

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John House R5264

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State of Ohio Carroll County: SS

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1836 before me Robert George, one of the Associate Judges in & for said County, personally appeared John House (who is, from extreme old age and bodily infirmity unable to appear in open Court) and made the following declaration, after being duly sworn according to law – I am aged about eighty-nine years, having been born in the year 1747 in the State of Maryland in that part of said state opposite Harpers Ferry. I entered the service as an Indian Spy under General Clarke [George Rogers Clark] at the Big Falls of Ohio, Among his officers was Colonel Linn, Colonel Harrod, Captain John Askins and Captain Moore. I have forgotten the year in which I entered the service, but I remained in this service from spring until fall. I was not in any regular engagement, but was once with several others, fired on by the Indians, when we were passing up to Licking Creek to Cross the Ohio, where we built a Block house, in which I was engaged night and day in attending the sick. I was discharged by Captain Moore and returned home. From the Ohio River I returned to Capon or Cacapon in Virginia from whence I removed to Ohio, about 17 years past; and have resided in this neighborhood ever since.

And the said John House hereby relinquishes every claim to any pension or annuity except the present, and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written.

S/ John House, X his mark

[Solomon Hendrickson, John Stevens and Cornelius Friend gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Examination of John House whose Declaration is hereto attached, as made on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1836 –

Interrogatory 1<sup>st</sup> by Robert George: Where & in what year were you born?

Answer. In the State of Maryland in the year 1747 –

2<sup>nd</sup> – Have you any record of your age, and if so?

Answer. I have none –

3<sup>rd</sup>. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived at the Big Falls of Ohio when called into service – since then I have part of the time in Virginia & part in Ohio.

4<sup>th</sup>. How were you called into service?

Answer. I was drafted.

5<sup>th</sup>. State the names of the officers who were with the Troops where you served.

Answer. General Clark, Colonel Linn, Colonel Harrod, Captain Askins and Captain Moore.

6<sup>th</sup>. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it signed and what has become of it?

Answer – Yes; and my discharge was signed by Captain Moore. It was given to Mr. John Marshall of this County for the purpose of obtaining a Pension for me; and I understand it has been either lost or mislaid by Mr. Marshall or his brother.

7<sup>th</sup>. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, who can testify as to your character for veracity and as to your having been an Indian Spy.

Answer. Solomon Hendrickson, Cornelius Friend and any of the neighbors round.

This examination was made by me, the day and year first above written.

S/ Robert George, Associate Judge

[p 6: On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1836 in Carroll County Ohio, John Marshall gave testimony that the veteran put into his hands a paper purporting to be a discharge from the revolutionary Army signed as the deponent thinks by an officer named Clark with the rank of either Captain or Colonel, affiant cannot recollect; that affiant has somehow lost or mislaid said discharge.]