

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Johns R5592

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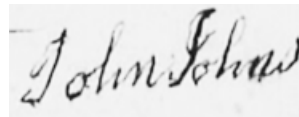
State of Missouri, Franklin County: Sct.

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1835 personally appeared in open Court before William Scott Esquire Judge of the Circuit Court of said County -- now sitting -- John Johns a resident of Caley Township in the County of Franklin in the State of Missouri aged Eighty-One years 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he entered the Service of the United States in the State Troops of the State of South Carolina under the following named Officers and served as herein stated -- This affiant states that he entered into the service by enlisting for Six months in the cavalry in the year as he believes 1776 and in the fall of that year that he left the service in the spring of the year following after the expiration of said term of Six months -- that he entered the service at his then place of residence in Camden district -- South Carolina under Captain Robert Goodwin [Robert Goodwyn] in the third Regiment to which Colonel Thompson [sic, William Thomson] and Major Mason [James Mayson] belonged -- Captain Goodwin during my continuance in the service was promoted and became a Colonel and Captain Hopkins [David Hopkins] took the command of the company and there was Captain Brown in the same Regiment Rendezvoused on the Congaree River near Captain Goodwin's marched from thence to Ninety Six and were stationed some part of the time at the Eutaw Springs -- received a Discharge at the ten mile house near Charleston from Colonel Thomson which Discharge is lost -- (that he has no Documentary evidence nor does he know of any living witness who can Testify to his service -- when the troops was near the Eutaw Springs General Richardson [Richard Richardson] with a troop of militia and the horse to which this affiant was attached marched from thence to the neighborhood of Ninety Six and took about seventy Tories and carried them near to Charleston -- then this affiant was sent to Camden with an Express to the paymaster whose name was Chestnut [John Chesnut] before this time for six months had expired This affiant further states that in the spring or early part of the summer of 1778 as near as he can now recollect he was elected a Lieutenant in a company of militia Anderson Thomas was Captain of this Company of militia -- this affiant marched with this Company of Militia to near the town of Augusta and there joined the Army which was commanded by General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] John Wynn [sic, John Winn] was Colonel of the Regiment to which this affiant's company was attached -- this affiant marched with the Army through Georgia and to the northern Eastern part of Florida in pursuit of one Brown [Thomas "Burnt Foot" Brown] who commanded a party of Tories -- this affiant served in this Army in this tour of duty about nine or 10 weeks after which the Company to which this

affiant was attached was discharged -- this discharge was in Georgia. This affiant with the Company to which he was attached were frequently called out into the service during the continuance of the war to go in pursuit of Companies and parties of Tories who infested the Country until about the year 1781 this affiant states that the whole time he was in the service as Lieutenant in the Company of militia in the different tours of service he performed was six months and upwards as before stated in the Cavalry making in the whole one for year -- This affiant states that immediately after his election as Lieutenant of the Company of militia as aforesaid he received as [sic, a] Commission as Lieutenant as aforesaid signed by General Wynn and handed to him by said Captain Anderson Thomas who commanded the Company which commission this affiant left in the hands of Captain Anderson about the year 1781 and has not got it since -- and the said John Johns further states that he was born in the State of North Carolina in the year 1754 that he was has no record of his age that he lived in Camden South Carolina when called into Service -- that since the Revolutionary war he has lived in Kentucky and Missouri and that he is known to Jeremiah Hamilton a preacher of the Gospel Thomas Boyd and Plato Cole men of his immediate neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court  
S/ Mansfield Bay, Clerk

S/ John Johns



[Jeremiah Hamilton, a clergyman, Plato Cole and Thomas Boyd gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[In 1853, John F. Johns, George W. Johns and William Cole, claimed to be heirs of John Johns; they were then living in Franklin County, Missouri. Their relationship to the veteran is not stated other than as his heirs.

