

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henson Johnson S16171

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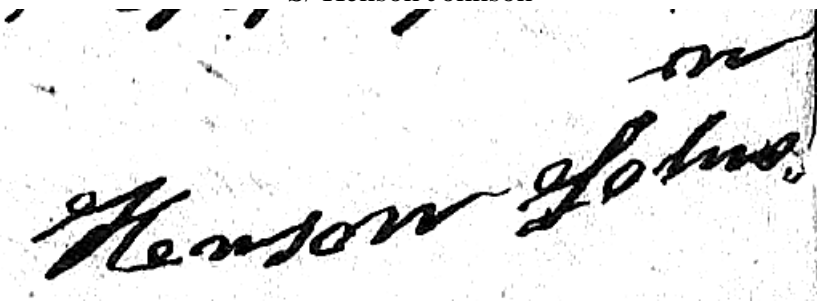
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State of Indiana Harrison County: SS: August Term 1832 Probate Court

On this 15th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before William A Porter sole Judge of the Court aforesaid now sitting the same being a Court of record so declared by an act of the General Assembly of said State, Henson Johnson a resident of Posey Township in the County aforesaid, 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 7, 1832. – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated that he was drafted into the service for a three months tour the November before Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781], being nearly a year before that surrender in the company commanded by Captain Bell [perhaps George Bell], and was rendezvoused at Henry's Ferry on Shenandoah River Frederick County Virginia – and was employed in the service at that time about twelve or fifteen days to the best of his recollection, and then dismissed for further orders – that in the February following he was drafted or called into the service in the company commanded by Captain Reynolds in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Willis; that he was marched to Winchester Barracks in the said State of Virginia – to guard prisoners, – that he was marched from thence to Philadelphia and guarded to that place one hundred twenty British sailors who were prisoners, that on this last march the Company was commanded by Lieutenant Jenkins – that on their return of the Company from Philadelphia, having served a three months tour, he was discharged; that in a year or two after he sold his pay to a merchant in Battle town in Frederick County aforesaid for said three months service and gave to said merchant his discharge –. That immediately after being discharged as above stated he again entered the service of the United States as a substitute for a Quaker in the company commanded by William Frost in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Edmunds in the state of Virginia that the said Company together with another Company commanded by Captain Barry were marched from the said County of Frederick Virginia and joined General Lafayette at Richmond Virginia, who was then watching & following the movements of Cornwallis that in this tour he served between two or three months at which time he was discharged – that said discharge was in writing signed by his Captain, which he has lost – that he again entered the service of the United States after Cornwallis surrender, & was employed in guarding prisoners at Winchester Barracks about four miles West of Winchester about one month but is not able to state positively the names of his officers at this time. He thinks his Captain's name was Donaldson. He thinks there was no field officer in command at said Barracks at that time – That [he] entered these several tours of service amounting in all at least six months in the said County

of Frederick Virginia being the same County in which he was born – that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person except William Madden whose statement is hereto annexed who can testify to his service – that he has a record of his age in his possession at his present residence – that after the war he moved from said County of Frederick Virginia to the state of Kentucky – that he now resides in this County & has resided here for 13 years past – that Lewis Peyton, Fielding Cromwell & William Madden to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and others can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He 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.

S/ Henson Johnson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henson Johnson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent "H" and "J".

I William Madden¹ residing in the aforesaid County & state do hereby certify that I am acquainted with Henson Johnson above named – that I owe said Johnson to be in the service of the United States at the time stated by him when he was under the command of Captain Frost; that this deponent was on the same expedition, and belonged to the same Regiment commanded by Colonel Edmunds or Edwards and entered the said service in the company commanded by Captain Berry. – That he has no knowledge of any other services except that tour.

S/ Wm Madden

[Lewis Peyton and Frederick Leslie gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Indiana Harrison County: SS

On this 3rd day of April 1855 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace within and for said County and State Henson Johnson aged ninety-two years a resident of said County and State who being sworn according to law declares that he is the identical Henson Johnson who was a private (substitute) in the company commanded by Frost in the __ Regiment of Virginia Militia commanded by Colonel Edmonds and also under Captain William Jenkins in his own place and as a substitute under Captain Thomas – Regiment not recollected in the Revolutionary War of the United States and that he enlisted one time and was a substitute twice on or about the day of __ A. D. __ for the term of __ and continued in actual service in said war for the term of 14 days and was honorably discharged at __ on the day __ of __ A. D. __ he makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land which he may be entitled under the act approved March 3rd 1855. He also declares that he has not received a warrant for Bounty land under this or any other Act of Congress nor made any other application therefore.

S/ Henson Johnson, X his mark

¹ [William Madden W9902](#)

[Facts in file: veteran died January 9, 1858; his file contains no reference to a wife or children.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]