

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abram Johnson S8770

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Abram Johnston [sic] of the County of Martin & State of North Carolina being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeseth & saith as follows.

I was born in the County of Martin & have resided in said County ever since -- According to the record of my parents on the 30th September 1761 -- I performed service in the Revolutionary War a little more than 6 months the exact time I will not state with certainty. I volunteered under Colonel Kenneth McKensie [Kenneth McKenzie] to the best of my knowledge about 1st April 1780. I was marched out of the County under the command of Captain Francis Ward but at Tarborough in this State he resigned & left us & our company was attached to an Edgecombe Company & we were commanded by Captain Exum Phillips. The Regiment by Colonel Benjamin Exum -- And the whole under General Caswell [Richard Caswell]. I cannot exactly recollect where we joined the Main Army but when we arrived the whole Army was under the command of General Gates [Horatio Gates]. We were marched about considerable until finally we encamped at Col. Rugeley's Mill. We arrived here about the middle of the afternoon preceding the battle of Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780].¹ From this place we were marched soon after dark with orders to preserve perfect silence in the battle commenced before day. After a sharp conflict the militia to which I was attached was routed & I in company with two or three acquaintances now no more retreated & made the best of our way to join the Army in our rear. We succeeded in reaching it on Haw River & encamped at Ramsay's Mills [sic, probably the camp at Troublesome Iron Works on Troublesome Creek]. Here I was taken sick and was among the number that was left at this place when the Army left it. From this place the sick was conveyed to Chatham Court House and our remained here until I was discharged. The original discharge that I received at this place from Colonel Scurlock [Lt. Col. Mial Scurlock] is hereunto annexed --

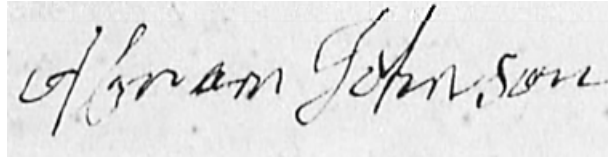
I know of no other persons by whom I can prove my service but the affidavits of those annexed -- whose testimony I can procure with convenience. I have never received a pension from any government & I hereby relinquish my right to any except under the provisions of this Act of Congress of some of June 1832.

I refer to the annexed affidavit for evidence of my character for veracity.

Sworn to & subscribed before me in open Court at the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions held for the County of Martin at the Court House in Williamson the 12th day of October 1832.
S/ Laurence Cherry, Chairman

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html

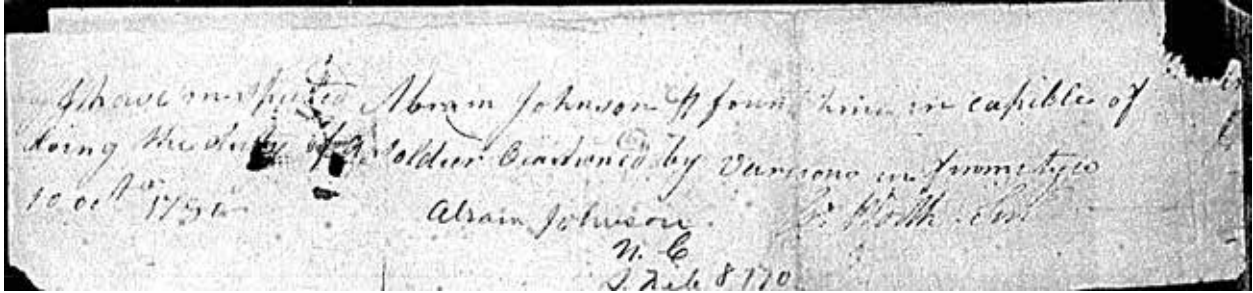
S/ Abram Johnson



[Joseph Biggs Senior, a clergyman, and Matthew Griffin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

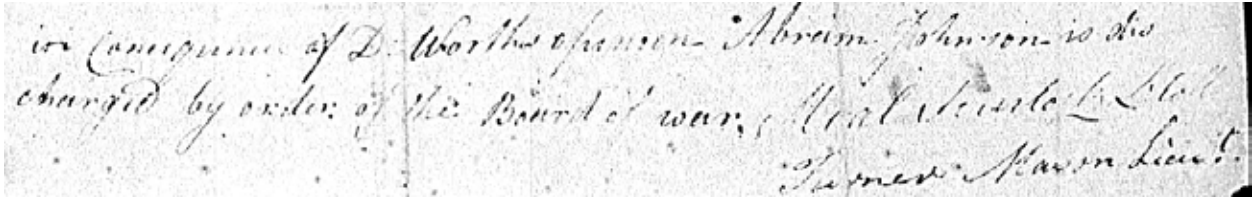
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I have inspected Abram Johnson & found him incapable [sic] of doing the duty of a soldier
Occasioned [sic] by various infirmityis [sic],
10 Oct^r 1780 S/ Jas. [? Could be Jos.] Worth, Senr.



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In Consequence of D: Worths opinion Abram Johnson is discharged by order of the Board of
war,
S/ Mial Scurlock, Lt. Coll.
S/ Turner Mason, Lieut.



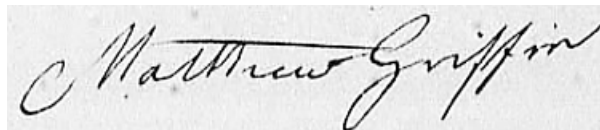
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Matthew Griffin personally appeared in open Court & being sworn deposeth & saith that he served three months during the Revolutionary War. He distinctly recollects that Abram Johnson served the tour preceding his & that he joined the Army when this Deponent was at Ramsay's Mills. When this Deponent was marched from this place Abram Johnson was left there sick.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court that the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions at Williamson the 12th of October 1832.

S/ Matthew Griffin



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]