

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Johnson(Johnston) W5011 Rosannah Johnson f55NC
Transcribed by Will Graves 10/22/08: rev'd 2/13/16

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of North Carolina, Randolph County

On this the 5th day of February A.D. 1839 personally appeared before the Worshipful Court of the Randolph County Rosannah Johnston a resident of North Carolina in the County of Randolph aged 75 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of John Johnston deceased who was a private and a volunteer in the first tour under the command of General Griffy Rutherford [sic, Griffith Rutherford] James Martin Colonel commandant & John Paisly [John Paisley] Lieutenant Colonel and John Colier [John Collier] Captain that he was called to subdue the Cherokee Indians in the month of July 1776 and was discharged on the 28th of October 1776. In the second tour he was a Captain of a company of militia under the command of General John Butler and John Collier Colonel Commandant and Jeddithan Harper Lieutenant Colonel. That he rendezvoused at Bell's Mill in Randolph County NC in the month of September 1780 and marched from thence to Salisbury Rowan County NC and was there discharged on December 16th, 1780.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Johnston on the 8th day of February in the year 1783 that her husband, the aforesaid John Johnston died on the 13th day of March 1802 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before

Attest: S/ Tid Lane, Chm.

S/ Rosannah Johnston, X her mark

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State of North Carolina, Randolph County

This day came personally before me John H. Hale one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County Dan Merrell¹ and made oath in due form of law that John Johnston Deceased of the County & State aforesaid was a Captain of a Company in a Corps of militia under the Command of General John Butler & John Collier Colonel Commandant & Jeddithan Harper Lieutenant Colonel. That he rendezvoused at Bell's Mill in the County aforesaid in the month of September 1780 that he marched from thence to Salisbury in Rowan County North Carolina he further says that this Corps of militia was called out against the British in their march from Charlotte North Carolina to the eastward this deponent further saith that he was in the same

¹ [Daniel Merrell S7222](#)

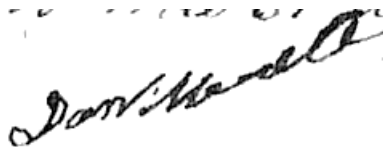
Campaign that the said John Johnston was discharged on the 16th day of December 1780 -- at Salisbury North Carolina this deponent further saith not Sworn to and subscribed the 31st day of January 1839 Before me S/ John H. Hale, JP

S/ Dan Merrell, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Randolph County

This day came personally before me John H. Hale one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County Dan Merrell and made oath, that he solved John Johnston late of Randolph County and a soldier of the Revolution married to Rosanna Lytle Daughter of Henry Lytle of Randolph County North Carolina, that they were married at the house of William Millikan Esquire who performed the ceremony of marriage and joined them together as man and wife, further this deponent saith that the said Rosanna never has been married to any other person since the death of the said John Johnston, further this deponent saith not. Sworn and subscribed to this 31st day of January 1739 Before me S/ John H. Hale, JP



S/ Dan Merrell, X his mark

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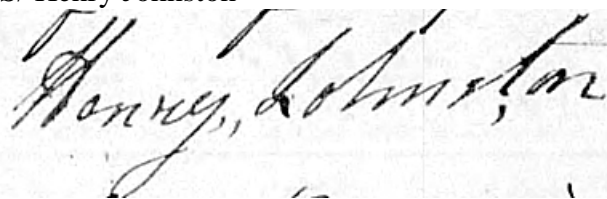
The following is additional evidence in the case of Rosannah Johnson -- (It being found of Record in the family Bible of Henry Johnson which was transcribed from the family Bible of John Johnson Deceased by me about the A.D. 1802 -- which original Record is now in the State of Missouri so that it cannot be had) That: "John Johnson was married to Rosannah Lytle on the 28th of February 1783."

State of North Carolina, Randolph County

This day personally appeared before me Tidance Lane one of the acting Justices of the Peace for said County Henry Johnson and made oath in due form of law that the above statement touching upon the marriage and time of marriage between John Johnson & Rosanna Lytle was taken from the family Bible of John Johnson Deceased and is a true copy of said family record -- Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 10th day of May 1839.

Attest: S/ Tid Lane, JP

S/ Henry Johnston



The following is also found of Record in the family Bible of Rosanna Johnson as transcribed by me from the family Bible of John Johnson Deceased before named about the year AD 1802 and is now in the possession of Rosannah Johnson, To wit: "Henry Johnston was born on the 23rd day of January 1784. Thomas Johnson was born on the first day of May 1785. Jane Johnson was born on the 6th day of July 1787. William Johnson was born on the 30th day of April 1790. Margaret Johnson was born on the 29th day of June 1792. Elizabeth Johnson was born on the

9th day of February 1795. John Johnson Junior was born on the 5th day of May 1794. Polly Johnson was born on the first day of March 1797. Hezekiah Johnson was born on the 17th day of May 1799. Clemmons Johnson was born on the 28th day of November 1801." [Note: this family record is not among those included in this file.]

