

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Huggins Johnson (Johnston) W4464 Sarah Johnson f26GA[SC]

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State of Georgia: On this Tenth day of April 1837 personally appeared before me Tilmon Harrison one of the Justices of the Inferior Court in and for Jackson County and State aforesaid Sarah Johnson a resident of Jackson County and State aforesaid aged Eighty years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed the 4th of July 1836. That I am the widow of John H. Johnson who was a private in the Militia and served as a volunteer under the command of Joseph Pickens Captain of the Militia in the year 1778 and continued under the command of said Captain Joseph Pickens until the fall of Charlestown in South Carolina [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]. And also joined as a volunteer and private under the command of General Elijah Clarke [Elijah Clarke] at the Siege of Augusta State aforesaid in the year 1780 [the 1st Siege of Augusta, September 12-18, 1780].¹ Then joined Captain James McCall of Militia Company as a volunteer and private the same year and continued with the said McCall until the Siege of Ninety Six or the Spring of the year 1781 [Siege of Ninety Six, May 21-June 19, 1781].² Then joined as a volunteer and private under the command of Captain Moses Liddell's³ Company of militia who was engaged as spies to patrol the Frontiers and continued to serve until the close of the War. This deponent further saith that during all the service that her said Husband done under the command of the said Captain Joseph Pickens that they resided in the State of South Carolina and all of the service done under the command of General Elijah Clarke they then resided in the State aforesaid. We then removed back to South Carolina and there resided until the Close of the War. This deponent further saith that the said John H. Johnson never was a Pensioner and has no Evidence of Record to establish the claim. This deponent further declares that I was married to the said John H. Johnson the 11th of August in the year 1780 and that my Husband the said John H. Johnson died on the 11th day of July 1823, by the disease called the Dropsy, brought on by having the chill and fever for twelve months preceding his death and that I have remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. Sworn to & subscribed this day and year herein written before me
S/ Tilmon Harrison, JIC

S/ Sarah Johnson, X her mark

¹ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800914-augusta/>

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

³ [Moses Liddell W7698](#)

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The family Record

Sarah Johnson was born October 7th 1801
Charity Johnson was born March 8 1803
Jean John was born January 11th 1805

Henry H. Johnson was born April 21 1779
Marah Johnson was born March 3rd 1780
Reuben H C Johnson was born December 21
1825

Nancy Johnson was born August 25th 1806
Polly Johnson was born March 28th 1808
Lucinda Johnson was born December 20th 18 and
Elizabeth Johnson was born March 25th [year of obliterated]
John SH Johnson was born December 15th 1813
Ann Johnson was born March 2nd 1814
Eliza Adaline Johnson was born March 5th 1816
Narrin Johnson was born September 6th 1818
Mariah Johnson was born September 12th 1820
Henry H. Johnson Junior was born October 27th 1822

Adrine Johnson was born Aug. 11th 1824



[p 10: record of the indents paid to John Huggins Johnston [sic] during the period of the revolutionary war.]

Book O }
 No. 540 - } Issued 26th April to Mr John
 Huggins Johnston for One Hundred and
 seven pounds Sterling for militia duty
 in 1781 & 82 also for Waggon service in
 1779 & 80 as pr. Acct. audited
 Principal £107.
 Int. 7 9 9

State of South Carolina
 To John Huggins Johnston Dr
 For militia duty pr Capt. Mo. Norwood's
 pay bill commencing in 81 & ending 1782 }
 say 31 days as a private Horseman 220/ps. } £ 31. -
 Duty pr Col' Anderson's return 1112. " "
 144 days Waggon service in 1779 & 80. 576. -
 Currency 749
 Sterling £107. -
 Comptroller Genl's Office
 Columbia 11th May 1838

I do hereby Certify that the above is a true copy
 taken from the Margin of Indent Book O. No 540 -
 And the account above stated, is a true copy
 of the one Audited. for which the said Indent
 was issued.
 William C. Hayne
 Com. Genl
 pr Ben. Hunt. Clk

[p 11: On April 24, 1837, in Jackson County Georgia, Valentine Harlan gave testimony that he was acquainted with John H Johnson and was present at his death; and that Sarah Johnson remains his widow.

