

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Johnson (Johnston) W7934 Esther Johnson f30VA  
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Virginia Amelia County SS

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of said County now sitting being a Court of record James Johnson a resident of said County in the state aforesaid aged Eighty-eight 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he was drafted in the militia service in the year about 1776 or 1777 and served in the \_\_ Regiment under the following named officers. That he marched from Green's old store in the County of Amelia under Captain Tom B. Willson [Thomas Branch Willson], Colonel Vivian Brooking commanded the Regiment, that he went to Williamsburg and in that neighborhood and remained between five & six months in service, and was honorably discharged at Williamsburg. The next tour he marched under Captain Fenney [probably William Finney] of the militia to Chesterfield Courthouse and from thence to Petersburg he remained in service about eight weeks that tour. Colonels Brooking & Green was along, was discharged at Barnett's Ferry with orders to keep in readiness to march again at a moment's warning, was immediately again called into service and then remained about five weeks under command of same officers afterwards marched with the same officers to Chesterfield Court house, and from thence to Petersburg, Colonel Booker then in command, at that time, he remained about six weeks and was discharged with orders to be in readiness. Soon afterwards he was again called into service under Captain Lewis Ford, and marched to Peachy's Old Store, from thence to Petersburg, under command of Colonel Short – he served this time about two months – was in an engagement at Petersburg. That afterwards he was called into service with Campbell's Rifleman and went with them to York, and remained in the service during this time about seven weeks. – Was living in the County of Amelia when called into service and has lived in the County ever since, was always honorably discharged but they are lost. Sometimes went as a Volunteer sometimes drafted. Refers to Captain William Finney & Hodijah Meade Captain Edmund Eggleston & Rodophil Jeter who are magistrates in the County for his character.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

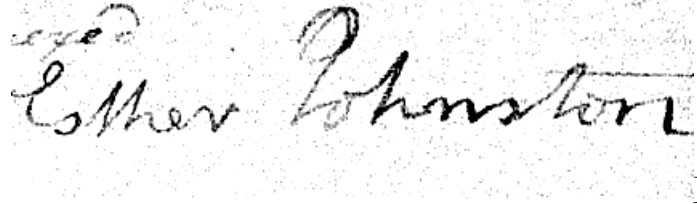
S/ James Johnson



[On October 27, 1836, James Chappell, a minister of the gospel, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[John Webster and John Gibbs also gave a modified standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 11: On July 15, 1843 in Augusta County Virginia, Esther Johnston [sic], 75, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Johnston, a revolutionary war pensioner who died on June 7, 1843; that she has often heard him say that he served frequently under his Father Captain Zachariah Johnston but that she cannot speak definitely of her husband's services; that she was married to James Johnston in Augusta County in 1786 by Parson William Wilson; that she remains his widow

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Esther Johnston". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The first name "Esther" is written in a smaller, more compact cursive, while "Johnston" is written in a larger, more flowing cursive. The signature is positioned below the text of the affidavit and is enclosed in a small rectangular box.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]