

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Arthur Johnson (Johnston) W10152

Lucy Johnson

f86VA

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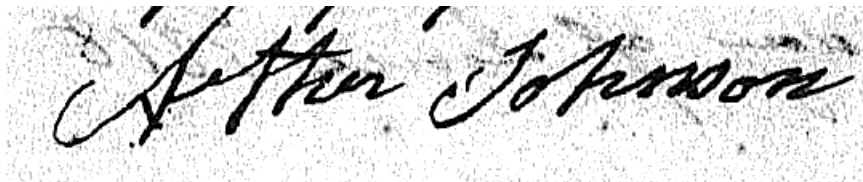
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The State of Indiana, Gibson County

On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1818 before me one of the Judges in and for the Gibson Circuit Court and State aforesaid Personally appeared Arthur Johnson aged Sixty-one years a resident of said County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval services of the US in the revolutionary war – States that he enlisted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of the Virginia troops in 1775 – for one year by Captain Richard Mead commanded by Colonel Woodford [William Woodford] and General Stephens [Edward Stevens] – that he served during the year and was discharged at Williamsburg in Virginia. And that he served the full [term]. [A]fter his discharge on an expedition as Adjutant to a Regiment of Virginia Volunteers commanded by Colonel Frederick Mackling [Frederick Macklin] and General Nelson [Thomas Nelson]. That afterwards he served as a Lieutenant in a Company of Volunteer Militia under the command of Colonel Thomas Branham and General Green [Nathanael Greene]; that he was engaged in the war from the first time he enlisted in the service of the U S in 1775 until the close of the war or the most of the time; and was in the following Battles: at the Long Bridge [December 9, 1775], the Siege of Norfolk, at King's Mountain [October 7, 1780], at Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780], at Prince's Fort [July 17, 1780], at the Hanging Rock,<sup>1</sup> the Siege of Ninety Six [May-June, 1781] and that he was honorably discharged from the Service, and that he is in reduced circumstances and in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power to substantiate his claims or proof of his services.

S/ Arthur Johnson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arthur Johnson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jesse Emmerson {Seal}

The state of Indiana, Gibson County

I Jesse Emmerson one of the Judges of the Gibson Circuit Court do hereby certify that I am acquainted with Arthur Johnson and it appears to my satisfaction that he served in the regular Army of the US in the revolutionary war as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy of the US and I now certify the proceedings and testimony taken and have before me to the Secretary for the

<sup>1</sup> There were 2 militia actions at the hanging rock in South Carolina, the first on July 30, 1780 and the 2nd on August 6, 1780]

Department of War pursuant to the directions of the before mentioned Act of Congress. Given under my hand and seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 1818.

S/Jesse Emmerson, {Seal}

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The State of Indiana Gibson County Sct.

Be it remembered that on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1819 Personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Judges of the Gibson Current circuit Court & State aforesaid Arthur Johnson who appeared before me on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 1818 and made a declaration under oath for the purpose of obtaining the provision of an act of Congress passed the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary War; And in further explanation to his said declaration makes oath that he Enlisted under Captain Richard Mead in Colonel Woodford's Virginia Regiment sometime about the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 1775 for one year, that he served during the whole year, and that he was in the Continental service of the United States from the first of December 1775 to sometime in the month of October or September 1776 at which time he was discharged at Williamsburg in Virginia by Captain Richard Mead and Colonel Woodford.

S/ Arthur Johnson

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Gibson Circuit Court October term A.D.1820

District of Indiana, Gibson County

On this sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord 1820, personally appeared in open court (it being a court of record created so by the Constitution and laws of this State) for the County and State aforesaid Arthur Johnston [sic] aged Sixty-three years on the seventh day of August last, resident within said District who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit: that he enlisted as a regular Soldier in the Revolutionary War in September in the year of our Lord 1775 under Captain Richard Mead in the second Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Woodford of the Virginia line in Brunswick County Virginia and continued in service twelve months and was discharged at Williamsburg Virginia and afterwards off and on in the Service as a volunteer and militia man for about four years and was in the following Battles, to wit: at the long or great Bridge Virginia in the fall or winter of 1775 and at the Battle of Ramsour's Mill North Carolina, at Prince's Fort in the edge of South Carolina, Battle of King's Mountain, Siege of Ninety Six, South Carolina and the date of my original Declaration for the purpose of procuring a pension was made on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 1818 and a pension certificate granted me bearing the date of the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1819 numbered 12891. And I do solemnly affirm 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act 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.

A list of Arthur Johnston's property, debts due you and demands, to wit, one horse, three head of cattle, Twenty-one head of hogs, two acres, one plow, three old hoes, one old sprouting hoe, and I have debts owing to me to the amount of about ten dollars to the best of my recollection and debts which I owe to sundry persons amount to about thirty dollars and two old broken ovens and some old cupboard furniture, one pair of Horse geers, three clevises, one pair double trees, and I have the following family, to wit, my wife aged Sixty-one years the first day of January last and very sickly and

infirm and has been for about twenty years, my son William Johnston aged twenty-two years next January who has been sickly and not able to do for himself from his infancy, Zadock Johnston [sic] aged eighteen and last April and my occupation but weakly and infirm and not able to do hard labor and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Arthur Johnson

And the court after examination are of opinion that the property of the said Arthur Johnston not saying anything about the Debts owing by him in due to him amount to about one hundred twenty dollars.

