Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Johnston (Johnson) S13587  
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North Carolina
David Johnston, private, in the Army of the United States.
Inscribed on the roll of the North Carolina Agency at the rate of $5 per month increased to $8 by the Law of 24 April 1816
Formal Certificate issued 13 May 1822 and sent to D. A. Davis Esqr.
   Fayetteville North Carolina
   Placed on roll 16 March 1829

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State of North Carolina, Hilsbouro [Hillsboro] District
   We the Commissioners appointed by an act of the General assembly Do Certify that
   David Johnston a Soldier in the Militia of the United States who lost his left arm in an action
   with the Enemy in the year 1780 on Tiger River [sic, Tyger River] in South Carolina as appears
   by a certificate dated November 14th 1788 By Robert Irwin Colº. 1st Batº MM and Thomas Polk
   is intitled [entitled] to an annual allowance of Twenty four pounds.
   Given under our hands the 16th day of March 1789
   Ledg’d in Comptrollers office  S/ J. Estes
   March 16th 1789  S/ John Taylor
   Williamon Courtney [?]

   MM Macklinburg militia [sic, Mecklenburg militia]
State of Tennessee, Williamson County: I Joshua Farrington one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County & State aforesaid do certify that the above is a true copy [copy] of a Certificate this Day produced by David Johnston & Examined by me
Given under my hand & Seal at office this 7th day of Jan’ [?] 1822
   S/ J. Farrington

State of Tennessee, Williamson County
   I Joshua Farrington one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County & State
   aforesaid do hereby certify that David Johnston named in the above copy of a certificate
   personally appeared before me this 7th day of Jan’ 1822 and made oath the [sic, that] he never
   received any other certificate from any office raletive [relative] to his wound than that which the
   within is a true and that he has never received a pension Certificate from the Secretary of War.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of Jan' 1822.

S/ David Johnston

S/ J. Farrington, JP

[p 8: On January 24, 1822 in Williamson County Tennessee, the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas certified that Robert Johnston had appeared in person and identified David Johnston as the person mentioned in the above certificate. The relationship, if any, of Robert Johnston to David Johnston is not stated.]

[Fact in file: veteran died February 18, 1829.]