

Pension Application for Philip Johnson or Johnston

W.11982 (Widow: Susannah Pettit. Married October 1811, in Palatine)

B.L.Wt.102113-160-55

Died March 18, 1845, Vienna, Oneida County, NY.

Application for Bounty Land.—Original Claim

State of New York

County of Erie SS.

On this 15th day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty three personally appeared before me Warren Lampman Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Susannah Johnson aged 67 years, a resident of Buffalo in the State of New York who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Phillip Johnson deceased, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War with Great Britain and was a Revolutionary Pensioner when he died as will appear by the certificate enclosed that her said husband has informed her of his officers but she cannot remember their names that he served on the Mohawk Valley, was in Fort Herkimer and continued in actual service in said war for the term of time not known, and was honorably discharged as she believes. The deponent has no record of her marriage and the Justice and witnesses present are dead. She further states that she was married to the said Phillip Johnson in Palentine [Palatine] Montgomery County NY on the month of October A.D. 1811 by one McVain a Justice of the peace and that her name before her said marriage was Susannah Pettit that her said husband died at Vienna on the 18th day of March A.D. 1845 and that she is now a widow and has not been married since the death of her husband.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the Act approved March 3d, 1855. My Post Office is Buffalo, Samuel Lake of Buffalo is hereby appointed my Attorney to prosecute my claim and receive any Warrant which may be issued thereon. (Signed with her mark) Susannah Johnson

We Isabella Savage and Margaret E. Hogan residents of Buffalo in the State of New York upon our oaths declare that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by Susannah Johnson by her mark in our presence, and that we believe from the appearance and statements of the applicant that she is the identical person she represents herself to be. That we are the daughters of Phillip and Susannah Johnson and know our Father died as Above stated, although we were from home on a visit at the time, also that our mother is still a widow and has not been married since the death of her husband to our knowledge or belief. Isabella M. Savage, Margrete E. Hogan.

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year above written; and I certify that I know the Affiants to be credible persons; that the Claimant is the person she represents herself to be, and that I have no interest in this claim. Warren Lampman, Justice of the Peace.

State of New York

County of Montgomery SS.

On this nineteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting, Philip Johnson, a resident of the town of Palatine in said County, aged sixty-eight years and upwards, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He was born in the month of May in the year 1764, at a place called Little Nine Partners in the County of Dutchess in said State. He has no record of his age except a memorandum thereof kept by a relative of his, residing in the County of Oneida in said State.

When he was called into the service of the United States he lived in the town of Kinderhook in the County of Columbia in N. York State. Since the revolutionary war he has lived at German Flatts in the County of Herkimer in said State & now resides in the Town of Palatine aforesaid.

He entered the service of the United States in the army of the revolution under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the month of April 1781, (1) he enlisted for the term of nine months in the Company of State Troops commanded by Captain Marshall in Colonel Marinus Willett's Regiment. His other company officers were Lieutenants Loop (2) & Bloodgood. Of his Field officers he remembers Major VanBenschoten (3)—and that he faithfully served the whole term of nine months for which he so Enlisted.

At the expiration of the nine months for which he enlisted as aforesaid he received his discharge and returned home to Kinderhook aforesaid.

When in service as aforesaid, he marched to Albany, from thence to Johnstown, where he remained some time, and from thence to Forts Hunter, Plain, Dayton, old Fort Herkimer & Fort Schuyler.

At said Forts he performed garrison duty, on sundry occasions. As a constant warfare was carried on with parties of Indians, who often made incursions in the neighborhood of said forts, he was often out with scouting parties, and sometimes engaged in skirmishes with the enemy. He was with the troops of his Regiment in the summer of the year 1781, who were in the battle of Turlock (4) in Schoharie County a few miles from Cherry Valley—and this is the only battle in which he was engaged.

