

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Johnson (Johnston) W21805 Margaret Miller¹ f62SC

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State of South Carolina, Abbeville County

Personally came before me Margaret Miller late widow of Francis Johnston and made oath as the law directs and saith that her former husband Francis Johnston was killed in the service of this State and left three children under twelve years of age and that there is still one of said children under the age of twelve years and that she had no Negroes left to her or the children but a tract of land and that the children still live with her in the County aforesaid and that they are in a low circumstance

(signed) Margaret Miller, X her mark

Sworn and subscribed the 27th day of March 1792 before me

(signed) Samuel Watt, JP

We do Certify that we knew the above Francis Johnston and that we are acquainted with the above deponent Margaret Miller who was the widow of that said Francis Johnston, and believes the above affidavit is just

S/ Pat: Calhoun, JIC

S/ Jno. D. LaHowe, AL

S/ Adm. Ga Jones, JQ

S/ Hugh Wardlaw

S/ Andrew Hamilton

2 years due to 1792 is £4 p. B. W.'s Books bal. £4 [illegible words] due up to 92

I do hereby authorize and appoint the bearer Joseph Carmichael my lawful attorney at law to draw all the annuities due to Jennet Johnston child of Francis Johnston deceased who is yet under the age of twelve years given under my hand this 12th of August 1792

S/ Margaret Miller, X her mark

Signed in presence of

S/ Andrew Hamilton, JC

To Benjm. Waring Treasurer at Columbia

Child of Francis Johnston £4 paid by an order on William McKinney 3 June 1795

Treasury office Columbia: I do hereby Certify the foregoing to be a true Copy of the Original and this Office -- witness my hand and seal

S/ E. P. Jones

Treas.

¹ Former widow

Atty: S/ Thomas Freau [?]

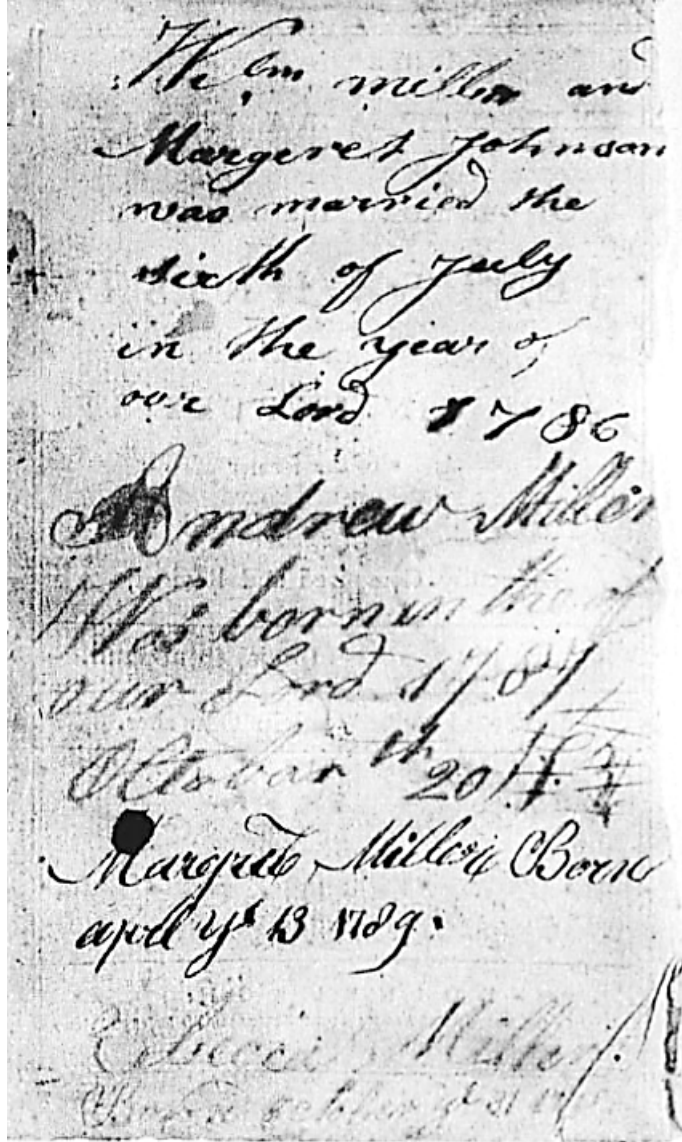
[p 7: Family record:

Wil^m Miller and Margeret Johnson was married the sixth of July in the year of our Lord 1786

Andrew Miller was born in the [year] of our Lord 1787 October 20th

Margaret Miller Born April ye 13 1789

Rebecca Miller Born October ye 31 17[~~last two digits are illegible~~]



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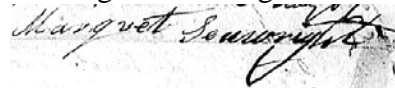
State of South Carolina, Anderson District

Personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Magistrate in and for said District Mrs. Margaret Seawright a Citizen of said District, who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath states that she is now in the Sixty-Sixth year of age, and that she has not in her possession, nor is there any public or private record of the marriage of her mother Margaret Miller deceased with her first husband Francis Johnson who was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War & killed in the same by the enemy, as said mother ever informed this deponent, nor is there any record of the births of said Francis & Margaret Johnson's Children:

That never since the deponent's recollection nor before as deponent has been informed were there any public records of births, marriages or deaths in this State, until last year. That deponent was by her said mother informed that she had had a family record of her first marriage to said Francis Johnson & of their children's births which was lost or destroyed soon after death of said husband, & that said Francis Johnson was killed not many miles below this in what is now Abbeville District adjoining this District both of which formed a part of what was called "Ninety Six District" in this State: That the Letters of administration granted said mother on her said first husband's estate under date of the 8th of November 1783 preceding which said Francis Johnson was killed, & her said mother's family Record of her second marriage to deponent's father William Miller are both hereunto attached & that said Letters & said family Record were kept by deponent's said mother as long as she live & that her said second husband died in this District on the sixth of August 1832, which date is graven on his tombstone & that her said mother remained a widow & died in the District on the second of August 1842: That her said mother informed this Deponent that her said first marriage took place before the Commencement of the Revolutionary war: That it is out of this deponent's power to offer more conclusive evidence than what has been submitted & the accompanying of the dates of said mother's first & second marriage of the dates of the death of both her said husbands then as aforesaid. Sworn to & subscribed this 11th day of October 1854.

Before me

S/ Margaret Seawright



S/ James Emerson, M.A.D.

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State of South Carolina, Anderson District

Personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Magistrate in and for said District Mrs. Margaret Seawright aged Sixty Six years a respectable & credible lady who being duly sworn according to law on oath says that she is the daughter of William and Margaret Miller deceased who was formally Margaret Johnston widow of Francis Johnson who, as deponent ever learned from Said Mother, was killed in the Revolutionary War: her mother's children by her first marriage aforesaid were Isabella, John S. & Jennet Johnson, and by her last marriage, this Deponent, Rebecca Stephenson & Mary Rutherford, and that from recent information they were all alive except Jennet aforesaid who had married John Dobbins: That John S. Johnson and Mary Rutherford, widow, live in Monroe County Alabama, Isabella now Isabella Black, widow lives in Union County Arkansas, Rebecca Stephenson in Abbeville District in this State a widow, and this Deponent a widow in this (Anderson) District, which five are all of her said mother Margaret Johnson & subsequently Miller's living children: That her father William Miller died in this District in 1832 and her mother aforesaid remained a widow to the date of her death which was on the second day of August 1842. Sworn to and Subscribed the first day of September A.D. 1854 before me

S/ M. McGee, M. AD

S/ Margret Seawright

State of Alabama, County of Monroe

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On this 12th day of June A.D. 1854 personally appeared in open Court, before the undersigned the undersigned Judge of Probate Court of said County and which is a Court of Record, Mr. John S. Johnston [sic] a resident of said County & State, aged Seventy four years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order

to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July 4, 1836 and such other acts & resolutions as apply to his case: That he is the son & heir at law of Margaret Miller deceased formerly Margaret Johnston widow of Lieutenant Francis Johnston who was killed in the war of the Revolution, and who entered the service of the United States under the following circumstances & served as herein stated as this Deponent had been informed & verily believes: That at the beginning of said war this deponent 's said father was living in Ninety Six, now Abbeville, District in the State of South Carolina and that he soon responded to the call of his country but whether at first served in the Continental Line for any definite period of enlistment this Deponent is unable to say, but that afterwards he was in the Militia service of said State under Captain Andrew Miller & served under General Andrew Pickens as a Lieutenant of Cavalry, and that he also served for a Considerable length of time under Colonel Anderson [probably Robert Anderson] deponent believes: That the said service as Lieutenant of horse was in the year 1779 and the following year for three months, and the duty other than this was likely during the year 1780 in which year deponent believes or in the next year thereafter his said father said Francis Johnston Lieutenant was killed by the Tories: That this declarant cannot state the precise length of this last mentioned service, nor can he give all the particulars of his service as to the battles in which he was engaged & the Country through which he passed: That the property of which said father was possessed was taken & destroyed by the enemy and that this Deponent 's grandfather was also destroyed by the Tories. That his said father left said mother a widow and this declarant & his sisters Jennet or Jane and Isabella Johnston. That his said mother then Margaret Johnston widow of said father married William Miller who was also a revolutionary soldier with him she lived as wife till said William Miller's death which took place in Anderson District South Carolina about 22 or three years ago. That their marriage took place about the year 1783 or 1784, and that after his (William Miller's) death, this deponent 's said mother said Margaret Miller formerly Margaret Johnston remained a widow and died in said District of Anderson in said State on the second day of August 1842: That in accordance with the resolution of Legislature of South Carolina passed in 1786, this declarant & his two sisters above named received an annuity from that fostering State until each had attained the age of twelve years at which said annuity was discontinued according to the provisions of said commendable Resolution: That the marriage of said parents said Lieutenant Francis Johnston & said Margaret Johnston was before the said father entered said service: That all these allegations & facts will more fully appear by the proofs (record evidence mostly) herewith & hereafter submitted, through which this Declarant most respectfully solicits a reference.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written Before me.

