

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Johnson W5034 Esther (Easter) Johnson f35NC

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State of North Carolina, Cumberland County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

On this third day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the court aforesaid now sitting Alexander Johnson a resident of said County aged about Seventy-two years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: He first entered the service as a substitute for one William Avery in a Company of Militia commanded by Captain Samuel Gilmore who was attached to Colonel Caswell's [William Caswell's] Regiment of North Carolina Militia. The Regiment rendezvoused at Cross Creek now Fayetteville marched thence south crossing Drowning Creek at Coles Bridge thence to the Pedee River which they crossed at Haley's ferry took the road for Charleston when in about 30 miles of Charleston heard that that city had capitulated [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] our troops then retreated back into North Carolina & on the expiration of his term of service he was discharged this tour was for four months after his discharge he was drafted into a Company commanded back Captain James Love which was attached to Colonel Dickson's [sic, Henry or Hal Dixon?] Regiment that he was marched from Cross Creek to Haley's ferry on the Pedee River to Camden South Carolina where he joined the Army of General Gates [Horatio Gates] was in the Battle of Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] after the Defeat of the American Troops he retreated back in North Carolina where the troops assembled & he served out his service which was three months when he was discharged these two tours were performed about the year 1780, as he believes. He again entered the service & performed a tour of three months service as a volunteer he entered this time and to a Company commanded by Captain Hadley [Thomas Hadley] during this service he was transferred from Captain Hadley's Company to a Company commanded by Captain McKethan in which Company he performed the tour of three months out this Company was attached to the troops Commanded by General Bullar [sic, John Butler?] while in service this time he was never marched out of the State of North Carolina after the full term of his service he was discharged.

I was born in the County of Johnston North Carolina in the month of June 1760

I have no record of my age

I lived in the County of Cumberland North Carolina when I entered the service & have continued to reside there ever since except four months & still reside there

The first term I entered as a Substitute -- the second I was drafted and the last I was a volunteer.

I do not recollect the names of any other officers than those named already; I have also given as circumstantial account as my memory serves.

I received from all my captains except Captain Love but have lost them.

I would refer to Alexander McLeod, Richard Huckabee Esquire who all present in court I could also refer to others if necessary, to prove my character.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a Pension or Annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Alexander Johnson, R his mark

[Alexander McLeod & Richard Huckabee Dave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 11 Bible record]

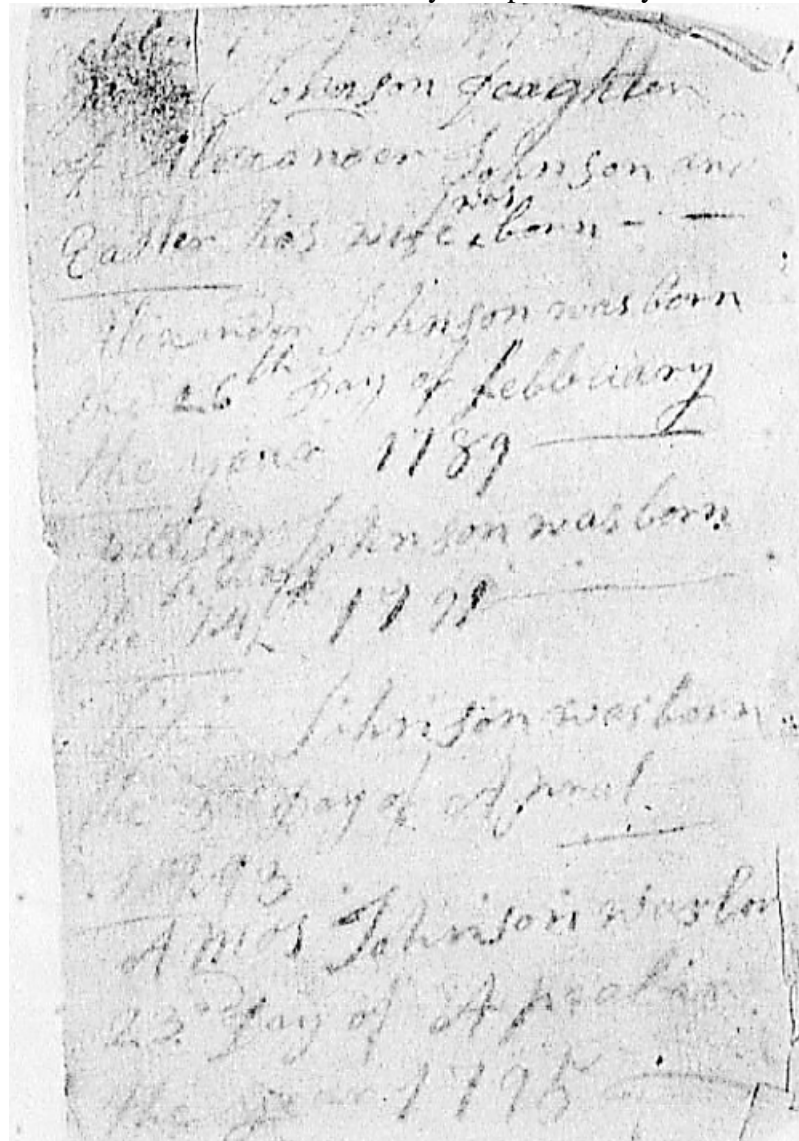
J__ [illegible first name] Johnson daughter of Alexander Johnson and Easter his wife was born

