

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Johnson S21326

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State of Tennessee Carroll County: SS Circuit Court April Term 1833

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable John W Cooke one of the Circuit Judges of Law and Equity of said State, now holding the Circuit Court of said County, Isaac Johnson, a resident of said County and State, aged about seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

This declarant was born according to the best of his recollection in Charles City County Virginia but having no record of his birth, he is unable to state the precise time at which he was born. This declarant's father moved from the place of the declarant's birth to the State of North Carolina on the Roanoke [River] in the County of Northampton, where he resided one year, when he again removed into the County of Brunswick, Virginia where he resided until the close of the revolutionary War.

The declarant states he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. In the month of August 1779 two companies of volunteers were raised out of the aforesaid County of Brunswick, Virginia, for the defense of Portsmouth, and Norfolk, Virginia. This declarant entered one of these companies at an early age, commanded by Captain Joseph Peebles, the other commanded by Captain \_\_\_ Macklin. The declarant volunteered to serve a tour of 6 weeks. These companies were marched by their respective officers down to Portsmouth and Norfolk Virginia where they took post and lay for six weeks in order to guard these aforesaid places from the British Shipping which were laying on Hampton Roads, threatening these two places. After their six weeks had expired, declarant states that they were discharged by their officers and returned home. Declarant received a written discharge from the Captain who commanded the company to which he was attached, viz. Joseph Peebles. Declarant further states that he was afterwards drafted into the company commanded by Thomas Thredgill to march to the relief of Charleston, South Carolina, for a tour of four months. Another company commanded by Captain William Collier. The colonels were James Lucas and John Glenn. Declarant states that they were marched to Hillsboro North Carolina where command of the Regiment to which he was attached was assumed by General Stevens [Robert Stevens]. From Hillsboro they were marched to Salisbury in the State mentioned last, and from thence into Cheraw Hills in South Carolina where they joined General Green [Nathanael Greene], who had taken up his winter quarters. Declarant further states that they lay here until intelligence was received from General Morgan [Daniel Morgan], by an express that

he wanted some forces forwarded to him in order to secure his prisoners. This declarant states that he was sent under the command of General Stevens and that they joined General Morgan at Salisbury North Carolina on the Yadkin [River], Morgan having sent his prisoners on to Virginia. After remaining here some time during which they were engaged in skirmishing with British, they marched to Guilford Court House, North Carolina, from whence they proceeded to Pittsylvania, Virginia, where they were discharged by their respective Officers. The service of declarant at this time was for four months. This declarant states that he was again drafted to go to guard a fort which was occupied by some British who were committing spoil and depredations upon the surrounding country. The company to which declarant belonged was commanded by Captain \_\_\_ Hays of Lunenburg County Virginia. They marched down to a fort called Edmonds Hill in the State aforesaid, and encamped against the fort occupied by the before mentioned the British. Declarant states that they lay here two or three weeks during which time they were skirmishing with the British occasionally with some loss on both sides until the British were reinforced when they were ordered to march to Petersburg Virginia within which time and previous to arriving there, their time of service was expired and declarant was discharged by Captain \_\_\_ Hays who commanded the company to which he was attached. At this time declarant was in service five weeks. Shortly after the declarant states he was again called out to march to Pintey [sic?] Fork and James River Virginia to join General Baron Steuben. The Captain who commanded the company to which declarant belonged was by the name of House. They accordingly marched and joined General Baron Steuben when the British were in full retreat to Little York. They followed close on them until they arrived near Little York, where declarant's time was out, and he was discharged by his aforesaid Captain \_\_\_ House. The war soon after closed by the surrender of Cornwallis, the declarant serving at this time 6 weeks. The declarant states that he was a private during his service. This declarant continued to reside in Virginia for 13 or 14 years after in Brunswick County when he removed to the State of North Carolina, Montgomery, where he continued to reside for thirty years, or a little upwards, when he removed to this County and state aforesaid in the month of December A.D. 1826 where he still continues to reside. This declarant states that he has no documentary evidence of his claim and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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.

Therefore the declarant states that he has served the following tours first a tour of six weeks in defense of Portsmouth and Suffolk Virginia.

2<sup>nd</sup> A tour of four months drafted for the purpose of marching to the relief of Charleston South Carolina.

3<sup>rd</sup> A tour of drafted service of five weeks to guard the Fort occupied by the British at a place called Edmonds Hill

4<sup>th</sup> a tour of six weeks drafted to march to Pintey fork to join Baron Steuben when the British were on their retreat to Little York.

S/ Isaac Johnson, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the 19<sup>th</sup> April 1833

S/James H Gee, Clerk

[Thomas A. Young, a clergyman, and Thomas Banks gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories propounded by the court to Isaac Johnson the above declarant & declarant for a pension

Question when & in what year were you born

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age & if so where is it.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live.

4<sup>th</sup>. How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom.

5<sup>th</sup>. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the Troops where you [served], such Continental & militia regiments as you recollect & the General Circumstances of your Services.

6. Did you receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it signed, and what has become of it.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services in the war of the Revolution

Answer the Reverend Thomas A. Young, Samuel Ingram Esquire, Thomas Banks the High Sheriff of the County and Colonel Samuel J. Nesbitt and Jacob Bledsoe an old soldier of the revolution

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831 for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]