

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Johnson (Johnston)<sup>1</sup> W4004

Eda Johnson f56SC

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State of North Carolina, Rutherford County: Superior Court of Law 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday after the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in September 1821

This day came Frederick Johnston aged Sixty Six years old into Open Court being a Court of record for the County and State aforesaid and States that he is a resident of said County and has been for the term of thirty-one years last past a resident Citizen of the State & County aforesaid and that he was on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March AD 1818 and has ever since been a Citizen of the United States and he does further Swear on his Oath taken in open Court according to law that he enlisted in the year 1775 into the Company of Captain William Mason of the Second South Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Commandant Moultrie [William Moultrie] that he was soon after his enlistment transferred from the said William Mason's Company to Captain John Blake's Company of the said Regiment in the South Carolina line on the Continental establishment, that his enlistment was for the term of three years which time he served out and was honorably discharged by Colonel Isaac Mott [Isaac Motte] of said Regiment in the year 1778 or 1779 at Charleston South Carolina that he has lost his discharge and that he has no other evidence of his said Service in his power that he was in several skirmishes in the battle of Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island and that he now makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining a pension from his Government under the Several Acts of Congress passed for the benefit of the persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States during the revolutionary war, 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 that I am by trade a farmer but old and infirm and unable to do much for my livelihood that I have an old wife infirm and almost helpless fifty odd years old with no other person to work for me but a little girl thirteen years of age not able to do much for the support of herself and Family my property is as contained in the following Schedule to wit

100 Acres of Poor Land worth about \$70

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<sup>1</sup> Indexed under "Frederick Johnston" in the SC files, but the son of the veteran signed his named "Johnson"

1 Small horse worth about	25
1 Cow & Calf & 2 yearlings worth	20
6 Shoats 1 Sow & 2 Borrows	10
Some Table furniture	2
Kitchen furniture	2
Farming tools	3
Beds and furniture	15
Table and chairs	2
1 old chest	.25
	<u>\$154.25</u>

S/ Frederick Johnston, X his mark

Sworn to in Open Court this 16th day of October 1821 before me  
S/ James Morris, Clerk

[p 10: On July 16, 1840, Eda Johnson [sic], 72, filed in Rutherford County, NC for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Fedric [sic] Johnson; that she married him in 1783; that he died May 15th 1831; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service. She signed her application with her mark.]

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North Carolina Rutherford County: Court of Common Pleas July Term 1840

Willis Johnson maketh oath that the accompanying book is the family record of the birth of the children of Frederic Johnson & Eda his wife whose declaration it accompanies – that it has been in the possession of his Father from affiant's youth until his Father's death and since his death in that of his mother Eda Johnson and that it has not been any way [indecipherable word] since he knew it – except the addition of my name. He further swears that it is in the handwriting of Sime Moore now of the State of Georgia, and that he saw said Moore enter the entries at request of his father the said Frederic Johnson. He further swears that it is the only family record he ever knew of of his father's family.

July 16<sup>th</sup> 1840

Sworn to in open court  
S/ William Wilkins, Clerk

S/ Willis Johnson



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Contains a photocopy of many pages from a book or pamphlet entitled *Candid Reasons for Renouncing the Principles of Antipaedobaptist* by Peter Edwards with a letter from Edwards to his congregation dated Portsea, Jan. 12, 1795. This book or pamphlet contains some illegible family records, presumably of the family of Frederick and Eda Johnston. Why so much of the book is copied in the file, I can only guess that rather than tear out the pages containing the family record, the entire book or pamphlet was submitted in proof of the claim. This file does not contain a summary of its contents. When such summaries appear in a file, they usually provided the War Department's deciphering of a family record, but there is no such information in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 16, 1821, for service as a private for 18 months in the South Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum.]