Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Johnson (Johnston) W7935 Ann Johnston VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 12 Feb 2015.

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 [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] 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

Sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid James hisXmark Johnston

power of said services

On this 8th day of October 1828 personally appeared in open Court, State of North Carolina } **Buncombe County** being a court of Record for the County aforesaid, James Johnson resident in said County, aged sixty seven years who, being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the pension made by the acts of Congress, of the 18th march 1818 and the 1st of May 1820. That he the said James Johnson enlisted for the term of Eighteen Months, he believes in the month of October in the year 1780 in the State of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Captain Polard, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Haws [sic: Samuel Hawes], in the line of the State of Virginia, on the Continental establishment. That he was in the Action at Guilford in North Carolina, and at Camden in South Carolina, where he received a wound in his thigh. That after his recovery from which, he was in the engagement at Utaw Springs, in South Carolina, where he was taken a prisoner and conveyed to Charleston and place on board of a prison ship, where he remained thirteen months and two weeks. And at the termination of the war, was released by exchange of prisoners and in consequence of his sufferings lost his hearing of one ear. And was discharged in the State of South Carolina. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that he does not know that his name is on the roll of any State except that of Virginia. And that the following are the reasons for not making application for a continuation of his pension. Having received a Duplicate from the war department certifying that I was inscribed on the pension List, North Carolina Agency, at the rate Eight Dollars per month, Commencing on the 31st day of March One thousand Eight hundred and nineteen, That I sent on and received one years pension. The year following I again sent on, and received for answer: the pension Law was absolutely done away. Therefore made no further application; as respects the number of my Certificate I do not know.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring

myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property, and not now owned by me. [For some of these changes, see the endnote.]

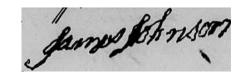
The above are all the changes in my property within my knowledge. I am by occupation a Farmer. I have a wife about 57 years of age. no children but those who are of full age. I have not been able to do a days works for five years past.

N.B. The horse sold to whitlow for notes on my neighbours & the amt was expended on the payment of

Debts and for necessary family expenses, Doctors Bills &c &c

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1	Horse	\$50.00
2	Cows & calves	20.00
2	yearlings	8.00
1	Ewe & 2 Lambs	2.00
12	Head of Hogs	7.00
2	Ovens, 1 Pot, & an Axe	8.00
1	Plough, 1 Hoe, & 1 mattock	3.00
1	Cupboard 1 Table 6 Chairs, 1 Dish & 6 plates	12.00
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NOTES:

Hugh Johnson certified that James Johnston made the following gifts to his sons and daughters: to Joseph Johnson in 1820 or 1821 a colt; to Noble Johnson in 1824 or 1825 a colt; to Ann Osborn in 1822 a cow and calf; to Malinda Rees in 1825 or 1826 a cow and calf.

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. On 5 May 1855 she applied for bounty land stating that the marriage occurred in Greenville District SC, and that her name before marriage was Ann Cole. In the file is a copy of a family register certified as being copied from a family Bible and transcribed below.

James Johnston was born in the year of our Lord 1761 on the 16th Day of January Ann Johnson his Wife was born the 5th Day of January in the year of our Lord 1772 James Johnson and Ann Cole were married on the 22nd July in the year of our Lord 1791 {Childrens birth's follows}

Hugh Johnson was born on the 29th day of July in the year of our Lord 1794 Sarah Johnson was born on the 16 day February in the year of our Lord 1796 Uranah Johnson was born the 27 day of December in the year of our Lord 1797 James Johnson was born the 22nd day Jan'ry in the year 1798 [sic] Malinda Johnson was born on the 29th day of May in the year of our Lord 1800 Ann Johnson was born on the 25th day of November in the year of our Lord 1802 Joseph Johnson was born on the 2nd day of February in the year of our Lord 1805 Noble Johnson was born the 26th day of April 1807 Mary Johnson was born on the 11th day of August in the year of our Lord 1810