

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Thomas Johnson S18064

VA

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 23 May 2015.

State of Virginia. Augusta County to wit:

On this 27th day of January 1832, personally appeared before the county court of Augusta now sitting, Thomas Johnson a resident of the said County of Augusta and state of Virginia aged 73 years next March, 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 entered the army of the united States as a militia man in the year 1777 under the following named officers, to wit Captain John Fox, the name of the Major was William Dandridge of the County of Hanover and Winslow [Beverley Winslow of Spotsylvania County] was the Col this declarant marched from the County of Louisa first to Hanover town thence to New castle [now Old Church] thence to Williamsburg where he was discharged having served in this tour the term of two months. This declarant was again drafted in the militia and marched from Louisa County to the City of Richmond and thence to a place called Malvern hills [15 mi SE of Richmond]. his officers in this second tour were captain Phillips and Col [Benjamin] Harrison The names of the other officers are not now remembered declarant was discharged on this second tour at the city of Richmond having served two months. In the year 1779 declarant enlisted into the regular service of the united states for the period of six months under the company command of Captain Benjamin Timberlake, Leutenant Richard White and ensign Richard Paulett he was marched from the county of Louisa aforesaid to Charlottesville in the county of Albemarle to guard a number of British prisoners who were sent there for safe keeping at Charlottesville [British and Hessians surrendered by Burgoyne at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777] he remained in service for six months that being the period of his enlistment when he was discharged by a written discharge which he has lost or mislaid. For proof of his services herein before set forth declarant refers to the affidavits of John Rutherford [pension application S6038], Austin Hunter [S15899] and Finch Ragland [S7344] of the County of Goochland who are all well acquainted with him. He refers to Silas H Smith and Washington Helms for his character as a man of truth and veracity they having been acquainted with him ever since he removed to the County of Augusta which he did four years ago.

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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Thomas hisXmark Johnson

The following interrogatories required by the war department were propounded by the court and answered by the applicant as follows,

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in the County of Louisa in the year 1761 – March 28th

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

Answer I had a record of my age taken from my father's family Bible but have lost it.

3rd Where were you living when called into service. where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer I was living at the time I was called into service in the County of Louisa, since the war I have lived in the counties of Goochland and Henrico, in Wilks [sic: Wilkes] County in the state of Georgia, and moved to the County of Augusta about four years ago where I now reside

4th How were you called into service &c

answer I was drafted as a militia man for the two first tours – each draft was for two months – I then enlisted into the regular service for six months, and served therein for that length of time

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 —

Answer The names of the officers who commanded the company of regulars into which I enlisted were as follows, Capt Benjamin Timberlake, Leut Richard White, and ensign Richard Paulett. I cannot designate by name or description any continental or militia regiment – I was no battle during any time that I served.

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

Answer. I received a written discharge signed by Col [Francis] Taylor under whose command I was whilst in the regular service I have lost or mislaid that discharge I was merely verbally discharged at the end of my two tours of militia duty.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

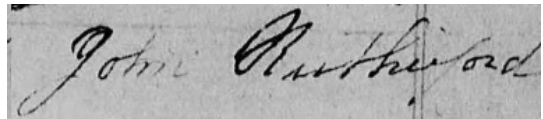
Answer I can refer to Silas H Smith and Washington Helms for my character as a man of veracity and their belief in the statements that I have made above

Commonwealth of Virginia

Goochland County to wit.

This day [7 May 1833] John Rutherford personally appeared before me John Underwood a justice of the peace in & for said county and made oath according to law:

That this affiant is seventy three years old and was so the last day of last January according to the register of his age, and was a revolutionary soldier in the militia of this state That he was well acquainted with Thomas Johnson then a citizen of Louisa county in the state aforesaid, who now considers himself intitled to a military pension. That said Johnson inlisted in the regular service as a soldier of the united states about the year 1778 or 79 and that said Johnson was march'd to the barracks in the county of Albemarle in the state aforesaid and placed under the command of Colo. Taylor & Major [John] Roberts where the said Johnson remained in the service of the united states for a period of six months, when he was honorably discharged. the said Johnson was under the company command of Capt'n. Benj. Timberlake, Lieut. Rich'd. White & Rich'd. Paulett ensign. The said Johnson served a tour in the militia at Williamsburg of five or six weeks continuance, in the year 1777 and was commanded by Capt'n. John Fox of Louisa. Maj'r. Wm. Dandridge of Hanover, Colo. Winslow probably from the county of Spotsylvania. The said Johnson again served a tour of duty in the militia in the late 1780 & continued in service some six or eight weeks pass'g from Richmond, through Prince George, Surry and Isleawight [sic: Isle of Wight] counties, to Mackies mills from whence we returned and most of us discharged at Petersburg. On this tour this affiant believes the troops were commanded by Majors [Charles] Magill & Declaumer [sic: Charles Deklaman, pension application R13678], the latter a french officer, and he believes the company officers were Capt Rich'd. Philips & Cap't. Ro. Mosby [Robert Mosby].

