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Johnston, James

R. 5627

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State of Pennsylvania In Open Court  
County of Adams (January Term) 1837.  
Before the Honourable  
Associates, Justices of the Court of Common  
Pleas in and for said County -

On this twenty second day of Janu-  
ary A.D. 1837. before the Court aforesaid,  
held within and for this County and State aforesaid,  
said, personally appeared William Johnston  
aged sixty four years, a resident of the town-  
ship of Hamilton, in the County and  
State aforesaid; who being duly sworn  
according to law doth on his oath make  
the following declaration -

That he is the youngest  
and only surviving child and heir at law of  
James Johnston deceased, who resided  
in the County of York (now Adams) and  
State aforesaid and who was a soldier in  
the War of the Revolution -

That his said Father as he believed  
went from York County aforesaid (now Adams)  
to render the service - That he has no  
private documentary evidence of his service  
that he does not know how much service  
was made by his said Father -

That his mother was married to the said  
James Johnston in York County (now  
Adams) and State aforesaid on the twelfth  
day of October A.D. 1780 by one John  
Black a Presbyterian Congregationalist and that  
her name before her said marriage was  
Elizabeth McClean, daughter of William  
McCleam, who was also in the Revolutionary  
War and that she died in this County and  
State


State sometime before the intelligence of  
the death of the said James Johnston reached  
the friends and family of the said James  
Johnston that his Father died at sea  
and was buried at Dublin, Ireland  
and further that there is a private record  
of their marriage -

We hereby appoint Wm Johnston his  
true and lawful Attorney to prosecute his  
claim to receive the Certificate when  
issued and to do all other acts necessary  
and proper in the premises

(signed) Wm Johnston  
Witness  
Henry Thomas

Known to and subscribed before me on the  
day and year first above mentioned and I hereby  
attest that I know the said Defendant  
William Johnston and believe him to be  
as is above stated and that he is of the  
age above stated and further that I am  
not interested in this claim as Attorney or  
otherwise -

Witness my hand and the  
Seal of said Court affixed by  
Order of said Court now in session

(signed) John Pickering, Pro.  


State of Pennsylvania }  
County of Adams

On the twenty second day of January  
A.D. 1856 Personally appeared in open  
Court David Chamberlain of Franklin  
Township in said County a credible witness  
and who being duly sworn doth on his oath  
state that he is a son of Lewis Chamberlain  
who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution  
that James Polunton of York County  
(now Adams) in the State aforesaid was reported  
to have served in that War as an Officer  
and that he has often heard his said father speak  
of the said James Polunton as a Captain  
in said War. That the said James Polunton  
lived in Franklin Township York County  
(now Adams) aforesaid; that deponent lived  
with his father's family a mile or so distant  
from the family of the said James Polunton  
that he has heard conversations in relation  
to the said James Polunton and his service  
from the friends and neighbors and the family  
of Moses McClean, who was also an Officer  
in the Revolutionary Army that the said James  
Polunton and Elizabeth his wife lived together  
as husband and wife and was reported so  
to be that deponent never heard the fact  
of their marriage disputed or questioned -  
That he was acquainted with the  
children of the said James Polunton and  
Elizabeth his wife, being five in number  
three daughters and two sons and the names  
of those children are as follows Ephraim Polunton  
Jane intermarried with Martin Hill, Margaret  
intermarried with Thomas Hascoby Nancy  
unmarried.

unmarried all of whom are deceased and  
without issue and William Polunton of  
the Township of Hamilton in the County  
of Adams and State aforesaid is the youngest  
and only surviving child of the said James  
Polunton and that he is sixty three years  
of age and has always lived in this County  
with whom deponent is well acquainted -

(Signed) David Chamberlain

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day  
and year first above written -

(Signed) John Peckham, Pro.

State of Pennsylvania  
Adams County

Be it Remembered  
That on this eighteenth day of January  
in the Year four thousand  
eight hundred and fifty six personally  
appeared Mrs. Mary McCann Marshall  
of the Township of Hamilton in the County  
and State aforesaid before me, the Subscriber, one  
of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County  
and the said Mary W. Marshall under solemn  
oath both depose and say that she in her child-  
hood lived within half a mile of Captain  
James Polunton and that she often saw him  
the said James Polunton who lived in the  
Township of Franklin in the County of  
York (now Adams) that the said James  
Polunton was reported to be a Captain  
in the Revolutionary War that I have fre-  
quently heard my maternal Grand father  
Mr. McCann who bore the title of Captain  
often speak of the said James Polunton  
and have also heard him tell of his wife  
my Grand Mother and Patsy Polunton the  
wife of the said James Polunton and daughter  
of the said Melvin McCann knitting blankets  
and stockings for the Army that it was reported and believed that the  
said James Polunton died on sea while on  
a voyage to Ireland and that his remains  
were interred in the City of Dublin, Ireland  
that his wife Patsy (Missell) Polunton  
was deceased sometime before the intelligence  
of the death of the said James Polunton reached  
the friends and family of the said James Polunton  
that she

that the said James Polunton and Elizabeth  
his wife (formerly Elizabeth McCann) were  
married at the house of my Grand Father and  
the father of the said Elizabeth Polunton  
by a Presbyterian Clergyman the Rev. John  
Black; and that they always lived together  
as man and wife that the children of  
the said marriage were Ephraim Polunton now  
deceased Jane Polunton intermarried with  
Martin Hill both of whom are deceased, Margaret  
Polunton intermarried with Thomas Hock,  
both of whom are also deceased Nancy Polunton  
who was unmarried and who is deceased  
and Melvin Polunton the only survivor of the  
family who lives in the Township of Hamilton  
County and State aforesaid.

