

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Suggitt (Suggett) S14629

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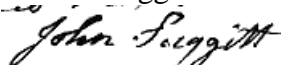
State of Kentucky Scott County Sct.

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court aforesaid now sitting John Suggitt aged 81 years a resident of said County and State aforesaid 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

John Suggitt aged 81 last June 20th day that during the revolution he lived in Orange County Virginia, was born in Westmoreland County Virginia – 20th June 1751 – that he served the 1st tour in the year 1778 in guarding the British Army & Hessians taken in New York, the tour of duty was not less than two months but cannot be certain whether it was for three months & will put it down for two months tour – then moved to the State of Kentucky, then a part of Virginia in the year 1779 & arrived at falls of the Ohio in the year 1780 29th March the whole Country in danger & the greatest peril during this whole year not a week without having our horses stolen & citizens murdered & during this year from the time of his arrival at Louisville for the falls till he moved away which was about February 1781 he composed a part of the Company of Captain Robert Johnson & was during this year constantly engaged as a minute man & in the capacity of a guard & Indian Spy serving his Country in the most disagreeable, distressing & perilous service – that he moved from the falls to Bryant's Station near Lexington in February 1781 a Frontier Post & neighborhood continually harassed by the Indians & sometimes refugee Tories that he was in Bryan's Station when attacked by Simon Girty & the whites by McKee – they commenced about the middle of August 1781 & left us in a few days after lives were lost on both sides, they lost many we lost 2 – we had only 41 man in the Fort – the women had to run Bullets & help = we were attacked with 500 Indians & 100 British or Tories as before stated. In October 1782 he served a tour of duty under General George Rogers Clark to Pickaway on the Big Miami [River] now state of Ohio destroyed the Indian towns & returned, actual service was one month – the draft on [one or more words indecipherable] in this case was universal, none except but invalids. His Captain was Robert Johnson as before named. Lieutenant & Ensign not recollected. Served another in 1782 under Robert Johnson as his Captain to guard the Fort Bryan's Station aforesaid. This tour lasted one month. He puts in his claim for one-year in all & that is small enough considering the other temporary calls in scouting parties to pursue parties of murdering Indians or parties stealing Horses. He is a citizen of Kentucky 52 years & now resident in Scott [County] & has been for many years – Relinquishes all claims except under the law of 7th of June 1832 and is not on the Pension list of any State.

Signed this 6th of October 1832

S/ John Suggitt



[J. T. Johnson, a public teacher of Christianity, and R. M. Johnson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Deposition of General John Payne who served in the Revolution honorably [?] & who commanded a Brigade in the late war upon oath says that he removed to Kentucky from Fairfax County Virginia 1782 & arrived near Bryan's Station in Kentucky in the year 1782 sometime in October & he knows that John Suggett the applicant was then serving on the Tour of duty under General Clark under Captain Robert Johnson as set forth by him – this tour he knows said Suggett served the party returned while Payne was in the County said Payne married a daughter of Captain Robert Johnson & the niece of said John Suggett sometime after 1782 to this time has been intimately acquainted with said Suggett & there is nowhere to be found a more exemplary person for honesty, truth, uprightness & no person who knows said Suggett would doubt his statement – & besides this Deponent believes the statement of said Suggett to be true as to his other services in Kentucky at the falls have been know [known] to this deponent to this day by public notoriety & he believes the statement of said Suggett as much as if he had been present & an eyewitness of the whole transactions.

S/ John Payne

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Payne". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

I was an infant in the arms of my mother at Bryant's Station. John Suggett the Brother of my mother served under my father Robert Johnson – the services of John Suggett are as well known to me by tradition & as if I had been old enough to witness them. I have no more doubt of the services of said Suggett as stated by him than if I had acted with him.

S/ R. M. Johnson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. M. Johnson". The signature is written in a bold, somewhat stylized cursive hand.

Scott County to wit

This day John Suggett aged 81 came before me a justice of the peace for said County & as an amendment to his declaration as to the precise term of service says the 1st tour set forth in his declaration was as stated at least [paper torn and text missing] two tours in 17[paper torn and text missing] in Kentucky as per [paper torn and text missing] down at one month 1 making 2 months added to the 1st two makes 4 months & he says that from the length of time, the infirmity of age & want of recollection & loss of memory he cannot say the precise number of days he served from March 1780 to April 1781 as set forth in his declaration & therefore he put it down at 8 months which made the 12 months he now states that he served at least 8 months within that year besides many short scoutings & spy parties for which he has but in no claim. He claims only for 12 months which he knows to be less than the real time he served his Country within the periods above set forth [paper torn and text missing] this day [paper torn and text missing] to the above statement & owing to his great age & infirmity it is inconvenient & distressing for him to attend the County Court – this 14th day of November 1832.

S/ William Johnson, JP

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