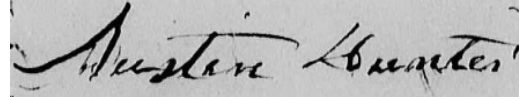
A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Rutherford". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly textured.

Commonwealth of Virginia.

Goochland County to wit.

This day [14 May 1833] Austin Hunter personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said county and made oath according to law: That this affiant is now from the register of his age about seventy two years of age and was a revolutionary soldier. That he was well acquainted with Thomas Johnson then a citizen of Louisa county in the state aforesaid. That this affiant served two tours of duty in the militia of the state with the said Johnson of about two months continuance each The first tour was performed in 1777 and neither Johnson nor himself were 17 year old. We march'd from the county of Louisa under the command of Capt. John Fox to Williamsburg. This affiant does not recollect the name

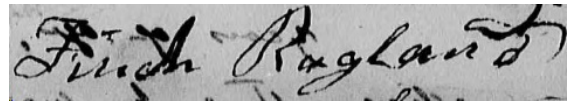
of the commander in chief of the troops at Williamsburg, the company however were discharged there. The second tour of duty was performed a year or two afterwards. we were march'd from the county of Louisa probably under the command of a Capt. Philips & were employed in various ways & directions untill the tour ended somewhere at a place call'd the Morbin Hills. At other times at New Castle &c. This aff't. remembers the rank of many of the officers on this last tour Gen'l. Melrou, Colo. Chas. Dabney, Colo. [Holt] Richardson, Maj Armstead [sic: Thomas Armistead] &c



Commonwealth of Virginia
Goochland County towit

This day [13 May 1833] Finch Ragland personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in & for said County and made oath, according to law; That the affiant was 70 years of age the 1st day of Feb'y. last and was a revolutionary soldier. That he was well acquainted with Thomas Johnson then a citizen of Louisa County in the state aforesaid. that said Johnson enlisted as a soldier in the regular service of the United States about the year 1778 or 79 & that said Johnson was marched to the barracks in Albemarle County Virginia, and placed under the command of Col. Taylor & Major Roberts, where the said Johnson remained in the service of the said United States, for a period of six months, when he was honorably discharged.

This affiant was at the same time a soldier in the service aforesaid. The troops stationed at the barracks aforesaid were employed in guarding the soldiers captured under the command of Gen'l. Bergoine, & removed to the place aforesaid for safety. this affiant also states, that the said Johnson he has been informed performed several tours, in the militia service of the state. But under whose command, the period of service, and the particulars thereof, after such a lapse of time, this affiant is unable to detail with accuracy.



[On 4 April 1834 Johnson was issued a pension certificate for \$33.33 per year for 10 months service.]

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Greenbrier County]

State of Virginia Greenbrier County to Wit

To his Excellency the Governor of the State of Virginia, the petition of Thomas Johnsons humbly represents, that he was in the united states service, and is now drawing thirty three dollars and thirty three cents per annum, as will be more fully shewn[?] by reference to the papers filed in the War department at Washington City. He now petitions your excellency to grant him the amount of land that is now due him as a soldier in the revolutionary war; as he is needy and has done much service he hopes his prayer may be heard and granted

Thomas hisXmark Johnson

Charles Rodgers/ John L. [undeciphered]

Subscribed and sworn to before me a justice of the peace this 2th day of September 1847

W Feamster JP.

Sept 18th 1847. Rejected because no Evidence is offered of the term of service required by Law to entitled a soldier to Bounty
R G Duval [?] L. Gov.