

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Johnson W27761 Elizabeth Price MD
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Virginia Fayette County To wit

On this 19th day May 1834 Benjamin Johnson personally appeared before the court of the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia being a Resident of the s'd County & State aforesaid and aged Seventy six years on the 25th March Last who being first duly Sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he Enlisted in the Army of the united states in the year (not recollecting the year) in the Maryland line Served as well as he now recollects under Capt [James] Winchester of the 3rd Reg't. commanded by Col. Guess [sic: Mordecai Gist] – Col. Guess however was soon after [9 Jan 1779] promoted to General & after Guess's promotion he was put under Col [Peter] Adams. He the s'd Johnson states that the Lieut. of the Company to which he belonged was by the name of Moduck [sic: William Murdock] for a while who took sick & resigned afterwards Lieut. Loo[?] took his place as Lieutenant – a Major Williams belonged to the Reg't. who conducted the prisoners from york [surrendered at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] That he served under different officers whose names he cant recollect but recollects that Gen'l [William] Smallwood commanded a part of the time as General and that he was discharged after annopolis [sic: Annapolis] after the Seige of York where Lord Cornwallis was taken That he was one of the troops that marched the British prisoners to Annopolis & that he was at the Seige of york That he was at the battle of Princeton [3 Jan 1777] & several other little scouting battles That he enlisted below Annopolis on the road side he being a bound boy That he marched through Hager's town Pensylvania [sic: Hagerstown MD] Princeton returned through part of Maryland again by Georgetown & Bolinggreen [sic: Bowling Green] Hanover CH in Virginia then to Williamsburg Pigeon Hill & york & then to Annopolis as before stated, & that he left his discharge & certificate with his brother in Charles County Marryland. Came to this country with a view of returning to Maryland but never did and cannot now get his discharge as his brother went to State of Georgia & knows not what part of s'd state he removed to by reason of which he cant get it The said Johnson further states that at the time of his enlistment he lived in Charles County Maryland That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pention or an anuity except the preasent and he here declares that his name is not on the pention roll of any agency in any state or territory whatever

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Benjamin hisXmark Johnson

Land Office, Annapolis, June 7th 1834;

I hereby Certify that it appears by the Muster rolls, remaining in this office, that Benjamin Johnson, enlisted as a fifer in the 3rd Maryland Regiment, on the 10th day of June 1778, for the term of three years, was a private the 1st of February 1779; and was present on the 1st of November 1780;

George G. Brewer/ Reg'r. Land Off. M. S. Md.

NOTES:

On 16 Oct 1866 Elizabeth Price, 63, of Kanawha County WV, applied for a pension stating that as Elizabeth McGraw she was married in Kanawha County by Rev. James Callahan on 7 Aug 1829 to Benjamin Johnson, who died in Fayette County on 15 July 1834. She was then married by Rev. John Johnson in Fayette County on 26 April 1836 to James Price, who died in Indiana in 1859. Her statement was certified by Adam Johnson and John Ingram. A record in the file states that Benjamin Johnson and Elizabeth McCraw were married on 8 Aug 1829.

On 16 Sep 1878 Elizabeth Price, 75, applied for a pension under a later act, stating that she was married to Benjamin Johnson by Rev. Whitten at Loop Creek in the part of Kanawha County that became

part of Fayette County in 1831, and that her first husband died at Loop Creek. She also stated that her second husband died at Thomas Price's in Hancock County IN in September 1858, and that after moving from Loop Creek she lived with her children in Fayette County. Her statement was certified by, among others, Harvey McGraw, 50, of Hawk's Nest WV; George Johnson, 47, of Loop Creek; and Thomas Price, 56, of Hancock County IN.