This Deponent further saith on oath that the above transcript is a true copy of the Record of the ages of the children of John Johnson Deceased as transcribed by him from the family Bible of the said John Johnson Deceased into the family Bible of Rosannah Johnson which she now has in her possession. And that he this Deponent is the child who, is recorded to have been born on the 23rd day of January 1784, and he believes that to be his age.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 10th day of May 1839.

Attest: S/ Tid Lane, JP

S/ Henry Johnston

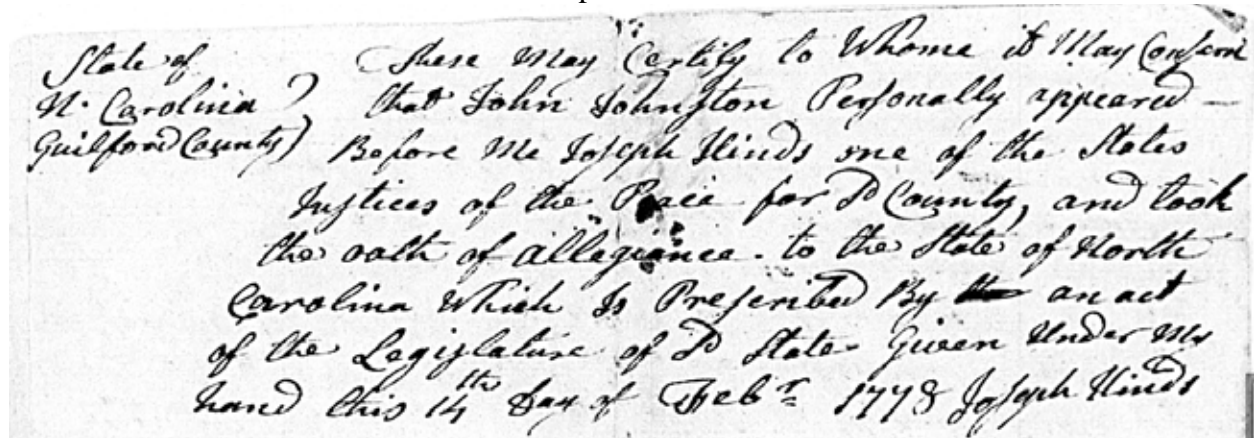
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State of North Carolina, Guilford County

These May Certify to Whom it May Concern

that John Johnston Personally appeared Before me Joseph Hinds one of the States Justices of the Peace for said County, and took the oath of allegiance to the State of North Carolina which is Prescribed by an act of the Legislature of said State. Given under my hand this 14th Day of February 1778.

S/ Joseph Hinds



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State North Carolina Randolph County

This day appeared personally before me John H. Hale one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County Dan Merrell and made oath in due form of law that John Johnston Deceased of the County and State above named was a private soldier in a campaign under General Griffy Rutherford, James Martin Colonel Commandant & John Paisly Lieutenant Colonel & John Collier Captain officer of a Corps of Militia which marched against of the Cherokee Indians That he Entered the service in the month of July 1776. That he Rendezvoused at Martinsville in Guilford County & State of North Carolina -- From thence he marched to Salisbury in Rowan County North Carolina From thence to Sherrill's Ford on the Catawba River thence across said River & marched up the other side to Cathey's Fort on the said River Thence West through the wilderness to French Broad River and across said River Thence to the Cherokee Towns on Tennessee River Thence to the Indian towns on the Hiwassee River From thence marched back and was discharged on the 18th October 1776 this deponent sayeth further that the said John Johnson was a volunteer in the above named Campaign against the Indians that he was not engaged in any battle during the time of this Tour this deponent further says that he

was in the same Campaign with the above named Johnston further this deponent saith not.
Sworn to & subscribed before me this 31st day of January 1839 before me.
S/ John H. Hale, JP

S/ Dan Merrell, X his mark

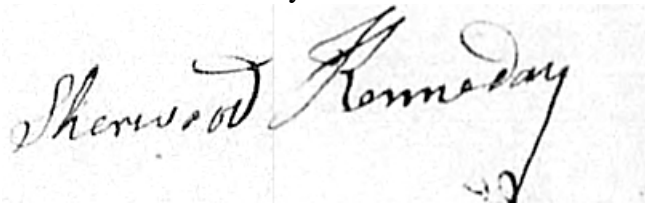
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State of North Carolina, Randolph County

This day came personally before me John H. Hale one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County Sherwood Kenneday² and made oath in due form of law That John Johnston Deceased of the County and State aforesaid was a Captain of a company in a Corps of militia under the command of General John Butler and John Collier Colonel Commandant and Jeddithan Harper Lieutenant Colonel that he rendezvoused at Bell's Mill in the County aforesaid in the autumn of 1780 that he marched from thence to Salisbury in Rowan County North Carolina he further says that this Corps of militia was called out against the British in their march from Charlotte North Carolina Eastward. This deponent further saith that he was in the same campaign that the said John Johnston was and that he was discharged at Salisbury in the year above written. This deponent further saith not Sworn to and subscribed the 2nd day of February 1839 before me.

