

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Johnston S1958

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State of Tennessee Smith County Court, August Term 1832

On this 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before John Chambers, Solomon Debois [?] & W. C. Gorman Justices of the County Court of Smith now sitting, John Johnston, a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged Eighty years old the 30th day of this month (August) 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 as well as he now recollects in the month of January in the same year that Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781], on a tour of three months with the Militia of Virginia, being at the time a resident of Cumberland County Virginia; was attached to Captain Joseph Carrington's Company and was under the command of General Mulenburg [Peter Muhlenberg]. The Regiment, as well as recollected, rendezvoused at Booker's old field near Petersburg Virginia and remained there for some time; marched from thence to Petersburg. Was in no engagement; received a written discharge which is either lost or destroyed and has not been seen for many years. He knows of no person now living by whom he can prove this tour of three months in this part of the Country.

He further states that he served a second tour of three months in the same year with the Militia from Virginia: that he was attached to Captain William Meredith's Company; – that the troops assembled at the cole pits [coal pits] Virginia; and marched from thence to Richmond; thence to the Glebe 12 miles below Richmond and near James River; and was alternating late on one or the other side of James River and sometimes in sight of the British forces, but in no General engagement. Was under the command of General Muhlenberg during this tour also: states that his discharge for this tour of three months is like that of the first either lost or mislaid; that he knows of no person in this part of the country by whom he can prove any part of his Service during the revolutionary War.

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.

S/ John Johnston



[John Bransford, a clergyman, and John Gammon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died February 15, 1837, place not stated; in 1836 his post office address

was Dickson Springs, Sumner County, Tennessee; also in 1836 the post office address of his nephew H. H. Johnson was Dickson Springs, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]