

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Johnston: W7935

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State of North Carolina} 31 of March 1819
Buncombe County} On this day came before me the Subscriber One of the Judges of
the Superior Court of Law and Court of Equity in & for the said state Personally Appeared James
Johnston aged fifty nine years Resident in the County of Buncombe who being by me first duly
Sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the
provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an Act to Provide for Certain Persons
Engaged in the Land & Navel Servis of the United States in the revolutionary War that he the
said James Johnston enlisted in the 2nd Redg't of Virginia Troops in the Company Commanded
by capt Pollard of the said 2n'd Redg't for the term of eighteen months that he continued to
serve in the said Corps untill the Battle at the Eutaw Springs in the State of South Carolina [8 Sep
1781] where he was taken a Prisoner by the British Troops & was put on board a prison ship
where he remained for the space of thirteen months when he was exchanged for when peace was
concluded between the United States & Great Brittain. that during the time of his service
aforesaid & before he was taken prisoner he was in the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse
NC, 15 Mar 1781] and in the Battle at Camden [probably Battle of Hobkirk's Hill near Camden SC,
25 Apr 1781, but possibly Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] where he received a wound by a
Musket Ball through the thigh that by being exposed to heats & Colds he measurably lost his
hearing during the said service that he never has received any Compensation to that ever from
the Government or otherwise for the said service that he is in Reduced Circumstances & stands
in need of the Assistance of his Country for Support & that he has no other evidence now in his
power of said services

Sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid

James hisXmark Johnston

NOTE: On 29 Dec 1852 in Henderson County NC Ann Johnston, 79, applied for a pension stating
that she married James Johnston on 22 July 1791, and he died 2 July 1852. In the file is a copy
of a family register stating that James Johnston was born 16 Jan 1761, Ann Cole Johnston was
born 5 Jan 1772, and listing the names and dates of birth of their children.