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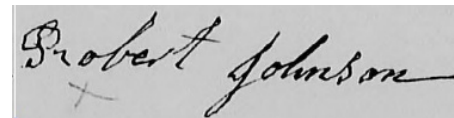
Pension Application of Robert Johnson S1838

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State of Tennessee } SS On this 13th day of August 1832 Personally appeared in open Court
Knox County } before me Samuel Powell one of the Circuit Judges of law and equity in
and for the state of Tennessee and for the first Judicial Circuit in the Circuit Court now sitting Robert
Johnston a resident of the County and State aforesaid in the said County and state 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 entered the service of the
United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated He lived in Bedford County
Virginia at which place he volunteered on the 21st day of September 1780 under Capt Jacob Early in Col
Linchs [sic: Charles Lynch's] Regiment of volunteers & Riflemen Marched to Petersburg [sic:
Petersburg] Va., had our head quarters about two miles from Petersburg was in no battle lay there till
we were discharged which discharge bears date December 21st 1780 signed by W Leftwich [William
Leftwich] Lt Col and accompanies this declaration Served at the above tower three months when we
arrived at Petersburg we joined Gen'l [Robert] Lawson and went under the command of the regular
officers

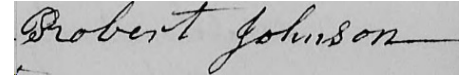
Again while living at the same place in the Spring of 1781 volunteered under Capt Bowen Price in Col
Linches Regiment of Rifle men marched to North Carolina to Guilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse] and on
Haw River after Cornwallaces [sic: Cornwallis's] men we joined Col [William] Washington who
commanded a troop of horse and a number of infantry we was then under his command he Johnston was
in the battle at Guilford [15 Mar 1781] Gen'l Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] was commander in chief we
were defeated we then pursued Cornwallace across Deep River and lay in the neighbourhood of the fall
of that River [at Ramsey's Mill above the confluence with Haw River] till it was understood that
Cornwallace went on board of his vessels at Cross Creek [present Fayetteville; see endnote] he was there
honourably but verbally discharged Served three months Prooves that he was in the battle of Guilford by
James Crews [pension application S39387] He served in the whole six months He has his discharge as
to the first tour above written and can prove his actual service in the battle of Guilford by James Crews
he has no other documentary evidence nor he knows of no other person whose testimony he can procure
who can testify to his actual service He hereby relinquishes his 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
There is no clergyman living immediately in his neighbourhood nor he knows of none by whom he can
prove the report[?] of his actual service Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



State of Tennessee } Ss On this 5th day of January 1833 Personally appeared before me
Knox County } Zac. Booth one of the acting Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter
sessions in and for the said County and state came Robert Johnson who after being duly sworn according
to law doth on his oath mak the following amendment to his declaration which declaration was made in
the county and state aforesaid and bears date the 13th day of August 1832 and was numbered in the War
Department No 3940 and sent back for amendment That he was born in Albemarl [sic: Albemarle]
County Virginia on the 7th of Aprill 1759 that he has a reord of his age at home in a book similar to a
pocket book made and kept for the purpose of keeping a family record in That he continued to live in
Bedford County till about the year 1787 at which time he removed to Knox County state of Tennessee

where he has lived ever since and still lives That he was a volunteer neither drafted nor a substitute That he dose not recollect the names of the regular officers who ware with the troops where he served or of the continental or militia regiments or the general circumstances of the service farther than is stated in his declaration which this is intended to amend

That he never did receive but one writen discharge from the service which is mentioned in hs declaration and sent to the War Department. He did not receive a commission That he is known in his present neighbourhood to Wm. Tipton John Dayle Thos. Anderson Jacob Husong all of whome he believes can testify that the believe him to be a man of verasity and that they believe he served as a Soldier of the revolution Sworn to and subscribed the day and yeare aforesaid

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

NOTES:

James Crews certified that he had served in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse with Johnson.

On 5 Jan 1833 Johnson's agent stated that he forgot to enclose Johnson's original declaration, but sent it later. It was not found in the file.