

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Thomas Johnson VAS1248

vsl 18VA

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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Louisa County to wit

This day personally appeared before me Fred Harris one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, John Thompson a credible person aged about Eighty years and of the County aforesaid and made oath that he was enlisted as a Soldier in a Company attached to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment in the Continental Line commanded by Captain Thomas Johnson Jr. deceased late of the County aforesaid sometime in the year 1776 and that he the said Thompson marched in the said Company commanded by the said Captain Thomas Johnson Jr. near a little Town called Dumfries in the County of Prince William, from whence he returned the balance of the Company proceeded on to the North to join the American Army at Head Quarters. Given under my hand & seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833

S/ Fred Harris

I hereby certify that Thomas Johnston [sic] Jr. served as a Captain in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment from May 1776 until October 1779 at which time he obtained leave to resign his commission as he informed me.

S/ T. Marshall [Thomas Marshall]  
then Lieutenant Colonel of the same

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(Copy)

State of Kentucky Bourbon County

I do hereby certify that I on the half of Richard Johnson obtain the above certificate in that the figures 1779 were altered from figures 1770 by Colonel T Marshall himself –

Given under my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1805

S/ Geo. Johnson

The original paper of which the above is a copy was filed in support of a claim to land bounty prepared by the heirs of Thomas Johnson Junior – From the alteration of figures in the certificate of Colonel Marshall (referred to in the certificate of George Johnson) and from alteration being apparently made in Inc. of a very different and much darker color, such suspicion was thrown upon the character of that certificate as to induce the Counsel to advise the rejection of the claim. The original paper of which the above is a copy was delivered to me acting as the attorney for

the claimants and to be returned by me. Harrison  
S/ P.

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Soldiers Retreat Augusta 20<sup>th</sup> September 1821

Sir

I have received yours of the 9<sup>th</sup> ultimo requesting information relative to the services of your Uncle Thomas Johnson in the War of the Revolution. I have delayed answering you in the hope that by examining some bundles of papers of those times I might be enabled by some specific data to certify the services of Captain Johnson. In that hope however I was disappointed and therefore can only certify that Thomas Johnson of the County of Louisa, deceased, was a Captain in the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment and my recollection is that he was appointed a Captain by the Committee of Safety in the City of Williamsburg in the early part of the year 1776 and served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel Thomas Marshall, that for some cause or other, he resigned his Commission in the year 1779 but at what time in the year I cannot ascertain. I presume the Chief Justice, John Marshall, who was an officer in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment May recollect the services of your late Uncle.

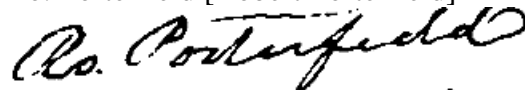
I wish it were in my power to give you more satisfactory information. I would have done so with pleasure.

I am Sir

Your Obedient

Humble Servant

S/ Ro. Porterfield [Robert Porterfield]



Peter R Johnson Esquire

[pp 17-18: illegible as posted online]

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 5-page file

To the Governor & Council of the State of Virginia

The petition of the undersigned heirs of the late Richard Johnson the Brother of the late Thomas Johnson of Louisa County Virginia who was a Captain in the Virginia Line on Continental establishment during the whole and at the close of the revolutionary war respectfully for themselves and the other heirs that their claim in virtue of the said Captain Johnson services be speedily considered and that your Honorable body be pleased to award an order on the Register of your land office at Richmond to issue a land warrant or land warrants for the several quantities of bounty land promised to the said Captain Thomas Johnson by the various laws of the State of Virginia and as in duty bound they will ever pray

S/ Susan Walker

S/ Peter a hard Johnson

S/ John Metcalfe

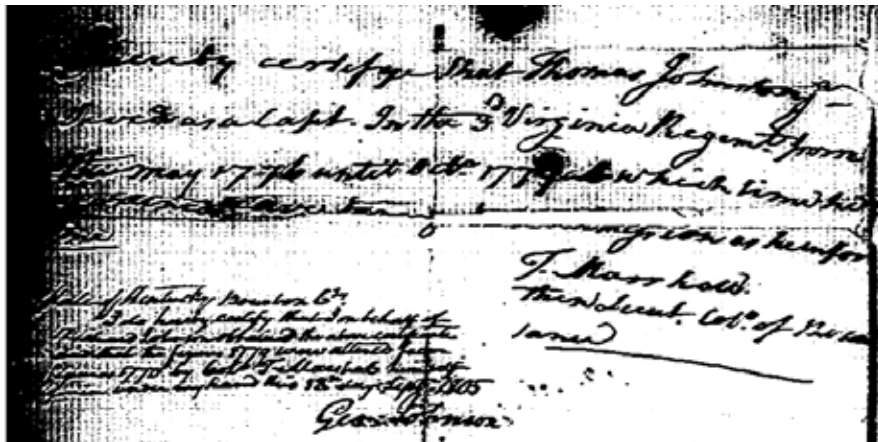
S/ Catharine Metcalfe

S/ Robert C Bruce  
S/ Mary L Bruce  
S/ W. Bowen  
S/ Ect [?] Bowen  
S/ Lucy Elizabeth Johnson  
S/ George Henry A. Johnson

*Susan Walker*  
*Peter R. Johnson,*  
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*Catherine Mitcalfe*  
*Robert C. Bruce*  
*Mary L. Bruce*  
*W. Bowen*  
*E. A. Bowen*  
*Lucy Elizabeth Johnson*  
*George Henry A. Johnson*

I hereby certify that Thomas Johnson Jr. Served as a Lieutenant in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment from the May 1776 until October 1779 at which time he obtained leave to resign his commission as he is informed.

