

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Clabourn Johnson S16892

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State of Missouri County of Howard: SS

On this twenty third day of September in the year 1833 personally appeared in the County Court of Howard County before the Justices thereof whilst the said Court was in Session Clabourn Johnson aged about 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born on the 17th day of June 1760 in Goochland County Virginia and that at the age of seventeen or eighteen which would be about the year 1777 or 1778 while a resident of said County of Goochland he was drafted and entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers as well as he can now recollect and served as herein stated. I entered the service as a private the Captain that I was under was by the name of Richard Bibb the Company I was in I think was in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Dandridge, our General was by the name of Weeson [? possibly a mistaken attempt to identify George Weedon?]. I cannot now recollect the names of any more of the officers. We were first marched to Williamsburg from thence to little York and then back to Williamsburg where we were discharged nothing very particular happened during this tour that I now recollect. I had been in service two months when I was discharged.

I was then immediately drafted in the service as a private in the State of Virginia I think under the following named officers as far as I can recollect the is my Captain was by the name of Obadiah Smith our Major was by the name of Nathaniel Morris our Colonel was by the name of Forkner and our General was by the name of Gates [probably Horatio Gates]. We were all marched from Virginia to North Carolina and the principal services he rendered was in North Carolina the men in this Campaign were permitted to go on horseback on condition that they found their own horses which they did. While in Carolina we had frequent skirmishes with the British and Tories but no regular fall battle. We remained in service at this time six months when we were marched back to Virginia and discharged in Richmond.

Very shortly after I was discharged from the second tour all the militia in the part of Virginia in which I lived were called out into Service myself amongst the rest to march against Arnold [Benedict Arnold invaded Virginia in the early part of 1781] at the time he invaded Richmond in Virginia. I was this time a private and was commanded by Captain Elisha Leek [Elijah Leak] Colonel Charles Fleming and General Mulinburg [Peter Muhlenberg] we were kept in service about one month and discharged at Cabin Point – Shortly after this I was again called into service and entered the Army again as a private under the command of Captain Mosby,

Colonel Charles Fleming and General Muhlenberg no particular incidents happened during this tour that I now recollect I served at this time two months as a private as before stated and was discharged at Cabin Point. I again entered the Army as a private under the command of Barnett Markham as Captain I do not now recollect the names of any other of the officers on this tour or Campaign I was in service at this time about two months and was discharged at Petersburg. Shortly after my discharge at Petersburg as aforesaid I again entered the service as a private under the command of Captain Mosby Colonel Robert Good and General Muhlenberg the names of the other officers not now remembered the Regiment I belonged to in this last Tour was at Petersburg when the Battle was fought there [April 25, 1781] though it was not engaged in the battle being reserved to cover the retreat if necessary this tour was about two months and I served as a private as above stated two months and was discharged at I think at Manchester –

I have not specified the particular months or years that I commenced the public service or entered the Army except when I first was drafted for the reason that I cannot now remember but I well state that all my services above enumerated was in the Virginia militia and that I resided in Virginia during the whole term of my services and either volunteered or was drafted in Virginia as above stated and that my services were all rendered between the years 1777 or 1778 and 1781 – but the particular periods of time within those years that I commenced any one of the before mentioned tours I cannot now remember that I further state that I served as a private in the Army of the revolution at least 15 months and the said Johnson further states that he never received as he now recollects any written discharge and that if he did he has lost or mislaid the same not now having any in his possession nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove his services in detail. But states that he is well acquainted with William Shores a clergyman and John Harvey both neighbors of his who can testify as to his credit as a man and as to their knowledge of his being a soldier of the Revolution. The evidence of his age as above stated is derived from his father's family Bible record of the ages of his children and his age was transcribed from said Bible into his own where it remained until about seven years since and was torn out while moving from the State of Virginia to the State of Missouri. He further states that he resided in the State of Virginia from the time he entered the Army first as above stated until about seven years since when he moved to Howard County Missouri where he now resides while in Virginia he lived in the counties of Goochland, Chesterfield, Hanover, Louisa, and Nelson and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State in the United States
S/ Clabourn Johnson, X his mark

The County Court aforesaid then propounded the following interrogatories to the said Clabourn Johnson the above named applicant viz.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

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

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

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what

has become of it?

To the first interrogatory the said Johnson answers and says that he was born in Goochland County in the state of Virginia in the year 1760

Answer to the second interrogatory

I have no Record of my age the same having been lost in the manner stated in my declaration above subscribed and sworn to.

Answer to the third interrogatory

I was living in Goochland County in the State of Virginia when I was called into service and resided there and in Chesterfield County in said state during the whole of the Revolution. After the revolution I lived in the Counties of Goochland Hanover Louisa and Nelson in the State of Virginia and in Howard County Missouri where I now reside.

Answer to the fourth interrogatory

I was sometimes drafted and at other times volunteered in the service. I never was a substitute for anyone

Answer to the fifth interrogatory

The said Johnson refers to his declaration and the statements there made as an answer to the said 5th interrogatory

S/ Clabourn Johnson, X his mark

[William Shores, a clergyman, and John Harvey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 3 months in the Virginia service.]