

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Johnson W11956 Frances Johnson f52Non-US[VA]
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A Revolutionary Claim

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an Act entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers & soldiers of the Army of the revolution," approved on the 15th of May 1828, I Richard Johnson now of Madison County in the State of Alabama, and formerly of Halifax County in the State of Virginia, do hereby declare that I was a Corporal in the 3rd troop of cavalry belonging to the partizan Legion [Lee's Legion] commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Henry Lee [Henry "Light Course Harry" Lee], on Continental establishment, in the Army of the revolution, and served as such until the termination of the war, when the Army was disbanded. I also declare that I entered the Legion in the year 1778, and from that time continued regularly in the Corps above named, to the end of the war.

Witness my hand, at Abingdon, in the State of Virginia, to which place I have traveled for the purpose of obtaining evidence of my military service, this 22nd day of April in the year 1829
S/ Richard Johnson



Before me, a Justice of the peace for Washington County, in the State of Virginia, personally appeared this day Peter Johnston [sic]¹ of the County and State aforesaid and made oath, that he was a Lieutenant in the same Corps to which Richard Johnson, who has made the foregoing declaration belonged, that this Affiant entered the Legion in the year 1780, but did not obtain a commission until early part of the [the bottom margin of this paper is damaged and text is missing]

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that when he joined the Corps, the above named Richard Johnson, who is now before him, and whom he has known him ever since, was a Corporal of cavalry, and continued to serve as such until the close of the war, when the Army was disbanded. It is due to Mr. Richard Johnson, in the opinion of this affiant, to add, that he was distinguished as an orderly, faithful and gallant soldier, who performed his duty to the entire satisfaction of his officers. Given under my hand at Abingdon, in the County of Washington & State of Virginia on the 22nd day of April 1829

¹ [Peter Johnston W27629](#)

S/ Robert E. Cummings [JP]

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Charlotte County [Virginia] to wit

Before me a Justice of the peace for Charlotte County & State of Virginia personally appeared this day Clement Carrington² of the County aforesaid and made oath that he was an officer in the same Corps to which the said Richard Johnson belonged; & who has made the above declaration, that he personally knew Johnson when serving together knew him since when living in the County of Halifax State of Virginia & recognize him now to be the same man, although nearly 50 years ago. He served till the end of the war, and if it be of any service to him will with pleasure add that he was a valiant soldier & served to the end of the Scrape, as our Irishmen used to say when the roll was called over.

Given under my hand & seal this 19th day of May 1829

S/ J P Marshall, JP

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Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department,

23 May 1829

Richard Johnson now in Halifax County Virginia but of the County of Madison in the State of Alabama 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 Corporal in the 3rd troop of ~~Captain ___'s Company, in the Colonel Lee's Legion~~ ~~regiment of the ___ 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,

25th May 1829

It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to Richard Johnson, Corporal in ~~the~~ Colonel Lee's Legion

It further appears that Richard 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.~~

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

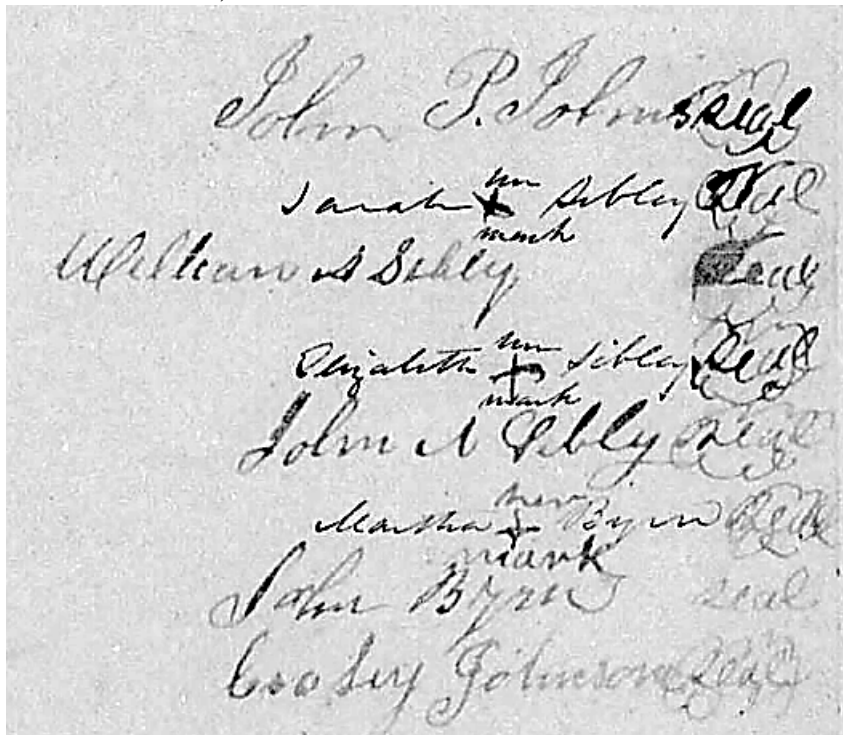
[p 9: On May 10, 1844 in Madison County Alabama, Frances Johnson, 84, on the 29th day of April last, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the

² [Clement Carrington S46427](#)

widow of Richard Johnson, a Corporal of Dragoons in the Virginia line during the revolution; that her husband died the 30th day of August 1842; that she married him in 1784; that they were married by a Baptist preacher by the name of Nathaniel Hall in Halifax County Virginia; that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 7: Certificate of William Holt clerk of the Halifax County Virginia court that the records in his office show that on September 15, 1784, Richard Johnson and Frances Phelps were married by Nathaniel Hall.]

[p 12: On April 26, 1847 in Madison County Alabama, John P. Johnson, Sarah, the wife of William A Sibley, William A. Sibley, Elizabeth, the wife of John A. Sibley, John A. Sibley, Martha the wife of John Byrn, John Byrn and Cisley Johnson, child of Mary Johnson (who was a child of Frances Johnson) made oath that they are the sons, daughters and granddaughter of Frances Johnson, the widow of Richard Johnson.



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Huntsville Alabama Tuesday the 27th April 1847

Received of William H Moore, Agent for paying pensions, \$139.39 being for one year and 59 days pension due for Mrs. Frances Johnson's pension from the 4th day of September 1845 to the 2nd day of November 1846, for which I have signed duplicate receipts.

- S/ John P Johnson
- S/ William A Sibley
- S/ Sarah Sibley
- S/ John A. Sibley
- S/ Elizabeth Sibley
- S/ John Byrn
- S/ Martha Byrn

S/ Cisley Johnson
By their Attorney in Fact
S/ Thos. S. McCalley

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843, for her husband's service as a Corporal of Dragoons in the Virginia Continental line.]