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 [sic: Edward Lacy'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 [Samuel] Adams & [John] McClure, as horseman & Footman. That during the war he was in the following engagements. viz. Hanging rock [Battle of Hanging Rock SC, 6 Aug 1780], Rocky mount [Skirmish at Rocky Mount SC, 30 Jul 1780], Kings mountain [Battle of King’s Mountain SC, 7 Oct 1780], Hooks Defeat at Brattons [Skirmish at Williamson’s Plantation in present York County SC where Loyalist Capt. Christian Huck was defeated by Col. William Bratton], and at Sumpter’s Defeat, on Fishing creek [Skirmish at Fishing Creek in present Chester County SC where Gen. Thomas Sumter was routed] 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 Seventeen hundred & ninety seven; and that she has remained a widow ever since that Period as will more fully appear by 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 herXmark Johnson
Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of James Johnson (Johnston) W9088 Mary fn99SC
Transcribed by Will Graves 11/18/08

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Also, the handwriting of the original scribes often lends itself to varying interpretations. Users of this database are urged to view the original and to make their own decision as to how to decipher what the original scribe actually wrote. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original.]

[NOTE: This supplements the transcription made earlier by C. Leon Harris]

[fn p. 6]
Family Record
Sarah Johnston was Born in January the fifth one Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty one - 1781
Matthew [Matthew?] Johnston was Born in febery the Twentyeth 1873 and died on the 25th of June 1842 Aged 59 years 4 months—5 days
Jane [Jane?] Johnston was Born in November the fifth 1785
David [David?] Johnston was Born in October the Eight 1788
Ellen Johnston was Born in July the thirty first 1791
John Johnston was Born in April the Eight 1794
James Johnston was Born in July the Second 1797

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

56 years

[facts in file: Mary Johnston died May 31, 1854 survived by the following children: Jane Sulivan, David Johnston, Ellen McDaniel, John G. Johnston and James Johnston; Mary Johnston, the widow, drew a pension of $206/year.]

[fn. p. 14:
“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”

[fn. p. 18:
“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 300........
To Rifle Gun appr’d £1051.5
Currency 25

£1076.5
Sterling £153.15

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

[fn. p. 20]
“The State of So. Carolina
To James Johnson, Junr. Dr.

July the
Lacey’s Ragment [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

[fn. 21]
“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”

[fn p. 72]
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 McDaniel1 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
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,

1 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
On the 23rd day of July 1846 Personally appeared John McDill 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 McDill

[fn p. 75]
South Carolina Chester District

On the 23rd day of July 1846 Personally appeared John McDill 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

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