

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Johnson S16891

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State of Missouri County of Washington: SS County Court

On this 5th day of February in the year 1833 personally appeared before James M White, John Brickey and Andrew Goforth Justices of the County court of Washington County now sitting James Johnson a resident of Washington County State of Missouri aged seventy-three 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 7th 1832.

That he was born in 1759 in Louisa County State of Virginia but was brought up for the most part in Bedford County Virginia but in dividing the County he fell into the part called Campbell that after the revolutionary war he lived two years in South Carolina he afterwards lived six years in Sullivan County Tennessee and then thirty-three years in Wayne County Kentucky that he afterwards removed to Washington County Missouri where he now resides – that he was living with his brother in Amherst County Virginia when he first entered the service – that he volunteered in the summer of 1776 under Colonel Joseph Cabal [Joseph Cabell] with Captain Nicholas Pamplin though the men about 250 in number were not regularly organized into Companies – that he marched to defend Williamsburg from an expected attack from the British whose fleet then lay in Hampton roads he continued in the service till the end of November or December of the same year and then left the service in consequence of sickness his term of actual service having been four or five months.

Late in the spring of 1780 he volunteered under Colonel Preston with Captain John Hays and Thomas English to go against the Tories in Washington County Virginia whom they disbursed taking some prisoners forcing some to take the State Oath and give security for their behavior and having others enrolled themselves in the troops. They were then discharged with the thanks of their officers. But the same day Colonel Campbell beating up for volunteers he and most of his companions in arms volunteered under him and went by the way of Chisels old mines [Chiswell Iron Works], Harboards ferry and Flower Gap into the hollows of the Dan River in North Carolina against the Tories whom they disbursed or took prisoners from this tour he was discharged honorably about the 10th [could be 18th] of September and reached home on the 28th having been in the service four or five months during this tour he furnished his own horse and arms and scarcely tasted salt or bread owing to the extreme scarcity occasioned by the hard winter that had preceded.

In the summer of 1781 he volunteered under Colonel James Calloway and marched against Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] but before they met him he turned and marched back.

This time he was out about 2 weeks.

Besides the times above stated he was out on several short tours against the Tories guarding prisoners and other services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

S/ James Johnson, X his mark

[James Glenn gave a standard supporting affidavit]

[John C Brickey gave a modified standard supporting affidavit in which he states that he knows nothing of the reputation of the applicant as a revolutionary soldier but also knows nothing to the contrary.]

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Missouri Washington County

This day appeared John Johnson before me J J Johnson a Justice of the peace and made oath that James Johnson turned out volunteer under Colonel Cabele [probably Joseph Cabell] in the [indecipherable word]¹ of 1776 or 1777 and [indecipherable word]² and brought him part of the way back after he was Discharged in the last of the fall or first of the winter.

S/ James J Johnson, JP

[February 5, 1833]

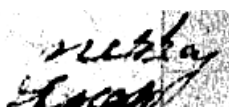
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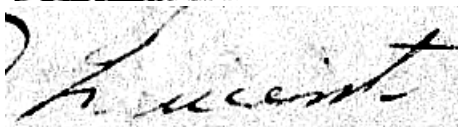
State of Missouri County of Washington: SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace within and for said County James Johnson who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of time he was in the service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below as a private soldier each time during the year 1776 he served for four months and a half in the year 1780 he served four months and a half in the year 1781 he served two weeks and at the several times mentioned in definitely in his declaration he served at least two weeks more and for these services he claims a pension.

And this deponent further states that he knows no living witness by whom he can prove his services except his brother John Johnson whose deposition was forwarded to the Department with his declaration and that owing to his oddly infirmities and his blindness he trusts that the answers to the interrogatories may be dispensed with as they were substantially embraced in his declaration and for the reason just mentioned it would be extremely inconvenient for him to appear before the court which sits eighteen miles from his place of abode to have the answers taken down in writing and that from the instructions of the Department he did not conceive it necessary that it should so be done.

S/ James Johnson, X his mark

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[attested May 20, 1833]

[James Williams, a clergyman, and James Hamilton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.08 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and 28 days in the Virginia militia.]