

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Silas Johnson S41705

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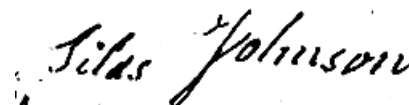
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State of Ohio Muskingum County Sct.

Be it known that before me in the State and County aforesaid personally appeared Silas Johnson a resident citizen of this County, & made oath that he enlisted as a private Soldier in the Revolutionary War on the Continental establishment against Great Britain; – in Captain James Armstrong's company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee], commonly called Lee's Legion, Light Horse & Infantry, Virginia Line, for during the war; – This enlistment took place on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 1780: That he served, without intermission, until the 14<sup>th</sup> June 1783 when he was discharged by Captain George Handy of the Infantry, with a written discharge signed by Colonel Lee & Captain Handy – that he has no other evidence to offer to substantiate his claim to a pension under the late law of Congress, and that by reason of his reduced circumstances he is in need of assistance of his country for support – being now in his 57<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Sworn and subscribed this the 16 day of June 1818 before me  
S/ David Lindley, Associate Judge

S/ Silas Johnson



State of Ohio, Muskingum County, SS

Court of Common Pleas, November Term 1820

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1820, personally appeared in open Court, being a court of Record for said state Silas Johnston [sic] aged 59 years, resident in Muskingum County in said state, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war on the Continental establishment as follows: in what at that time was called Lee's Legion commanded by Colonel Henry Lee – Captain Armstrong's Company Virginia Line. The date of my original application is on 16<sup>th</sup> June 1818 and the number of my certificate is 9,199. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

my occupation is farming – Not able to pursue it owing to bodily weakness & old cough.

– The number of my family residing with me is 5: their names are as follows: Sarah (wife) Silas

– Tunis – Henry & Peter – Sarah my wife sickly – Silas has a white swelling & disabled. Their ages are as follows: 49 – 17 – 14 – 11 – 6

Their capacity to contribute to my support inconsiderable – depend for assistance mostly upon my 2 sons who live in the neighborhood and who are of age.

Sworn & subscribed

S/ Silas Johnson

Schedule of Property – Real and Personal

2 cows	\$14
one 2 year old bull, one yearling & one calf	8.00
one Sow and 7 pigs & for small Chotes [shoats]	4.00
one p of a Waggon	5.00
1 pot, one kettle—1 table	<u>3.00</u>
	\$34.00
Indebted to Samuel Smith in the sum of	\$24
Do to Humphrey Younger	<u>\$8</u>
	\$32 <u>\$32.00</u>
	Balance \$2.00

S/ Silas Johnson

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 16, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]