Alexander Johnson was born the 26th day of February the year 1789

Patsey Johnson was born the 14th [?] 1791

John Johnson was born the 3rd day of April 1793

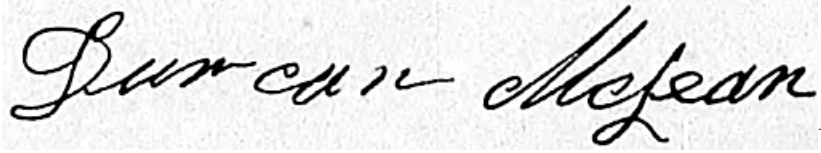
Amos Johnson was born 23rd day of April in the year 1795



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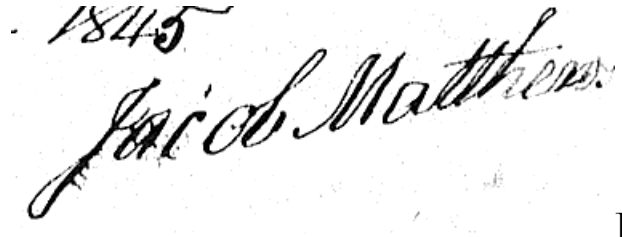
[p 4: On June 17, 1844, Ester [Esther, Easter] Johnson, 90, filed in Cumberland County, NC for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Alexander Johnson, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolutionary war; that she married him on August 10, 1783 and that he died March 28 1841; and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark. At the same time, she filed an affidavit in which she says the family record [given above] is from the family Bible in the hand writing of Matthew Morgan [relationship, if any, not stated; and that as a result of her being blind she can say that it is her family record only from handling it.]

[p 5: On August 6, 1844 in Cumberland County North Carolina Duncan McLean, 36, gave testimony that he has been acquainted with the widow for 15 years; that he is married to a granddaughter (not named) of the widow; he also authenticates the family record.



Duncan McLean]

[p 15: On January 11, 1845 in Cumberland County North Carolina, Jacob Matthews, 77 years old, gave testimony that he was personally acquainted with Alexander Johnson and Easter his wife before and after the Revolutionary war; that Easter Johnson is his aunt; that Alexander and Easter were married at the affiant's Father's house the precise time he cannot recollect but it was about the year 1782 or 3; that he was present at the marriage; that they were married by Ica Adkins, a neighbor and magistrate, in the presence of William Raw, then clerk of the Court; that Alexander and Easter were married some 6 or 8 years before the affiant was married; at the time the affiant was married Alexander and Easter had 2 or 3 children



1845
Jacob Matthews]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]