S/ Ch. Foster, Judge of probate

S/ John S. Johnson



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State of Alabama County of Monroe: SS

It is hereby Certified by the Undersigned Judge of Probate Court in & for said County & which is a Court of Record that satisfactory evidence has this day been submitted to said Court, that John T Johnston [sic] of this County and Mrs. Isabella Black of Union City Arkansas are the only living children of Lieutenant Francis Johnston [sic] deceased and of his widow, subsequently Mrs. Margaret Miller now deceased late of South Carolina, & formally of the District of Abbeville in said State, said Lieutenant Francis Johnston deceased having been an

officer in the Revolutionary War; And further that Mrs. Rebecca Stephenson of said District of Abbeville in said State and Mrs. Margaret Seawright of Anderson District South Carolina and Mrs. Mary Rutherford of Monroe County are the only living children of said Margaret Miller by her second husband William Miller deceased who died in said District of Abbeville in said State before the said Margaret and that said Margaret Miller died in Anderson District South Carolina on the 2nd day of August 1842. Given under my hand and seal of said Court on this 12th day of June A.D. 1854

S/ Ch Foster
Judge of Probate

[p 40: SC Comptroller General's certificate of payments made to Lt. Francis Johnston]

Comptroller General's Office
Columbia S.C.
March 4th 1854.

"No 536 { Issued the 26th of April 1785 to for
Book O. { the Estate of Mr. Francis Johnston for Eighty two pounds
seventeen shillings & a penny half penny sterling for
militia duty as Lieutenant in 1779 & 1780 per account
audited. Principal £ 82: 17: 1/2 at 28. Annual amount 25: 15: 11.

0536 No 28. 26 April 1785 Mr. Francis Johnston deceased in acct.
of militia duty as Lieut. done alternately on Horse in 1779 & 1780
say 90 days @ 45s £ 202: 10
Duty beside Col. Anderson's return (167 days) 377: 10
Cmpt. £ 580: 10
Sty. £ 82: 17: 1/2

State of Carolina S. Francis Johnson Dec^d for duty
in the militia of Capt. Miller Pay Bill Compt. 1779 & 1780
say as Lieut on horse 90 days @ 45s £ 202: 10
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State of Carolina S. to Peter Boquet & James, Militia Exp^s.
Abbeville County S. Please to deliver to Capt. John Howard
the indent due my deced^d husband Francis Johnson from
the public for militia duty, as per acct. returned to Col.
Anderson with special Indent for the interest and oblige
your H^{on}ble serv^t. (Signed) Margaret ^{his} Johnson 4 July 1784.
I do hereby certify that I did see Margit Johnson a sign her name
to the above order the 1st July 1786 William Moore J^{sr}.
(The following names on back of the order) viz: Rob^t. Blake Senon.
Col. Martha Bernard (over)

"Johnstone Francis, Henry
 Johnstone Margaret Francis
 (Beth George)
 Yarbrough Lewis
 Yarbrough William
 Lacy Thomas
 Hinson Margaret Thomas" (Others erased, these appear as kind
 of memoranda). - Rec^d 26 April 1785 full satisfaction for the
 within in an Indent No 536 O. P. Order (signed John Norwood).
 I do hereby Certify the foregoing to be a true Copy as
 taken from the Records of this Office and that the
 remarks in parenthesis are mine & correct.
 For Comptroller Genl.
 J. P. Larock
 Deputy.
 (No Seal of Office)

[Veteran's former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$177.71 per annum commencing June 4th, 1831 and ending August 2nd 1842. The amount of her pension was based on her husband service for 10 months and 20 days as a Lieutenant in the South Carolina Horse.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to Francis Johnston pp5
 Audited Account No. 4063A
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[No. 536 Book O 26 of April 1785]

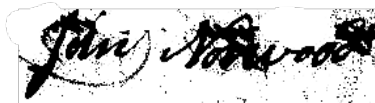
Mr. Francis Johnson [sic] Deceased his Account of Militia Duty as Lieutenant done alternately on Horse in 1779 & 1780 say

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|---|----------------------------|
| 90 days at 45/ [45 shillings old SC currency per day] | £202.10 |
| Duty besides per Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] | |
| Return [not extant] | <u>377.10</u> |
| | Currency <u>£580.0.0</u> |
| | Stg. [Sterling] £82.17.1 ½ |

Ex^d. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Rec'd 26 April 1785, full Satisfaction for the within, in an Indent No. 536 – Oh per Order
 S/ John Norwood



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² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

