

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Johnson (Johnston) W9088 Mary Johnson f94SC

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State of South Carolina }

Chester District }

On this 23rd July 1846 Personally appeared before me James B. Magill one of the acting Magistrates in and for said District Mary Johnson resident of the State & Dist. aforesaid aged 85 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 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of James Johnson or Johnston, dec'd of Chester District, S. C. who was a private, Lieutenant, Capt and Adjutant in Col. Lacy's [Edward Lacey's] Regiment of the South Carolina Militia, during the war of the revolution, but to give the particulars of his said service viz the commencement and termination of each tour of duty she cannot, but that he was generally in service to her personal knowledge, after their marriage in Jan.^y 1780, till the end of the war, a portion of which time she believes he served under Captains Adams [Samuel Adams] & McClure [John McClure], as horseman & Footman. That during the war he was in the following engagements. viz. Hanging rock [Battle of Hanging Rock, 6 August 1780],¹ Rocky mount [Battle of Rocky Mount, 30 July 1780],² Kings mountain [Battle of Kings Mountain, 7 October 1780],³ Hooks Defeat at Bratton's [Williamson's Plantation, July 12, 1780],⁴ and at Sumpter's [Thomas Sumter's] Defeat, on Fishing Creek [Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780]⁵ besides in several skirmishes towards the close of the War.

She further declares that she was married to the said James Johnson in Chester District S. C. in the Month of January, Seventeen hundred & Eighty (1780) by Philip Walker Esq; that her husband the aforesaid, James Johnson died on the 13th March 1797; and that she has remained a widow ever since that Period as will more fully appear by him reference to the proof hereto annexed; she also declares that she has a Family Record which is in the hand writing of her said husband, shewing the ages of their children which she believes to be correct & True and the same is hereto appended.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written

Mary Johnson, X her mark

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_williamsons_plantation.html

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishing_creek.html

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Family Record

Sarah Johnston was Born in January the fifth one Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty one
Mathew [Matthew?] Johnston was Born in febery the Twentyeth 1873 and died on the 25th of
June 1842 Aged 59 years 4 months—5 days

Jen [Jane?] Johnston was Born in November the fifth 1785

Daved [David?] Johnston was Born in October the Eight 1788

Ellen Johnston was Born in July the thirtey first 1791

John Johnston was Born in Apriel the Eight 1794

James Johnston was Born in July the Secont 1797

1817

Mary Johnston was Born June the fifteenth in the year of our lord 1761

56 years

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“South Carolina, Camden District: Parsonally [personally] appaired [appeared] John Knox and
made oath as the Law Directs that the gren [gear?] James Johnston Lost at Sumter’s Defet
[Sumter’s Defeat] be appraised to the Sum of Twenty five Pounds Sworn Before me this 6th June
1783

S/ Wm Tate, JP”

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“State of So. Carolina To James Johnson

For personally Servies [personal services] Dr.

1780 26 Days private Horseman under Capt John McClure

Now Dead at 20/ pr Day –Horse	26.....
43 Days first Lieut. at 45/ pr Day Horses	96 15...
91 Days as Capt at 70/ pr Day Horse	313.10...
140 Days as Lieut. at 45/ pr Day Horse	315.....
100 Days as ajudent [adjutant] at 60/ pr Day	<u>300.....</u>

£1051.5

To Rifle Gun appr'd 25

Currency £1076.5

N. B. these charges are in Pay Bills which
Is attested

Sterling £153.15”

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“The State of So. Carolina

To James Johnson, Junr. Dr.

July the

1: 1780 To 61 Days as Horseman in Capt. Samuel Adoms [sic, Adams] Company of Colo. Lacey’s Ragement [Regiment] of Malitia [militia] at 20/ old Currency is £61.00

December

The 20th 1781 To 60 Days in the Same Company & Regt.