S/ T. Marshall  
then Lieut. Colo. of the same



[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#) ] Louisa County Legislative Petitions

To the Honourable the Speaker and Delegates of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The petition of Thomas Johnson Jr. humbly sheweth that your petitioner was appointed a Captain in the County of Louisa and raised his quota of men and when he was about to march to join his Regiment was obliged to hire a cart & two Steers of Charles Yancey to carry the men's baggage &c as far as Cambridge and after they were arrived there your Petitioner was under the necessity of carrying them to Fredericksburg as he could not get another carriage to convey the Baggage; and after your Petitioner had discharged the Cart & Steers as they returned home they both died, and your Petitioner was sued by said Yancey and obtained a Judgment in Louisa Court against your petitioner for the sum of twelve pounds twelve shillings and cost of Suit amounting to two pounds thirteen shillings & six pence, which your Petitioner is obliged to pay, and as he incurred this expense & Damage for Serving the public he hopes you will take his case under consideration and make him such satisfaction as you in your wisdom shall think requisite and your petitioner as in duty bound shall always pray &c

[Reverse]

Johnson's petition &c

1777 November 3

Referred to Claims

Reasonable

Allowed

£12.12 p Damages

2.13.6 p Costs

15.5.6 All'd

Reported November 11<sup>th</sup>

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[another file]

Pleas at the Courthouse of Louisa before the Justices of the Common Wealth [Commonwealth] of Virginia for the said County on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord 1777 Charles Yancey by William Du Val his attorney complains of Thomas Johnson son of Major Thomas Johnson in Custody &c for that whereas the Defendant on the \_\_ Day of \_\_ in the Year of \_\_ did agree with the said Plaintiff for the hire of his Cart, a Negro Fellow, and two valuable Steers, to go and carry Baggage of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Battalion as far as Cam Bridge [?, could be Carr's Bridge], and did expressly Covenant, agree to & with the said Plaintiff not to carry the said Steers (they being Young) any further than said Bridge. But the said Defendant in no wise regarding his said agreement, and promise made in form aforesaid did compel the driver of the said Cart to drive the said Young Steers with their Baggage as far as Fredericksburg, by which exceeding distance and driving the said Steers died before the said Negro could return to the said Plaintiff's house, and were of the value of Sixteen Pounds, and by reason of their so dying by the Breach of the said agreement the said plaintiff half sustained Damages to the amount of Thirty pounds, and therefore he brings this Suit &c and the said Thomas Johnson by John Servis [?] Attorney for the Common Wealth came and defends the force and Injury when and where he ought, and says he is in no wise guilty, as the Plaintiff against him have alleged & of this he puts himself upon the Country, and the Plaintiff likewise, and the trial of this Issue is referred

[deferred] till the next Court to be held for this County. And at a Court held for the said County the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May of the Year aforesaid came the said Parties by their Attorneys and thereupon came also a Jewlery to wit Mandah Lasley, Charles Hester, Joseph Thompson, Martin Hawkins, William Hughes, William Ragsdale Junior, Henry Gambriel, Joseph Stout, Joseph Goodman, William Steele, Asa Sims, and Henry Edwards, who being elected, tried, and sworn the truth to speak upon the Issue joined, upon their oath's do say that the said Defendant is guilty in manner and form as the Plaintiff against him hath complained, and they assess the Plaintiff's Damages by occasion those of 12 Pounds, 12 shillings besides his costs, therefore it is considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the said Defendant his Damages aforesaid in form aforesaid assessed and also his Cost by him about his Suit in this behalf expended, and the said Defendant may be taken &c

Plaintiffs Costs 1/3 15/or 150 lbs Tobacco

147 Gro. Tobacco

Defendants Costs 15/ or 150 lbs Tobacco –31 Gross Tobacco

A Copy Test S/ John Nelson

This is to certify that I employed 8 Cart of Mr. Charles Yancey to go as far as Carr's Bridge, and no further, with my Company, that finding it necessary that they should go as far as Fredericksburg I ordered them there with the Baggage, in which route the yoke of the oxen that had drawn the cart died. Given under my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1776

S/ Thos. Johnson, Junr.

Capt. 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

A Copy Test S/ John Nelson

[Note: there follows the exact same petition to the legislature by Thomas Johnson as set forth above with the same determination by the legislature to allow him 15 pounds 5 shillings 6 pence relief. This petition is dated November 20, 1778. It is not clear why Johnson had to petition the legislature more than once for the same relief.]