The following are the names of some of the Regular officers whom he recollects, viz Lieutenant Fonda (5) & Captain Tierce (6) of the State Troops, Colonel Van Schaick, (7) General Schuyler, (8) General VanRensselaer, (9) Lieutenant Abraham TenEyck, (10) and Capt. Marshall, Lieut. Bloodgood, Agt Fonda &c.

He never received any written discharge from the service. He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person now living who can testify to his services.

The following are the names of persons in the neighborhood where he now lives, who are acquainted with him, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution viz, Jacob P. Empie & Lodowick Frederick—

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Philip Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to the day & year first aforesaid. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk

End Notes—W.11982—Philip Johnson

1. Philip served as a private in Captain Elihu Marshall's Company in Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies in 1781. According to Captain Marshall's Receipt Roll Philip was owed £20. . 0. . 0 which was delivered to Abraham TenEyck. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 173, National Archives, Washington D.C..

The following was in Philip's Pension application file: *Know all Men by these Present, That I Philip Johnston, private in the Levies lately Commanded by Col. Marinus Willett in the State of New York for the Consideration of [was left blank] Lawful Money of the State aforesaid and for divers other good causes and considerations, me, hereunto moving,*

have granted bargained sold assigned and transferred and by these presents Do Grant Bargain Sell Assign and Transfer unto Edward Cumpston of the City of Albany all such Sum and Sums of Money as and owing to me for Pay and Wages, for my services for the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty one, in the Levies aforesaid and I do hereby appoint the said Edward Cumpston my true and Lawful Attorney in my name but solely to his use, to ask demand, owe for, recover and receive the pay and Wages aforesaid of the pay months of the said regiment or other person or persons, now or hereafter, to be authorized pay and discharge the same, and to have, use and take all lawful Wages and means in my name or otherwise for recover thereof and Acquaintances or other discharges for the same, for me and in my name to make, Seal and Deliver and to do All other lawful acts and things what so ever concerning the promises as fully and in every respect as I myself might or Could do if I were personally present, And an Attorney or Attornies under him for the purposes aforesaid to make, And at his pleasure to rooke, ratifying and [adocring?] all and Whatsoever my said attorney shall in my name Lawfully do or cause to be done in and about the promises by virtue of these presents: In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Sixth Day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty four. Sealed and delivered in the presence of Egbert (his mark) Philip Johnston Van Schaack.

For Value Received pay Edward Cumpston or order the pay due me for my services In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one as a private in Coll Marinus Willetts Regt of State Levies.

To the paymaster of the said Regiment of Levies aforesaid.

[his mark] Philip Johnston.

Philip Johnston.

Marshalls Co.

£19. . 12. . 0

Received New York 10 July 1784 of Colo Marinus Willett the Sum of Twenty pounds on the within order. £20. . 0. .0 Abm Ten Eyck

State of New York.

Comptrollers Office.

Albany. March 14, 1840.

I hereby certify the preceeding to be a true copy of an Original paper with the Embursement thereof now remaining in this office. WN Tudway, Dep Comptroller \$1.00

2. Captain Marshall's lieutenants were James Cannon and Peter Loop. William Bloodgood served as a lieutenant in Captain Peter Elsworth's Company in Willett's Regiment.
3. Elias VanBenschoten served as a major in Willett's in 1782 and 1783.
4. The Battle of New Dorlach was fought on July 10, 1781. This area is now known as the Village of Sharon Springs and the Town of Sharon, Schoharie County, New York.
5. Jellis A. Fonda, lieutenant, adjutant and captain in Willett's Regiment from 1781 to 1783.
6. Peter B. Tearce served as a captain in Willett's in 1782 and 1783.
7. Goose Van Schaick was the Colonel of the First New York Continental Regiment.
8. Major General Philip Schuyler of the Continental Army.
9. Brigadier General Robert Van Rensselaer of the Second Brigade of the Albany County Militia.
10. Abraham TenEyck was a lieutenant and the pay master in Willett's Regiment.