

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Micah Johnson R5648

VA

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 19 Sep 2014.

State of Missouri }  
County of Howard } Sct.

on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 1834 personally appeared before the county court of the county of Howard in the State of Missouri Micah Johnson a resident of the county and state aforesaid aged seventy seven years on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August last, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he was living in the County of New Kent in the State of Virginia at the commencement of the Revolutionary war, that in the year 1775 a company of men then called minute men was raised and organized in the county of New Kent for the defense of the country against the British and placed under the command of Captain Robert Turner. that this affiant was at the organization of this company drafted into it as a private and served under the same captain during the whole of his military service. that about the year 1775 (the precise time he cannot recollect) he was called into actual service and marched with his company under the command of Captain Robert Turner to a place in New Kent County, Virginia, called the "long bridge" across the Chickohomoney River [sic: on Chickahominy River near present Woodhaven Shores] for the purpose of defending the country against an expected attack from the British. that during this tour he was in actual service at least a month & a half. That he afterwards on two different occasions went in the same company under the command of the same captain to the same place for the purpose of defending the country against attacks of the British troops and was in actual service during these two last mentioned tours first was four months, but he cannot recollect the precise times at which he rendered these services. Afterwards in the year 1781 when Lord Cornwallis marched into Virginia he was again in actual service as a drafted militia man in a company commanded by Capt Robert Turner and marched as far as Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] in Virginia and was stationed there during part of the time that Lord Cornwallis was besieged in Yorktown, and that about ten day before the capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] this affiant was taken sick and permitted by his captain to return home. that he was in actual service as a private upon this occasion at least two months and a half. This affiant does not recollect that he ever received any written discharge. if he did, he has long since lost it. he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services as a revolutionary soldier and in consequence of his great age and consequent loss of memory he is unable to give a more circumstantial statement of his services as a soldier of the revolutionary war.

He cannot state with precission the length of his several services in the war but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below as a private.

For eight months he served upon four several occassions as a drafted militiaman under Capt Robert Turner & for these services he claims a pension.

To the several questions directed to be propounded by the court the applicant answers

1<sup>st</sup>. He was born on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August 1746 in New Kent County in the State of Virginia

2. He has no record of his age

3. He was living in New Kent County, Virginia at the several times when he was called into the service.

Since the revolutionary war he removed to Franklin County Virginia, resided there until the year 1822, then removed to Patrick County in the same State where he resided until the year 1828 when he removed to Howard County in the State of Missouri where he now resides

4. He was drafted each service.

5. He cannot recollect the names of any of the regular officers with whom he served.

6. He does not recollect that he ever received a written discharge

7<sup>th</sup>. He states that he is known in his present neighbourhood with Reverend William M. Burton and Mr. John De hart and to James Hall (the second of whom has known him twenty and the latter fifteen years)

who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services a soldier of the revolution.

He knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services aforesaid.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Micah hisXmark Johnson

NOTE: Johnson's application was suspended "For a more full and specific statement of his services."