(Signed)

Mary W. Marshall

I am and subscribed before me, who are  
well acquainted with deponent, who is a  
credible witness and known to be a person  
of veracity and truth and I also find deponent  
a person of life and her family in such circum-  
stances that it would be impossible for her  
to appear at Gettysburg the seat of Justice  
Witness my hand and seal this  
day and year aforesaid.

(Signed)

Andrew Loun   
J. P.

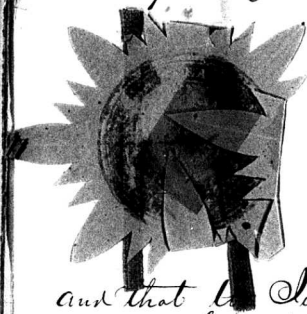
State of Pennsylvania }  
County of Adams }  
Court of Common Pleas }  
Before the Honorable  
Associates Justices

of the Court aforesaid —  
It is hereby certified that  
satisfactory evidence has been exhibited before  
the said Court, which evidence is hereby  
accepted, that James Johnston who is  
deceased was a Revolutionary Soldier of the  
United States and that William Johnston  
is the only surviving child of the aforesaid  
Soldier, who is a resident of the Township of  
Hamilton, in the County and State aforesaid —  
In testimony whereof I have  
hereunto by order of said Court set my  
hand and affixed my seal of office this  
twenty second day of January one thousand  
eight hundred and fifty seven  
(signed)

John Pickering, Jrs.

23  
Jan 29

Adams County  
State of Pennsylvania



J. John Pickering, Prothonotary of  
the Court of Common Pleas in & for  
said County of Adams, do certify that  
the foregoing is a true copy of the  
Declaration of William Johnston  
and the accompanying Testimony of  
David Chamberlain & Mary M.  
Marshall now on file in this office  
and that the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas  
of said County before whom the said Declaration and  
Affidavits were made were duly Commissioned Sworn  
and that Andrew Love, Esq. before whom Mary M.  
Marshall was sworn, was an Acting Justice  
of the Peace at the time in & for said County, duly  
Commissioned Sworn

In testimony whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said  
Court at Gettysburg, in said County, this 28th  
day of January A.D. 1857

John Pickering, Pro.

Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 9, 1870.

P. O.

1832 Pen

Service:

*Port of Albany, Co. 1st Regt. York Co. died at sea  
a/capt.*

Enlisted: \_\_\_\_\_, 18

Discharged: \_\_\_\_\_, 18

Application filed: \_\_\_\_\_, 18

Alleges:

*of McLean Feb 23 1857*

Re-enlisted: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

P. O. \_\_\_\_\_

Recognized.

Contract

Cert. of Dis. Searched for

, 18

*James Johnson, decd.*

*Penna*

*William McLean February*

*23, 1857.*

*5627*

*June 7 1832.*

Wm Johnson ??

Elizabeth Johnson ??

Gilchrist

July 28<sup>th</sup> 1857

Amos George C. White  
Commissioner of Revenue  
Dear Sir

Please find enclosed Declaration  
of William Johnson in relation to the  
Revolutionary Services of his deceased  
Father James Johnson and the  
accompanying testimony -

The said testimony to identify the  
deceased with the Record is not very  
clear and we have been unable  
to ascertain the dates of the death

of the Soldier and his wife or which  
died first - The deaths were probably  
contemporaneous

The Soldier may also have been in  
the Militia Service as well as the  
Continental and not being very familiar  
with the acts of Congress or the Regula-  
tions of the Department, we were at  
a loss to state any particular Act  
upon which to base our claim for  
relief - But we trust the papers may  
receive consideration, and any thing allowed  
the destitute claimant that there may be  
able to

The witness it will be deemed speak  
of the Soldier as Capt - This was probably  
derived from a Militia position -

The Certificate from the Auditor General's  
Office at Warburg shows a period of  
Service exceeding three years

It will be much indebted for  
early information from the Department

as to this claim and any instructions  
relative thereto

Very Respectfully  
Yours &  
Wm. M. C. C.



No. 127 } Certificate for £ 81. 16. 5 Specie

We do Certify, that the State of Pennsylvania is indebted to James Johnston private of the seventh Pennsylvania Regiment, in the sum of Eighty one pounds sixteen shillings & five pence Specie; being the amount of the Depreciation of his Pay from May 15<sup>th</sup> 1777 to August 1. 1780. Pursuant to an Act of Assembly, passed at Philadelphia, the 18<sup>th</sup> of December 1780.

Carlisle  
April 4<sup>th</sup> 1781

81. 16. 5  
27. 5  
54. 11. 5

Mr. Nicholson }  
Sam. Laird } Aud<sup>rs</sup>  
Will<sup>m</sup>. Lyon }

Auditor General's Office  
Hanisburg March 4<sup>th</sup> 1856.

I certify the above to be a true copy  
of the original remaining on file  
in this Department.

Witness my hand and seal of office  
the day and year aforesaid.

E. Banks  
Aud<sup>Genl</sup>