

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Samuel Johnston S18066
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State of Virginia } Sc.
Washington County }

On this 23^d day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the justices of the court of the said county and state now sitting, Samuel Johnston a resident of the county and state aforesaid, aged seventy four 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, to wit. In the month of September 1780, he was drafted or detailed for twelve months service, at Fredericksburg, in the county of Spottsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania] and state of Virginia, and directed to rendezvous at Chesterfield courthouse which he accordingly did, and was there placed under the command of Captain Samuel Selden, and marched from thence to Suffolk, under the command of General Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], with the expectation of meeting the enemy, but on reaching there found they had embarked - thence marched to Petersburg - from thence marched in the regiment under the command of Colonel John Green, and Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Haws [sic: Samuel Hawes], to Cheraw hills [Cheraw Hills SC, site of winter encampment, 26 Dec 1780 - 28 Jan 1781], where he joined the army under General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]. thence marched to Guilford courthouse - thence to Halifax old courthouse [probably in VA], and was in the battle [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] - then marched in pursuit of Cornwallis to Ramseys mill [in Chatham County NC] where he was placed under the command of Captain [Thomas] Barbee, and marched from thence to Camden, where he was in the battle [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781] & wounded in the left shoulder. thence to Fort Friday on the Congaree [Fort Granby near Friday's Ferry] - thence to ninety six and remained there during the seige [Siege of Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781]. he was here taken sick and placed in the hospital, where he remained for about six weeks, and again joined the army at the High Hills of Santee, to which place it had marched whilst he was sick. thence marched to Eutaw Springs and was in the battle [8 Sep 1781]. Shortly before this battle he was placed under the command of Captain Wirey, who was exchanged about this time, and being older than Barbee, took command of his company. Barbee returning home. From Eutaw Springs followed the enemy near to Monks Corner [sic: Moncks Corner SC] and returned to the High Hills in the month of September 1781, where he was discharged by Major [Smith] Snead, having served out his term of twelve months. The said Samuel Johnston further states, that he sent his discharge to Richmond by Younger Johnston, a deputy Sheriff of King George County and has never seen it since.

The said Samuel Johnston further states, that he was born as he understood by his parents, in King George County Virginia, in the month of October 1758, where he resided until he was twenty one years of age, and where he learned the trade of Saddler - shortly after he was out of his apprenticeship, he went to Fredericksburg, where he was drafted or detailed for service. - having served out his term, he returned to King George County, where he remained sometime, and removed to Westmoreland County, and from thence to this county, where he has resided for the last twenty six years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim, whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension list roll of the Agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. [signed] Samuel Johnston