

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Johnson R5664

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State of Tennessee Sevier County: SS

On this the 15th day of March 1834 Personally appeared before me Isaac Love an acting Justice of the Peace for said County Solomon Johnson a resident of Sevier County and State of Tennessee aged sixty-nine 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 7th 1832.

Said applicant states that he was born in the State of Virginia Accomack County in the year 1765 and entered the service of the United States in 1782 in the month of July as a volunteer under the command of Colonel John Cropper and Captain Birton [sic?] and Lieut. James Cropper and rendezvoused at Accomack Court House Virginia and marched thence to the Block House on the Eastern shore of Virginia and marched thence from one place to another guarding the Shore of Virginia night and day from the invasion of the Enemy for a term of eighteen months.

Said applicant states he was a private volunteer in the Militia of Virginia and served a Term of eighteen months. That he was living in the State of Virginia Accomack County when he entered the service of the United States. That he has no Documentary Evidence to sustain his claim and knows of no Person living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Services.

That he is now living in Sevier County Tennessee and 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Isaac love

S/ Solomon Johnson, X his mark

[Ashley Wynn , a clergyman, and David Bricker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Sevier County:

On this 6th day of May A.D. 1844 personally appeared in open Court, Before the County Court of Sevier County Tennessee Solomon Johnson a resident of said State and County aged eighty-five 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a Militia under Colonel Cropper Major Williams & Captain Burton while residing in the County of Accomack State of Virginia some time during the Revolutionary War – but from old age and consequent loss of memory he does

not recollect to the precise day and year he entered the said Service but that he served not less than 18 months in said Service that he marched principally along the coast in said Accomack County.

That he was born in the said Accomack County about the year 1759, and that he resided there for a number of years after the Revolution and that he moved to Sevier County Tennessee about thirty years ago.

That he has no documentary evidence of said services, and that he knows of no person by whom he can prove said services, He hereby relinquishes all claims 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.

S/ Solomon Johnson, X his mark

The following questions were propounded to the said Solomon Johnson by the Court

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born

Answer In Accomack County Virginia about the year 1759

2nd Q. Have you any record of your age

Answer No

3rd Q. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now live.

Answer. I was living in Accomack County Virginia when called into said Service and resided there for some time after the Revolution and have resided in Sevier County Tennessee for about 30 years where I now live,

4 Q. How were you called into service

Answer I was a militia

5th Q. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your Service.

Answer. There were no regular Continental officers with us, we principally scouted to guard off the British, who would sometime come to wane [?] ¹ us and we would expect an engagement, but they would retreat so we had no engagement with them.

6th 2. Did you ever receive a discharge

Answer Not that I recollect of

7th Q. State the names of some of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Answer. A. Wynne & George McCown

[Ashley Wynn, a clergyman, and George McCown gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Amended Declaration

State of Tennessee Sevier County: On this 26 day of November 1844 Personally appeared before me M. A. Rawlings a Justice of the peace for said County, Solomon Johnson a resident of said County and State, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amended declaration to a declaration made on the 6th day of May last.

That he entered the Service of the United States in the County and State & at the time mentioned in the formal declaration and also that he entered the Service under Colonel Cropper

¹ *maul* maul?

Major Williams & Captain Barton [sic] but that he was under other officers during his Service but from old age and infirmity he is unable to recollect their names but that he served in all eighteen months. That he has resided in Sevier County for thirty years or upwards and from that time until now he has not resided in any other County with the exception of one year he resided in Blount County Tennessee, and that he never was in Smith County Tennessee during his life.

Sworn & subscribed to before me this 26 November 1844

S/ M. A. Rawlings, JP

S/ Solomon Johnson, X his mark