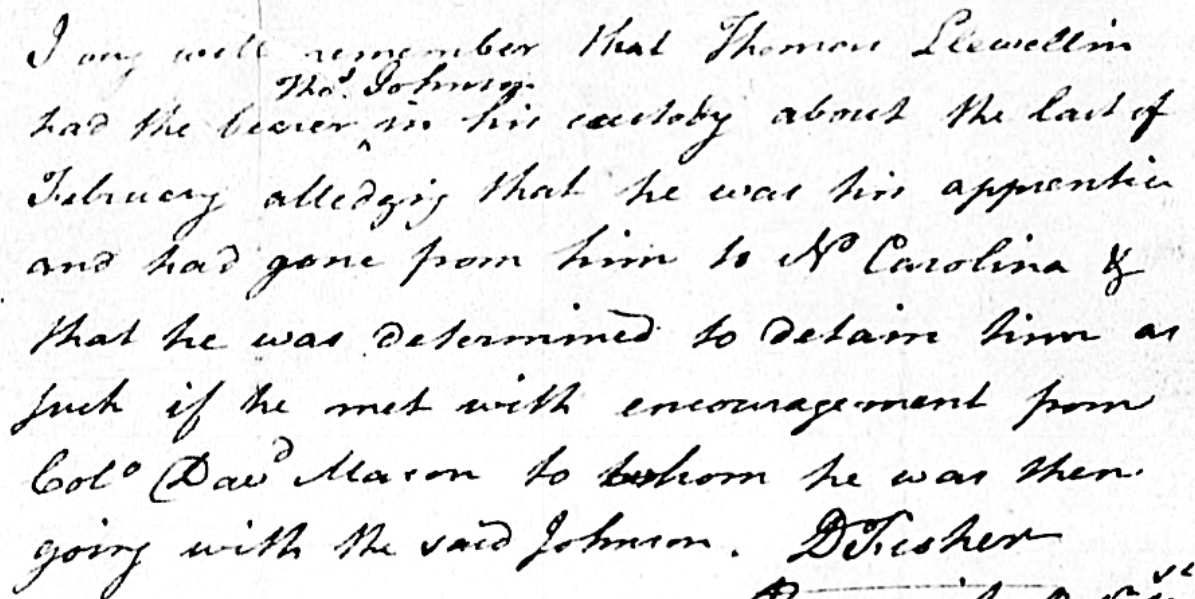
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D/ D. Fisher

Brunswick October 1<sup>st</sup> 1780



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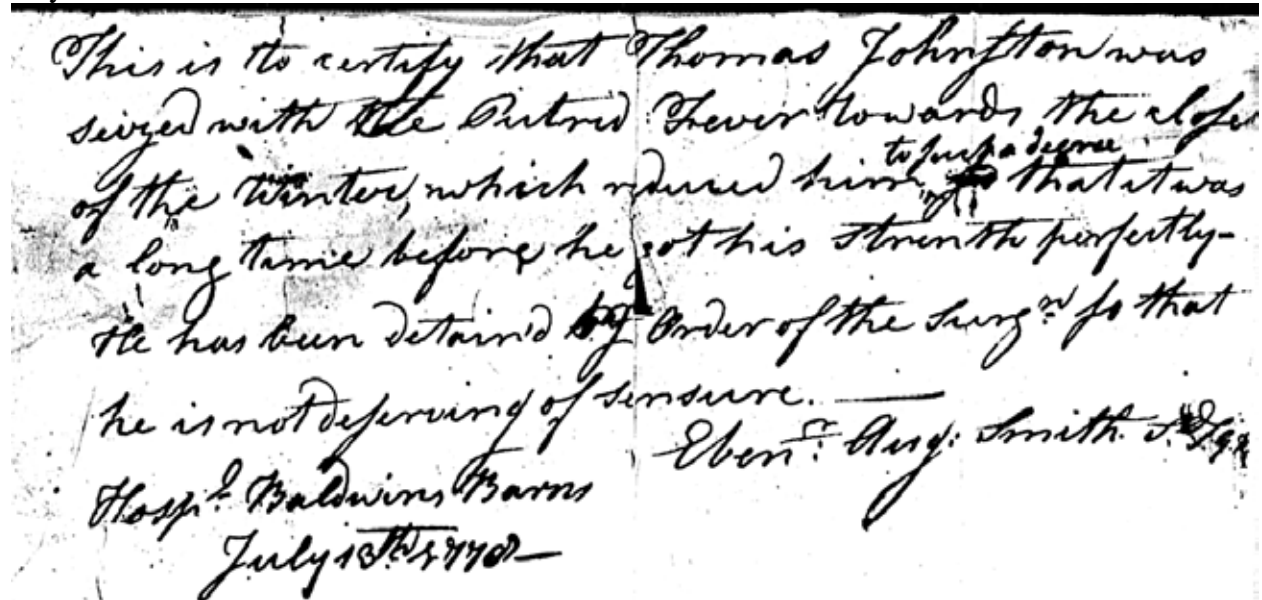
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S/ Eben<sup>r</sup> Aug. Smith, [illegible]<sup>1</sup>

