

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Johnson S1226

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State of Kentucky, Wayne County

On this 24th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Court of the County of Wayne, William Johnson a Resident of Wayne County and State aforesaid age 75 years old on the 2nd day of August 1832, 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 the 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year he thinks of 1776 in the fall or summer thereof with Captain James Franklin & was appointed and acted as a Sergeant & served in the 10th Virginia Regiment of the line under the following named Officers, my Captain was James Franklin, 1st Lieutenant Cluff Shelton [Clough Shelton], 2nd Lieutenant James Dillard, Colonel Edward Stephens [Edward Stevens], was first Colonel who being promoted our Regiment was commanded by Colonel ___ Green [perhaps John Green] at Brandywine Battle. General Weeden [George Weedon] commanded the Brigade, I lived at the time of my enlistment in Bedford County in the State of Virginia, but enlisted in Amherst County Virginia for three years and served the full time & was regularly discharged at Petersburg in Virginia, at the expiration of my enlistment in writing but have lost the discharge, the particular time when discharged not recollected. I was at the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], at the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777], at the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] during my three years of enlistment & in some other small engagements. After the Battle of Brandywine, my Captain James Franklin resigned and our company was commanded by Cluff Shelton. After I was enlisted, I was marched to Baltimore & was there inoculated for the smallpox & then was marched northerly & was at said Battles. I volunteered a was [sic] enlisted for six months in 1775 (in the year before my said enlistment for three years) under Captain James Buford in Bedford County in the State of Virginia & acted as a Sergeant by appointment we marched to Williamsburg Virginia, and the company was soon marched Back to the frontiers under the Command of Colonel William Christie [William Christian] and Burnt several Indian towns, on the Tennessee River & was discharged.

After my Enlistment for three years I served one term of three months as a Sergeant in the militia under Captain Jeremiah Pate of Bedford County Virginia & was at the Battle or siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781], returned home & was regularly discharged.

I again served a small tour under Captain Charles Christian of Amherst County in the State of Virginia as a Substitute for Ballenger Wade as a Sergeant.

In all of which tours I was regularly discharged in writing as a Sergeant But in the great length of time past have lost them, & now have no documentary evidence of my services & know of no person in this Country by whom I can prove my services.

I the said William Johnson hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State. I claim for compensation for two years as a Sergeant.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Johnson

William Johnson

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 2 years in the Virginia service.]