

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Johnson S16430

f43NC [sic VA]

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State of Kentucky, Daviess County: SS

On this 8th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Alney McLean Esquire sole Judge of the circuit court of Daviess County now sitting Samuel Johnson Senior a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged 88 years in December ensuing 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<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he was drafted and entered the service under Colonel William Giles Major Richard Jones Captain William Finney Lieutenant John Walthall Ensign's name not recollected in May (date not recollected) 1779 -- served one month marched from Amelia [County, Virginia] (the place of residence) to Portsmouth, or nearly [indecipherable word] that place was the point to which the troops were ordered the British having left, he returned.

That he was drafted in December 1779 entered the service under Captain Barnett Pullum [Barnett Pulliam] Lieutenant Howel Rose [Howell Rose] remained in service for two weeks and then substituted French Frank to serve out the balance of the term to wit two months and a half the tour being for three months having previously moved from Amelia Virginia to Granville North Carolina.

February 1781 was drafted, entered the service under General Butler [John Butler] Colonel Joseph Taylor Major Anthony Sharp [Anthony Sharpe] Captain Richard Harrison Lieutenant James Ellison Ensign Ben Hester [Benjamin Hester] marched from Granville old Court house, to Guilford Court house fought the British on a March 1781 [Battle of Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781]<sup>1</sup> -- General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] Commanding. [p 5] Served three months discharged 11th May 1781 at Wake Court house now Raleigh (North Carolina).

Sometime in September following drafted and entered the service under Captain Charles Yancy [Charles Yancey] marched from Granville County North Carolina to the high Hills of Santee (General Greene's head quarters) guarding of public wagons tour three months.

That he has no documentary evidence by which to prove his services.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_guilford\\_courthouse.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html)

Ans: Bucks County Pennsylvania and in the year 1744

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have none now there was one, but brother John carried it to South Carolina, it was there destroyed by the Tories.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: In Virginia and North Carolina since the revolutionary war in North Carolina and Kentucky and now lives in Kentucky

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: By order of the States, to wit of Virginia and North Carolina as I understood -- I was drafted.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: General N. Greene commanded at Guilford, Colonel Washington [William Washington] of [p 6] the horse; I knew the Regiments in which I served the names of the commanders of which is brot [brought] to view in the preceding part of this declaration there was a Regiment from the lower part of the State (North Carolina) commanded by Colonel Eaton who I believe was taken prisoner at Augusta and then killed for an answer to the last clause of the inquiry, reference is made to the body of this declaration.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I received one from James Ellison (Captain) but it has been mislaid or lost long since.

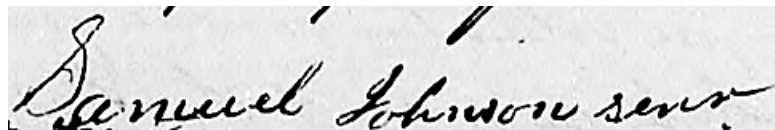
7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: Captain Benjamin Field and Benjamin Newton

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 that he knows of.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Johnson Senior

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Johnson senior". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[[p 4] Benjamin Field & Benjamin Newton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the Virginia and North Carolina militias.]