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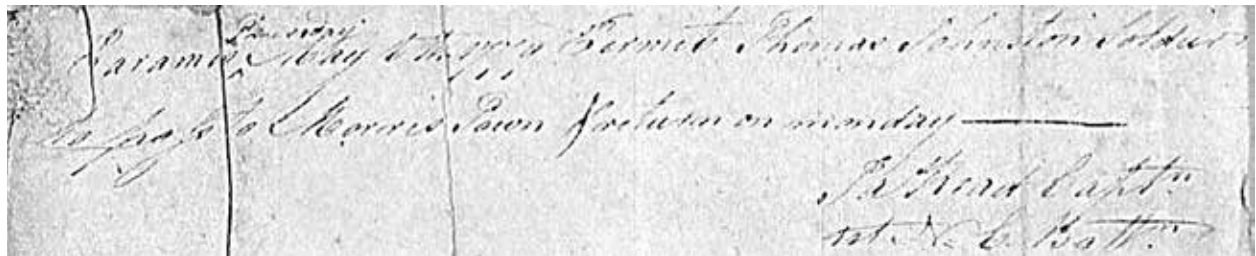


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S/ Jas Read, Capt [James Read]  
1<sup>st</sup> NC Batt.



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I hen [sic, 'here' or 'have'] Rec'd of Thos Johnston a Soldier in Capt. Reed's Company in the 4<sup>th</sup> NC Batt'n one Gun &c accoutrements.

Crew Compy [?]  
S/ Jesse Allen, a Sergeant Capt. NC

<sup>1</sup> An internet search on 10/27/08 found one "Ebenezer Augustus Smith" as an Hospital Surgeon in the Delaware line.  
<http://www.rsar.org/military/derghist.htm>

Sheweth that the said Johnson a Soldier in Capt. Meade's  
Company in the 4<sup>th</sup> Regt. of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Queen's Company  
Super. Allen a Sergeant

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 24<sup>th</sup> of March 1820

I do hereby certify that it appears from the list of warrants issued to the Officers and Soldiers for

their Services in the Revolutionary War, that Thomas Johnson obtained a warrant for 274 acres per Resolution of the General Assembly dated 16<sup>th</sup> of December 1801

Given under my hand the date above

S/ L. B. Hardin, D. Sec. [deputy secretary]

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 12 April 1820

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the North Carolina line in the revolutionary war, that Thomas Johnston a private in Captain Dixon's company of the first Regiment was mustered in the year 1777 for the war and that he Deserted in January 1780.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

There is no doubt but the charge of Desertion against Thomas Johnson was occasioned by his being taken and detained by Thomas Lewellen as his apprentice.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 29, 1820, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina Continental line.]