

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Crawford Johnston [Johnson]<sup>1</sup> W21486 Sally Johnston f32NC  
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State of North Carolina Warren County

On this first day of March 1820, before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the State aforesaid personally appeared Crawford Johnson aged about Sixty-one years resident in the County and State aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to attain the provision made by the late 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" That he the said Johnson enlisted in the County of Edgecomb [Edgecombe County] in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain William T. Cole [sic, William Temple Coles]. That said Company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Sexton, that said Regiment was attached to the North Carolina line, on the continental establishment, he enlisted as aforesaid in the month of April 1776 during the war. That he served the war out and was on furlough at the expiration of the war, which furlough was given him at Charleston where he had been taken presenor [sic, prisoner, Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], that he was in the battles of Germantown [October 4, 1777], Whiteplanes [sic, White Plains, October 28, 1776], Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], Brandy wine [sic, Brandywine, September 11, 1777], Blueford Bridge [sic, Beaufort Bridge ?], & Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781], That he was wounded in the side back & Head. That he [is] in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, That he has no other evidence in his power of his said services except the annexed certificate.

S/ Crawford Johnson, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 14th of February 1820

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Crawford Johnston [sic] was mustered as a private in Captain Coles' Company of the 4th Regiment on the 11th of April 1776 for the war -- There is no remarks opposite his name, I cannot therefore say any thing as to the length of time he served --

Given under my hand the date above.

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt1284-100

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina, Warren County: Court of Pleas of and quarter Sessions August Term 1820

On this 28th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court, it being a Court of record; for said County expressly made so by the laws of the State Crawford Johnson [sic] aged Seventy years resident in said County, who being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, to wit, in Captain Clem Hall's [Clement Hall's] Company of 2nd Regiment commanded by General Thomas Clark of North Carolina line on Continental establishment -- that he served in this Regiment two years and several other regiments many years as will appear by his original declaration now on file in the Pension office -- That he has received Pension Certificate Number 16,630, dated the first of April 1820 --

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 other wise 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, To wit --

He has no property whatever except his wearing apparel -- That he is unable to support himself by his own labor -- having received several wounds while in the service aforesaid -- the effects of which he sensibly feels at times -- That one of his arms is broke -- and that he is supported by the charity of a neighbor.

S/ Crawford Johnston, X his mark

[attested by Caswell Drake, Clerk]

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State of North Carolina County of Warren

I, Crawford Johnston [sic] aged about Seventy years, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that, in the year 1778 I enlisted for the term of "*during the war*," and served in the Regiment number Three (3) under the command of Colonel Hogan's [James Hogun] of the \_\_ line; and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war, when I was regularly discharged from the first Regiment, commanded by Colonel Clarke

I further declare, that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever; therefore,

Know all men by these presents, that I, Crawford Johnston [sic] aforesaid, do hereby constitute and appoint, Daniel Turner of County & State aforesaid to be my true and lawful Attorney, for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States, a warrant for the quantity of Land due to me as aforesaid; and my said Attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys for him, for the special purposes above expressed.

S/ Crawford Johnston, X his mark

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[Letter dated May 8, 1843 sent from Warrenton North Carolina by M. J. Montgomery on behalf of William Williamson,<sup>2</sup> Reps Mabry<sup>3</sup> & Joseph Fog,<sup>4</sup> Soldiers of the Revolutionary War requesting information as to their entitlement to land from the United States. In addition Mr. Montgomery inquired as to the warrant issued in 1828 to Crawford Johnston which warrant has been lost and his heirs wish to obtain a new warrant certificate.]

[Response]

May 12, 1843 – Informed Mr. Montgomery, that the names of William Williamson, Reps Mabry and Joseph Fog are not returned on the records of the North Carolina line among those entitled to bounty lands from the United States &c – and that in relation to the land warrant No. 1284 for one hundred acres which issued the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1828 in favor of Crawford Johnston a Soldier of the North Carolina line, which Warrant it stated has been lost, but the laws do not authorize the issue of Warrants of the Revolutionary Class, in lieu of such as have been lost – and that relief in such cases, must be obtained, by a Petition to Congress for a Special Act authorizing the Secretary of War to issue a new Warrant in favor of the heirs of the deceased Soldier, or a Duplicate of that which was originally issued.

[p 8: On May 17, 1843, in Halifax County, NC, Sally Johnston [sic], 85, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of the late Crawford Johnston of Warren County North Carolina, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum for his revolutionary services; that she married him on February 14, 1777; and that he died August 23, 1831. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 11: Copy of the marriage bond dated February 13, 1777 issued in Bute County North Carolina, given by Crawford Johnston and West Harriss of Bute County for the marriage of Johnston to Sally Weathers. The certificate is signed by the clerk of court of Warren County North Carolina in whose office the marriage bond is held.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 1, 1820, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing August 24, 1831.]

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<sup>2</sup> [William Williamson W18356](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Reps Mabry S41809](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Joseph Fog S41545](#)