S/ John H. Hale, JP

S/ Sherwood Kenneday

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherwood Kenneday". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[p 3: family record]

John Johnston was born the 12th May 1753

Rosaner Johnston was born the November 10th 1761

John Johnston Married Rosy Lytell February 28, 1783 [could be 1773 or 1793]

John Johnston Died the 14th May 1804

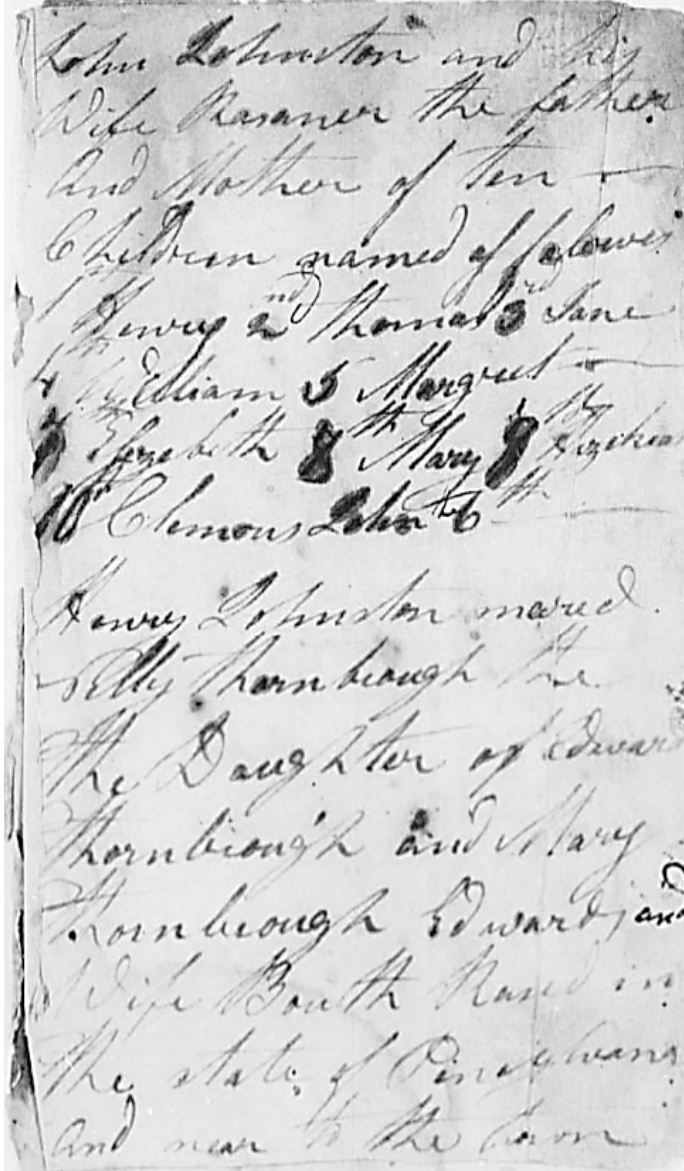
A handwritten document with four lines of text in cursive script. The text reads: "John Johnston was born the 12th May 1753", "Rosaner Johnston was born the November 10th 1761", "John Johnston Married Rosy Lytell February 28 1783", and "John Johnston Died the 14th March 1804". There are some ink blots and corrections in the original document.

² [Sherwood Kenneday S8779](#)

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John Johnston and his Wife Rosaner the father and Mother of 10 Children named as follows
1st Henry 2nd Thomas 3rd Jane 4th William 5th Margret 7th [sic] Elizabeth 8th Mary 9th Hezekiah
10th Clemons John the 6th

Henry Johnston mared Polly [could be "Nelly"] Thornbrough the Daughter of Edward
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Pinsylvans [Pennsylvania] and near to the above [?]



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Henry Johnson was born in the year of our Lord 1799

Polly Johnston was born on the 8th [?] Day of March 1797

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Clemons Johnston was born on the 28th Day of November 1801

John Johnston Died the 14 day of March 1802 then Aged 56

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the 30 Day of March 1797
Nehemiah Johnston was born on
the 17 Day of May 1848
Cherono Johnston was born on
the 24 Day of November 1801
John Johnston Died the
14 Day of March 1902
then Aged 56

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$72.20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a private and Captain in the North Carolina militia; the amount of the pension was based on service as a private for 3 months and 19 days and as a Captain for 3 months.]