Valentine Harlan]

[p 17: Affidavit dated May 22, 1838 given by Mary Harris in Hall County Georgia in which she indicates that "...John H. Johnson and Sarah Johnson according to the custom of the section of the country went accompanied with their attendance [sic] (to wit) Francis Sharp my Brother & Rachel Thompson together with a few others that could get horses to get married and returned to my step father Joseph Swearingen's where they stayed all night I was present that night saw them bedded which was also the custom at that time. This was some time in the year 1778. And one

reason why I believe it to be in that year my eldest daughter Catharine by name was born the same year 1778...." She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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Georgia Hall County: Personally appeared before Jacob Eberhart & an acting Justice of the Peace for said County James McCleskey⁴ who after being duly sworn deposes and [saith] that he was well acquainted with John H. Johnson in the time of the revolution War and that he went into the service of the United States in the State of South Carolina as a volunteer under the command of Joseph Pickens Captain of the Militia (this was in the year 1778) and remained with him until the fall of Charlestown. We then joined Captain James McCall's Company in the year 1780 and continued with McCall until the siege of Ninety Six or the spring of the year 1781. Then they said John H. Johnson joined the Company of Captain Moses Liddells who was engaged as spies to patrol the Frontiers and there remained to the end of the war.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 25th of February 1837

S/ Jacob Eberhart, JP

S/ Jas McCleskey



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State of Georgia Hall County: Before me Jacob Eberhart an Acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared James McCleskey and being duly sworn saith on oath that during the time that Deponent served with John H. Johnson in the Revolutionary War from some time in the latter part of the year 1778 to the year 1781, Deponent was frequently in John H. Johnson's House that deponent then relieved John H. Johnson a married man that John H. Johnson acknowledged Sarah Johnson in the time of the War and until his death to be his wife and she acknowledged him to be her husband and raised a family from my own knowledge and intimate acquaintance with the said John H. Johnson and Sarah Johnson I have the most satisfactory Evidence (except being present at the marriage) that they were married lawfully.

Sworn to and subscribed this 21st day of May 1838 Before me.

S/ Jas McCleskey

S/ Jacob Eberhart, JP

[p 21: On October 9, 1846 in Chattooga County Georgia, Henry H Johnson gave testimony stating that he was personally acquainted with Michael and Mary Cain⁵ from his earliest recollection until the death of Michael Cain; that they lived in Abbeville District South Carolina; that he is still acquainted with Mrs. Mary Harriss of Hall County Georgia, the widow of Michael Cain; that he was also acquainted with Joseph Cain, the son of Michael and Mary Cain's; that there is not one year's difference between the age of the affiant and said Joseph Cain; that affiant was born April 21, 1779 and Joseph Cain was born in February 1780; that affiant has seen the family record in the handwriting of James Seisson [sic] of Jackson County Georgia transcribed by affiant from his father's family Bible in the year 1801; that the original record made by his father has long since been lost and the leaf he submits is from affiant's own family Bible and is a true and correct copy of the original with the exception of the names of Reuben HC Johnson and

⁴ [James McCleskey S16475](#)

⁵ [Michael Cain W7665](#)

Adsine Johnson which is in affiant's own handwriting; that affiant was well acquainted with Michael Cain's family and that they had one child whose name was Catharine & she was older than Joseph Cain.



[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁶ relating to John Huggins Johnston pp5
Audited Account No. 4070A

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[Note: unfortunately the coversheet and several of the other documents in this file are basically illegible as posted. Consequently, I have abstracted the information from Salley's Stub book O-Q and from what I can make out from the images posted online.]

[Abstract: No. 540 Book O issued April 26, 1785 to Mr. John Higgins Johnston for 107 Pounds Sterling for militia duty as a private in 1781 & 1782 and for Wagon Service in 1779 and 1780. Part of the militia service was shown on the pay Bills of Captain John Norwood and part was reflected in the return [not extant] of Colonel Robert Anderson. The claim was examined by: Ex^d. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]
J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 3 of the documents in this file is illegible as posted online but has been posted as transcribed in a letter from the South Carolina Comptroller General on page 10 of the pension file as posted above and reads as follows:

State of South Carolina

to John Huggins Johnston

Dr.

For Militia duty per Capt. John Norwood's

pay Bill commencing in 81 & Ending in 1782

save 31 days as a private Horseman at 20^{/7} per day

£31

duty per Col. Anderson's return

142

144 days Waggon Service in 1779 & 80

576

[old SC] Currency

749

Sterling

£107]

[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 540 Book O]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

⁶ 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.

⁷ 20 shillings old South Carolina currency was the per diem pay rate for a South Carolina militia man serving on horseback and providing his own horse and equipment

I Assign my Right of the within Indent unto William Harris for value Received witness my hand
this 21st day of July A.D. 1786

S/ John Huggins Johnston, O his mark