

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Johnson R5650 Nancy or Alsey Johnson f31VA
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State of Kentucky Estill County: Sct.

On this 26th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Worshipful the County Court of Estill now sitting William Johnson a resident of Estill County in the State of Kentucky aged seventy-two 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. His father was drafted into the militia service in the year 1780 as well as he can recollect and he went as a substitute for him under Captain John Harris, Lieutenant James Jones, I think Major McIlhaney & Colonel Holt Richardson [Holt Richeson]. I think I was under General Steuben. He rendezvoused below Charlottesville at Sneed's, marched from there to Richmond, from there to the Maupin Hills [Malvern Hills], from there to Jamestown where we were attacked by the British¹; from there he went to Williamsburg and thence to Little York and back to the halfway house and thence to Richmond with some prisoners of war, where we were discharged. I received a discharge from this tour signed by Colonel Holt Richardson. He cannot recollect the time he was discharged. In a very short time after his discharge he was drafted into the service for himself for three months under Captain Hunt, Major Dabney, Colonel James Ennis [James Innis]; Major General Lafayette commanded. We again rendezvoused at Sneed's below Charlottesville marched to Richmond, from there on a scouting expedition and tore up and destroyed the bridges on Chickahominy River, during which time there were some skirmishing with the British, from thence we returned to Albemarle County, to intercept the British and keep them from taking the Goods belonging to the American troops stationed at the Pinta fork [Point of Forks?] of James River, near Albemarle old Court house, and from thence we were marched to Louisa County Virginia where General DeMarcus [Lafayette] commanded and received a discharge, which he thinks was signed by Colonel Ennis, but he does not know when it was, but thinks it was in the winter 1780 – 81. His father was again drafted into the service in April or May 1781 and he thinks for six months and he went as a substitute for him under Captain John Miller, Colonel Reuben Lindsay and again rendezvoused at Sneed's, near Charlottesville marched from there to Richmond from there to Williamsburg where all the Virginia militia rendezvoused and from there to the siege of York, under Governor Nelson [Thomas Nelson], and

¹ There was an action at the James Town Ford on July 6, 1781, but whether or not this is the action to which the veteran refers, is unclear.

there remained in the service until several days after the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] and was then discharged, and received a discharge signed by Colonel Reuben Lindsay. He resided in Albemarle County Virginia when he entered the service at each of his tours, General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] of the Continental line was with the troops in his second tour. He joined them at West-Horn on James River – Colonel Dick and Major Boice was with them part of this time.

He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except Joseph Watson, Matthew Mullins & Isham Lane ~~and Benjamin Clark~~. He was born in October 1759 as his parents have informed him.

He has no record of his age, but recollects the time of his birth as stated by his parents. He resided in Albemarle County, Virginia when called into service. He continued to reside at the same place for several years, when he removed to Madison County, Kentucky, where he has resided upwards of thirty years, but during the last spring removed to Estill County, Kentucky, where he now resides. He has lost all his discharges. He would further state that he is an unlettered man, and that it is with difficulty he can read or write.

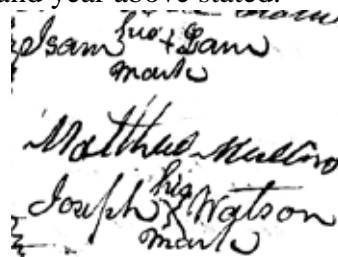
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Johnson



Matthew Mullins² appeared in open court and certifies that he knows of his own knowledge the facts stated in the above declaration are true. Also Isham Lane³ certifies that he knows that said Johnson served the 2nd tour of duty named in his declaration. Joseph Watson⁴ also certifies that he is well acquainted with William Johnson, and knows he served the last tour as he states. Sworn and declared & subscribed to by us this day and year above stated.



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State of Kentucky Madison County Sct.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid William Johnson (the same who has subscribed and sworn to the preceding declaration) being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the following grade: – "For 12 months I served as a private, and for such services I claim a pension." He states that he is known in his present neighborhood to Matthew Mullins, Joseph Watson and Isham

² [Matthew Mullins S31271](#)

³ [Isham Lane S13705](#)

⁴ [Joseph Watson S31455](#)

Lane, all residents of Madison County, in the same who have testified to his services. He is also known to the Reverend Samuel Kelley, a resident of Estill County and Matthew Johnson a resident of Madison County.

S/ William Johnson

[attested May 17, 1833]

[Samuel Kelley, a clergyman, and Matthew Johnson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 4: On January 9, 1855, in Owsley County Kentucky, Micager Pittman [sic, Micajah Pitman?] filed a power of attorney as administrator of the states of William and Nancy Johnson; in this document he states that he is the son-in-law of William and Nancy Johnson. He signed this document with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum missing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service.]