Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Johnson VAS1236 Transcribed by Will Graves

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[From rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia]

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I do Certify that I was acquainted with "John Johnston" late of Charlotte, in the Revolutionary War; and know the fact, that in the early part of the spring 1776 he enlisted as a soldier under Captain Brent [perhaps John Brent] to serve for the period of three years and was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Colonel Lawson [Robert Lawson] and General Stevens [Edward Stevens]. Some short time after enlistment, he was made Sergeant in the company, and continued to act in that capacity until his term of enlistment expired, and was regularly discharged – these facts come within my own personal knowledge, being a soldier of the Continental line at the time. I am in the 78th year of my age, and now a Pensioner of the United States.

S/William P Hamlett¹

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[Attested in Charlotte County Virginia January 1, 1838 by Cornelius Barnes JP]

Virginia, Charlotte County to wit:

I do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with John Johnson late of Charlotte in the Revolutionary War, being attached to the same company and Regiment; and know the fact as coming within my personal knowledge, being with him the whole time that he enlisted in the spring of 1776 under Captain Brent for three years, and was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Colonel Lawson and General Stevens. He was afterwards made Sergeant in the Company and served as such until the expiration of his term of enlistment, and was regularly discharged from service. I am in the 89th year of my age, and was a soldier of the Continental line.

S/ William Vaughan²

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[Attested in Charlotte County Virginia January 3, 1838 by William Dupree, JP]

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To his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

The Memorial of the Heirs and legal Representatives of John Johnson late of Charlotte County, Virginia, who was a soldier and Sergeant of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment in the war of the Revolution: Respectfully Sheweth:

That your memorialist have no personal knowledge of the services of the said John Johnson in the Revolutionary War, being too young at the time –

That the said John Johnson in the County of Charlotte enlisted in the early part of the year 1776 as a soldier under Captain John Brent, to serve for the period of three years, and was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Lawson and General Stevens – That shortly after enlistment, he was made Sergeant in the company, and continued as such until his term of enlistment expired, when he received an Honorable discharge, and returned home. All of which will more readily appear by reference to the accompanying certificates of respectable soldiers who served with him in the same company and Regiment, and had the best opportunity of knowing the fact –

Your memorialist further state, that the name of the said John Johnson as Sergeant will be found on the Roll of the Continental Army, by reference thereto. That the said John Johnson as Sergeant never drew Land Bounty in his lifetime, nor has his heirs or legal representatives since his death.

Your Memorialist, therefore, humbly pray, that they as the Heirs and legal representatives, may be granted the usual quantity of Land, allowed by law, to a Sergeant of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment, for a service of 3 years, pursuant to the laws of Virginia in such cases made and provided – And as in duty bound, shall ever pray &c

S/ Richard Cox

S/ Rebecca Cox

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[Attested in Charlotte County Virginia November 6, 1837 by John D Richardson, JP]

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