

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Johnson R[NC8]

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[Note: there is a note in the front of this file which reads: "These papers were found in the claim of Solomon Johnson R5664 with which they had no connection. M. B. H. Sept. 11, 1911"]

State of Tennessee, Smith County

On this 3rd day of September 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of the Smith County Solomon Johnson a resident of Tennessee Smith County aged Seventy-five years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 with Captain Hogg [Thomas Hogg] and served in the 9th Regiment of the North Carolina line under the following officers General Lea Colonel Minor and Major Hardiman, that he entered the service in the County of Caswell North Carolina and was a resident of said County and State, was in the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]¹ marched through Virginia to Norfolk.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Solomon Johnson, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that Solomon Johnson a private Soldier in Hogg's Company of 10th Regiment enlisted __ for __ "Dead 15th Sept. 1778."

That they Warrant for his services was issued to his heirs on the 22nd May 1820.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of April 1833.

S/ Wm Hill

State of Tennessee, Madison County: SS

On this 7th day of November 1842, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of the County of Madison & State aforesaid, Solomon Johnson, a resident of said County & State, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html
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declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832: That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the Spring of the year 1777 or thereabout -- with Captain Hogg & served in the 9th Regiment commanded by Colonel Moore -- under the following named officers viz. Bartlett Collins, Lieutenant: Captain Hogg: Major Hardeman & said Colonel Moore: Said Solomon Johnson further states upon his oath, that he was born in Spotsylvania County in the State of Virginia -- that his father kept a Register of the ages of his Children, but the same is lost -- that he was born in the year 1757 -- that he ran away from his Father at about the age of twenty years & enlisted as above said under Captain Hogg by one of his recruiting officers, named Achilles Mashman or Marshman, at Caswell, now Person Court house in the State of North Carolina: That since the Revolutionary War, he lived in Halifax County Virginia -- thence he removed to Smith County in Tennessee where he resided till the year 1833 -- when he removed to Madison County aforesaid where he has resided ever since: That he received a written discharge from the Regular Army by the hand of Major Hardeman -- and that the said discharge was destroyed by being wetted in swimming across the Rappahannock River -- so that the Ink with which the same was written being bad, spread in such manner as to render the same illegible. He further states on oath that the discharge stated, to the best of his recollection, that he has served for the space of three years, six months & eleven days as a private Soldier, and was dated about the fall of the year 1781: He further states upon his oath, that he was in the battle of Guilford -- being the only battle he was in -- that he was employed during the Siege of York on the Gloucester side of James River in making bastions or Hampers made of willows for the use of the American Army then defending themselves against the British: He further states on his oath, that eight or nine years ago he made proof of his identity & Revolutionary services by the oath of one Robert Tucker about the year 1833 before Samuel Givens a Justice of the Peace at that time, for this County of Madison -- said Givens now resides in the State of Mississippi: -- That said proof thus made was placed in the hands of one George Hainey, who had undertaken to procure a pension for him the said Johnson -- but who has lost or mislaid the same so that he the said Johnson could never get possession of the same -- That shortly afterwards the said Tucker died -- and that he the said Johnson was advised, as his witness who alone could prove his personal identity & services, was deceased, that he could not procure his pension, & therefore made no further attempt, until now and that he has never received a pension of his services in the Revolutionary war & that his name has never been enrolled in the pension list of any agency of any State -- Sworn to & subscribed the day & year before named.

S/ Solomon Johnson, X his mark

[Attested: S/ James D. McClellan, Clerk]

[Note: In a letter dated April 15, 1843 addressed to J L Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, from Milton Brown, the correspondent states that he has recently returned from the house of Solomon Johnson who is still alive; that Mister Johnson indicated he lived in Virginia at the time he entered the service but volunteered in Caswell County North Carolina.]