As footman at 10/ Do. Is £30.00

1st of June

1781 To 30 Days in the same Co & Regt.

As footman at 11/ is £15.00

£106.0.0

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“I Do hereby Certify that the three tours of Duty as Stated on the other Side of 61 and 60 and 30 Days was proformed [performed] by James Johnson whilst [whilst] I was present in the army

Assign’d by Edwd Lacey, Colo. M.

18th May 1786”

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South Carolina, Chester District

On the 23rd day of July 1846 Personally appeared before me, James B. Magill, one of the acting Magistrates in and for said District David McDaniel⁶ a revolutionary Pensioner of the State aforesaid and made oath in due form of law --

That he was in the days of the revolution well acquainted with James Johnson an Officer and soldier in the Army of the revolution a resident of what is now called Chester District South Carolina, whose widow Mary now a resident of said District and an applicant for a pension as the wife and widow of the aforesaid James Johnson Deceased

This deponent further maketh oath that he himself was a private soldier in Captain Adams’ Company, belonging to Colonel Lacey’s Regiment of South Carolina Militia, and that during his Services in said Regiment the said James Johnson acted a portion of the time as

⁶ I could not find a federal pension application filed by a man of this name claiming service in SC or in any other state. Perhaps he had a State pension. I believe this man to be the same man as David McDonald who was pensioned by the State of South Carolina. See, [David McDonald \[a/k/a David McDaniel\] SC4362](#)

adjutant of said Regiment to deponent's own personal knowledge. He also maketh oath that he believes that he served During the revolution as private, Lieutenant and Captain; and that the said James Johnson was generally in service from the fall of Charleston in 1780, till the close of the Revolution, that he was one among the most active Whigs of that day,
Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written before me.

S/ Jas B. Magill, Mgst.

S/ David McDaniel, X his mark

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South Carolina, Chester District

John Bishop⁷ a revolutionary Pensioner of the United States, personally appeared before me James B. Magill one of the acting magistrates in and for the said District, and made oath, in due form of law, That he was in the days of the Revolution well acquainted with James Johnson of said District Deceased a soldier of the revolution whose widow Mary, now a resident of the District aforesaid & an applicant for a pension due on account of the Revolutionary Services of her husband the aforesaid James Johnson deceased.

This deponent further maketh oath that he knew the said James Johnson in Service during the war of the revolution and that he the said Johnson Served as adjutant in Colonel Lacey's Regiment, of the South Carolina Militia, That he often saw the said Johnson in Service but to give particulars deponent cannot;

This deponent also states that the said James Johnson was in active Whig during our revolutionary Struggles and he believes generally in Service,

Sworn to and subscribed the 23 July 1846 before me

S/ Jas B. Magill, Mgst.

S/ John Bishop, X his mark

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South Carolina Chester District

On the 23rd day of July 1846 Personally appeared John McDill⁸ a Revolutionary Pensioner of the State of South Carolina before me, James B. Magill an acting Magistrate of the State and District aforesaid and made oath in due form of law, That he was in the days of the revolution well acquainted with James Johnson named in the foregoing affidavits by John Bishop & David McDaniel, and that he knows of his own personal knowledge that the said James Johnson aforesaid did serve as adjutant for a considerable time in Colonel Lacey's Regiment of the South Carolina Militia, and further, that he was known and reputed to be in the service from the commencement to the end of the war, but cannot say in what grade he served further than he knew him in service he served as adjutant aforesaid and Colonel Lacey's Regiment, which Service was rendered subsequent to the fall of Charleston in May 1780

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before me;

S/ Jas B. Magill, Mgst.

S/ John McDill

[pp 83-89 SC Comptroller General's certified entries of payments made to James Johnson/Johnston during the Revolution]

[Facts in file: Mary Johnston died May 31, 1854 survived by the following children: Jane

⁷ [John Bishop S9279](#)

⁸ [John McDill S21879](#)

Sullivan, David Johnston, Ellen McDaniel, John G. Johnston and James Johnston.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$206.20 per annum commencing the 4th of March 1831 for her husband's service as a private, Lieutenant and Captain in the South Carolina militia.]