

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Johnson S15189

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State of Kentucky, Trigg County: SS

On this 11th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Trigg County Court now sitting William Johnson a resident of Trigg County in the State of Kentucky aged 78 years the 24th of September 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. General Ramsey [Colonel Ambrose Ramsey, commander of the Chatham County NC militia] was the commander of the Militia with whom he served he served in the company of Captain Joseph Johnson. He does not remember the other officers of his Brigade. He was then a citizen of North Carolina in Chatham County. He entered the service as a drafted man just before General Gates was defeated near Camden and was with him in that Battle. His company marched from Chatham County in North Carolina across the Yadkin River and came up with the Main Army under General Gates [Horatio Gates] on the Pedee [River] a short distance below the mouth of Rocky River just before the Battle¹ took place. After the battle he went home and was shortly afterwards called on again to finish the term for which he had been drafted, three months. He was marched again into South Carolina but not so far down as Camden before he was discharged and went home having completed his tour of three months for which he was drafted. He does not know the names of any of the regiments or officers of the Continental line who were with Gates who was the chief commander. He has lost his discharge and has no documentary testimony and he knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure to testify to this service: But it is a well settled tradition where he lives that he was in Gates defeat, and he has named one of his sons for his Captain Joseph Johnson who is now 44 years old.

He was drafted again for a three months tour and entered the service again as a County Light horse man about the 11th of October 1781 under Major Roger Griffith and Captain Mash [Taverner Marsh]. The other officers he does not remember. The object of this service was to keep the Tories in subjection. He resided at the same place as when he performed the other service and was marched about through the County of his residence, (Chatham.) He marched about through the country in which he lived during this period of service. He was in no battles and served with no regulars. He served out his three months and was discharged by Major Griffith, which he now has in his possession dated the 11th of January 1782. He hereby

¹ Presumably the veteran is referring to the Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780, otherwise known as Gates'Defeat. http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html

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 to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Johnson, X his mark

[Joseph Johnson, a clergyman, and George Daniel gave the standard supporting affidavit.

Wm Johnson
Geo Daniel

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.56 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]