[p 56: On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1824 in Posey County Indiana, the veteran applied to be reinstated on the pension list filing a complete declaration under the 1818 and 1820 act substantially identical to his previous declaration except as follows:

"My occupation is a farmer but not able to pursue it in consequence of my infirmity, My wife is a living [sic] and aged about 65 years, but she has not been able to pursue her, and labor for 20 years or upwards. Debts owing by me viz. Robert Stockwell \$6, Jesse Emmerson \$3, David Davis \$3, Aaron Endicott \$1.12 ½, George Johnson \$10, Thomas Endicott \$7, Thomas Travis \$.50, there is nothing due me to my knowledge. The following is all the property owned by me viz. one horse beast, one salt and 7 pigs, one small plow, 2 old weeding hoes, 2 old bake ovens, 4 old chairs, some cupboard furniture, one small chaping ax, one meat ax and one pair of horse Geers. The following is the changes in my property since my former Schedule, 2 Cow beasts killed for beef for use of the family, one cow and calf the head, one cow and calf sold, to pay a debt to David Davis, 2 hogs mentioned in my former Schedule were killed for the use of my family and one died, except what is mentioned in the above list.

S/ Arthur Johnson"

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State of Illinois, White County

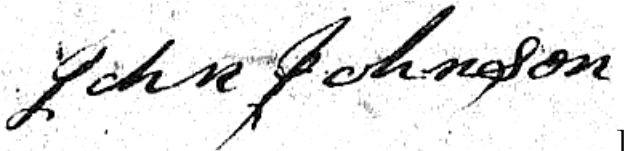
On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1838 before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the said County of White personally appeared Arthur Johnson who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain Richard Mead – in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Woodford in the Service of the United States, that his name was placed on the pension Roll of the State of Indiana from whence he has lately removed – that he now resides in the State of Illinois (White County) where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be there payable in future; the following are his reasons for removing from Indiana to Illinois – to be convenient to his children and grandchildren; that they may support him in his old age.

S/ Arthur Johnson

Sworn and subscribed the day and year above written before me.

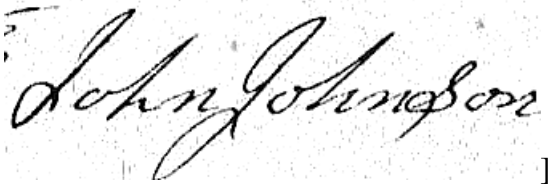
S/ Ja. Ratcliff, J. P.

[the above application was supported by an affidavit given by John Johnson, relationship, if any, not noted



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[p 41: at June Term 1840 of the Commissioners Court for White County Illinois, John Johnson certified that he is the eldest son of Arthur and Lucy Johnson and that the family record is cut out of his Father's family Bible and is in the affiants own handwriting having been written in the year 1823 being taken from a former record.



[p 15: On December 15, 1840 in White County Illinois, Lucy Johnson, 81, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Arthur Johnson, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$8 per month; that she married him January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1779; that her husband served after their marriage in the militia; that he served part of the time as a Lieutenant in a company under General Green and entered the service in Rutherford County North Carolina but served principally in South Carolina; was at the Siege of Ninety Six, In the battles of Sumter's defeat, hanging rock and Rugeley's Mills; that her husband departed this life October 16, 1839. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 9: family register:

#### Births

Arthur Johnson was born the 7 of August 1757

Lucy Johnson was born the 1 January 1759

John Johnson was born the 27 September 1779

Sampson Johnson was born the 19 January 1781

Nancy Johnson was born the 30 December 1783

Ritter Johnson was born the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 1785

Elizabeth Johnson was born the 2 July 1778

Nathaniel Johnson was born the 13<sup>th</sup> May 1789

George Johnson was born the 17 February 1791

Benjamin Johnson was born the 27 of August 1792

Winnie Johnson was born the 24 June 1794

Arthur L Johnson was born 31 June 1797

William M Johnson was born December 11 1798

Lucy Johnson was born the 1 May 1800

#### Marriages

Arthur Johnson and Lucy Harmon was married the 2 January 1779

John Johnson was married the 6 March 1800

John Williams and Ritter Johnson was married the 15 October 1801

George Johnson and Anna Williams was married the 19 October 1816

Benjamin Johnson and Polly Olson [?]<sup>2</sup> was Married the 4 January 1821]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 11, 1818, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia Continental line. He was stricken from the pension roll March 10, 1823. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing October 16, 1839.]



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[The War Department guessed "Olmon"]