

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Johnson W10156 Nancy Johnson f28NC
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South Carolina, Anderson District

On this 19th day of November 1832 Personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the peace for the State and district aforesaid Reuben Johnson a resident of South Carolina in the district of Anderson aged Seventy four years next January, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 with Richard Phillips and served in the 4th Regiment of the North Carolina line or troops under the following named officers -- Enlisted in the Spring of the above year, for 2 1/2 years under the command of Joseph Philips Captain, Micajah Lewis 1st Lieutenant, William Hickman 2nd Lieutenant, Poge [Thomas Polk] was my Colonel Thaxton [sic, James Thackston] 2nd Col. Davisson my Major and Nash [Francis Nash] my General and before the term I enlisted for [expired] I enlisted a second time for during the war; and in my first term of time I marched from North Carolina Surry County where I enlisted to Charleston in South Carolina and from thence marched back to Halifax I then enlisted as above and got a furlough to go home I did so and joined the Army at Wilmington and spent the winter there. I marched next to Georgetown on the Potomac [River] and was after that at the battles and in them at Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] and Monmouth [June 28, 1778], at the Valley Forge I was put into the 1st Regiment under Colonel Clark [Thomas Clark] and Colonel Maburn [Robert Mebane] Majors name not recollected, and at the siege of Charleston South Carolina [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], was taken a prisoner by the British, Hogan [sic, James Hogun] commanded me at Charleston when taken.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in the State of South Carolina.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Reuben Johnson



[Robert King, a clergyman, and Elisha Kelly gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

And the above named applicant Reuben Johnson and on the same day did before me declare on oath that from the bodily infirmities that he was laboring under (viz., the gravel[]) it render him so unhappy that he could not attend a court of the kind required by the War Department unless to his very great inconvenience.

Sworn to and subscribed before me.

S/ Reuben Johnson

S/ Joseph Cox, JP

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Revolutionary Claims
Treasury Department,
for January 1834

Reuben Johnson of __ in the District of Anderson in the State of South Carolina has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in Captain Phillips's Company, in the 4 regiment of the North Carolina line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,
Third Auditor's Office,
8 January 1834

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to __ in the __~~

It further appears that Reuben Johnson is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826—~~at the rate of __ dollars per month.~~

The name of Reuben Johnson cannot be found among those of the North Carolina [line] to whom certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars were issued.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department: Bounty land office
January 11th, 1834

the name of Reuben Johnson, is not returned on the records of the North Carolina line on file in this Office, among those entitled to, or who have received bounty lands from the United States.

S/ Wm Gordon

[p 9: On March 29, 1843, in Anderson District South Carolina, Nancy Johnson, 72, made application for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Reuben Johnson, a pensioner under the 1832 act; that she married him November 20, 1788; and that he died January 26 1833.

She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 11: Margaret Burroughs, sister of Nancy Johnson, gave an affidavit in support of her sister's application stating that her maiden name was Nancy Grunlee; that her sister married Reuben Johnson in the state of North Carolina; that her sister Nancy was six years older than herself; that their father, Peter Grunlee, with his family removed from North Carolina to South Carolina and that Reuben Johnson and his wife Nancy lived on the same plantation as Nancy's father; that their father, Peter, died some forty years previous. Margaret's affidavit was dated March 4, 1843 and was given in Anderson District South Carolina. She signed it with her mark.]

[p 13: Certified copy of a marriage bond given by Reuben Johnson and William Johnson for the marriage of Reuben to Nancy Grunlee; given in Wilkes County, NC and dated October 30, 1788.]

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State of North Carolina,

Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Reuben Johnson a private in Captain Phillips' Company of the 4th Regiment enlisted in 1777 for the war, that a Warrant was issued for his services as a Soldier in November 1795.

Given under my hand this 28th day of May 1833.

[Evidently no pension was issued to the veteran on his application prior to his death on January 26, 1833. I could find no cover sheet indicating that a pension was ever issued to him in his name. His widow, however, was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]