

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Benjamin Johnson (Johnston) W13 Charity fn47NC
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State of Tennessee, Overton County: September 19th, 1818

This day before me Parry W. Humphreys one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts in & for the State aforesaid came Benjamin Johnson in the 58th year of his age Residing in the said County of Overton who being by me first duly sworn the truth to declare & speak touching his service in the Army of the United States in the revolutionary War with a view to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed on the last Session entitled, an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & Naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary war Declares & says, that on the 9th of May in the year 1776 at Granville Court house in the State of North Carolina he enlisted for the term of 2 years & a half with Lieutenant C. Parker and William Glover's company in the 6th Regiment of infantry upon Continental establishment & North Carolina line, which Regiment was commanded by Colonel William Taylor Marched from the place of his enlistment to Wilmington & from thence he was marched to & Joined General Washington's Army at King's ferry on the North River in the State of New York just after the battle of the White Plains he served out his time of 2 1/2 years received his discharge which was given to him in the State of New York by Colonel Nash & Colonel Howe returned home & remained about 4 or 5 months reenlisted with Captain Long in Colonel Hogans [sic, James Hogun's] Regiment for the term of 18 months served out his time & was discharged by then Colonel Long at Halifax town in North Carolina his discharges were considered of no value have been long since destroyed. The principal battles in which he was worthy Battle of Monmouth & Gates Defeat was in frequent skirmishes, he has no other evidence now in his power to produce but he supposes his name is to be found in the records or muster rolls in the secretary's office of North Carolina & perhaps copies may be at Nashville, he further says that he is very poor has no land & but very small quantity of personal property has no means of subsistence but by his labor & is by reason of bad health age & affliction unable to perform much labor having nearly lost the use of one of his legs & is in such reduced circumstances in life as to require assistance from his Country for support.

Sworn & subscribed this day and Date first above written before me.

S/ Parry W. Humphreys

S/ Benjamin Johnson, X his mark

[On June 7, 1842, Charity Johnston, 78, filed in Overton County, Tenn., for a widow's pension stating that her husband died June 28, 1821 of the "gravel or inflimation of his kidnies [sic]"; that she married him in Granville County North Carolina on February 1, 1779; that she has no record of her marriage but recollects that they were married by Samuel Fuller, JP][In a filing dated in 1855, she states they were married February 1, 1780; that her maiden name was Charity Bobbitt; that her husband served under Col. Litell [Lytle]; that her husband enlisted in Granville County, NC]

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 12th May 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster roll of the North Carolina Continental line in the Revolutionary War, that Benjamin Johnson a private in Captain Williams' Company of the 6th Regiment was in the service on the 9th May 1776 for 2 1/2 years, and was discharged on the 10th day of November 1778. Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

[Oct. 8, 1842, in Overton County, Tenn., Isham Johnston, 57, filed an affidavit in support of the claim of his mother for a widow's pension; he states that he found the following family record on a small piece of paper among his father's papers:

“James Johnston was born the ?th day of November 17781 [sic, 1781?]

darean Johnston was born the 3 day of May 17783 [sic]

turney Johnston was the 13 day of June 17785 [sic]

the sunes [sic, sons] of Benjamin Johnson 19 day August 9

Suger Johnston was born the first day July 17787 [sic]

tutley Johnston was born on 22 day of da....”]