

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Johnson: W9088

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State of South Carolina}
Chester District}

On this 23^d 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 Lacey'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 Looyalist Capt. Christian Huck was defeated by Col. William Bratton], and at Sumpter's Defeat, on Fishing creek [Skirmish at Fishing Creek in present Chesterr 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

To Rifle Gun appr'd		£1051.5
		<u>25</u>
	Currency	<u>£1076.5</u>
N. B. these charges are in Pay Bills which Is attested	Sterling	£153.15”

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“The State of So. Carolina

To James Johnson, Junr. Dr.

July the

1: 1780 To 61 Days as Horseman in Capt. Samuel Adoms [sic, Adams] Company of Colo.

Lacey’s Ragement [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

£106.0.0

£ Stg 15:2:10 ¼”

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“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”

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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

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written before me.

S/ Jas B. Magill, Mgst.

S/ David McDaniel, X his mark

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South Carolina, Chester District

John Bishop² 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 Bishop, X his mark

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South Carolina Chester District

On the 23rd day of July 1846 Personally appeared John McDill³ 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]

² [John Bishop S9279](#)

³ [John McDill S21879](#)