Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Johnson W20204 Rachel Johnson f17NC Transcribed by Will Graves 10/27/08: rev'd 2/21/16

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State of North Carolina, Johnston County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November Term 1844

On this 26th day of November 1844 personally appeared Warren Johnson, before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, and being duly sworn according to law testifies and says that he is now in the 59th year of his age, that he is the son of Solomon Johnson deceased, who was a private soldier in the Revolutionary War -- and who served as he has frequently heard him say twelve months in the Continental Army under Captain Jones [Samuel Jones] -- That -- his father the said Solomon Johnson died in the County of Johnston in the month of February (14th day) in the year 1810: -- that his father the said Solomon Johnston [sic] was married in the year 1774 to the mother of this declarant, whose maiden name was Rachel Baley, who lived in said County of Johnston up to the period of her death, which was on the 14th of February 1844, supposed to be about ninety years of age: that age of this declarant's father at the time of his death, was supposed to be nearly eighty: -- this declarant further States, that his oldest Sister if living would be nearly seventy years old, he always understood she was born before the Revolutionary War commenced; and at the time his father was in the service, his mother had three or four children; and he has frequently heard her speak of the great difficulty she had in subsisting them in his father's absence: -- He further declares there is no record of the marriage or the ages of the children that he knows of; and that he is the youngest one of the children left by his father and mother, and the only one now known to be living --:

S/ Warren John Son

Harren John Son

Test: S/ Thomas Bagley, Clk

[p 6: Certified copy of a marriage bond dated March 17, 1774, given in Johnston County, NC by Solomon Johnson and John Holliman to secure the marriage of Solomon Johnson to Rachel Bailey]

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Solomon Johnson a private in Captain Jones's Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the 15th day of January 1782 for the term of twelve months and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 17th day of December 1844. S/Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[p 15: On August 11, 1844, Mrs. Lusey Ann Price, 96, gave an affidavit in Johnston County that she was present at the marriage between Solomon Johnson & Rachel Baley; that they were married by John Raines Magistrate in the spring of 1774 and that she knows of her own knowledge that Solomon Johnson served 12 months in the regular service under Captain Jones in the 10th Regiment. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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State of North Carolina, Johnston County

On this 8th day of August 1844 personally appeared before me James Stallings one of the Magistrates of Johnston County Jesse Green¹ aged about 81 years, who after having been duly sworn doth upon his oath make the following Statement that to his own knowledge that Solomon Johnson was a private in Captain Jones Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted the 15th day of January 1782 for 12 months.

Sworn to and subscribed for made the 8th day of August 1844.

S/ Jesse Green

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending February 14, 1840 when she died. She was pensioned based upon her husband service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]

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¹ Jesse Green W11084