

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Howell Johnson<sup>1</sup> W4468      Holly Johnson      F60VA  
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The State South Carolina Spartanburg District: To Wit

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open court to wit the Court of Common Pleas &c now sitting Howell Johnson a resident of the District and State aforesaid aged seventy-one who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832, That he was born in Chesterfield County in the State of Virginia on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 1762 but at an early age was moved to Mecklenburg County in the State aforesaid. About the first January 1781 he was drafted and served under Captain Charles Davis Major Shoffler and Colonel Alexander Dick he was stationed at Suffolk and Mud Camps both in the State of Virginia for three months when he was discharged and after the expiration of three months he was again called into service and served under Captains Elijah Graves & \_\_ Jeffries, Colonel Lewis Burrell & General Muhlenburgh [Peter Muhlenberg] he marched to Gloucester in the State of Virginia not far from Little York where he remained until the capture of Corn Wallis [Cornwallis, October 19, 1781] after which time he had no regular officers as he was taken to guard prisoners until the term for which he had been called had expired when he was discharged making in the whole 6 months that he served he was in no particular engagement though in several small skirmishes he has no documentary evidence of his services & has lost his discharges but Absalem Hastin is now in court who is ready to testify of his services.

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency or state.

S/ Howell Johnson



[Gabriel Phillips, a clergyman, A. Hastin and P. Hoy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 15: In July 1853 in Spartanburg District South Carolina, Holly Johnson, 73, made application for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Howell Johnson, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him October 23, 1796; that her husband died in Spartanburg District January 13, 1846; she signed her application with her mark.]

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[p 13: On July 5, 1854 in Spartanburg District South Carolina Holly Johnson made oath that she is the widow of Howell Johnson a revolutionary pensioner who died January 13, 1846; that she married him October 23, 1796; that she has a family record made by her husband but carried to North Carolina by one of her sons who can now not find it; that her oldest son William L Johnson was born January 6, 1798. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 19: On April 2, 1855 in Spartanburg District South Carolina, the widow, aged 76, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Howell Johnson stating that she married him in the state of North Carolina on October 23, 1796; that her maiden name was Holly Crowder; that her husband died January 13, 1846; she signed this application with her mark.]

[p. 52: On September 15, 1868 in Spartanburg District South Carolina the widow applied for the reinstatement of her pension following the Civil War.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]