

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Dilmus (Dalmath, Dillamus) Johnson S2662 Nancy Johnson f40VA

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State of Kentucky Christian County SS

On this __ day of November 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable B. Shackelford Sole Judge of the Christian Circuit Court now sitting Dilmath Johnson aged seventy-one years 3rd day of April 1832 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 –

That he resided in Fluvanna County State of Virginia in September 1777 he entered the Militia Service for the three months as a Drafted private under the command of Captain Joseph Haden in a Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Ennis [probably James Innis]. We rendezvoused at old Williamsburg there was one other Regiment laying there commanded by J. Cabell – we were here held in readiness in consequence of some British vessels coming into the Chesapeake Bay – York River – and we lay there for about six weeks at which time we were verbally discharged – he was not in any Battle during this tour – The next tour he was again drafted in the same County and marched under Holeman Rice a Captain in the Regular Service to guard General Burgoyne's men who were stationed at Albemarle Barracks this tour lasted about five or six weeks when we were again verbally discharged and went home –

The next tour in 1781 was again Drafted in the same County and Rendezvoused at Fluvanna Court House and marched under the command of Captain Daniel Tilman – Lieutenant Joseph Mayhoe – Ensign T. Winn in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Innis in a detachment commanded by the Marquis de Lafayette – we marched from thence to Richmond where we made but a short stay and from thence marched to Bayly's Run twelve miles or 14 where we lay for some time. He was then taken sick and was sent to Richmond Hospital and was there furloughed and went home. He again was Drafted in the same County on first September in a company commanded by Lieutenant Jesse Hughes & Holeman Snead and marched from thence to King in Queen County and was there placed under the command of Captain Anderson in a Regiment of Infantry commanded by Colonel Campbell and from thence marched to Gloucester Town – on the Opposite side of the River from Little York – We lay there until the 20th of October '81 when Wallace [Cornwallis surrendered October 19, 1781] was taken. He was then discharged and went home – from Fluvanna he removed to Albemarle and from there back again to Fluvanna and from thence into Amherst at the head of Rock Fish where he lived about 7 or 8

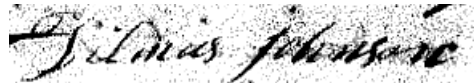
years and from there about the year 1808 removed to Logan County Kentucky where he resided about one year and from thence to Christian County Kentucky where he has ever since resided –

He had his age recorded in his Bible – but lost it – he here submits the foregoing as full answers to all the Questions put by the War Department – He is well known where he now resides to Jonathan Clark, John Bobbitt – D. Johnson Thomas, Dun Kason [?] – William Gray and many others by whom he can prove his character &c –

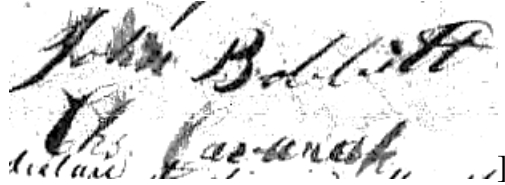
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension on Roll of the agency of any State of the United States

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Dilmus Johnson



[John Bobbitt, a clergyman, and Charles Cavanah [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit



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State of Kentucky Christian County Sct.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County & State aforesaid Dilmus Johnson who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades –

(to wit)

For one month & fifteen days as a private under the command of Captain J. Haden

Second tour as private under command of Captain H. Rice for one month and fifteen days

Third tour under the command of Captain D. Tilman as a private one month and fifteen days including the time he was sick –

His fourth short Tour as private under the command of Captain Anderson one month & twenty days – making in all six months & five days – for which he claims a pension – he would remark that he has in every instance herein stated his period of service at less than it really was as he is well satisfied that when his recollection was fresh he would have served more than 6 months in the Army of the Revolution –

He would make this as an amendment to his Declaration for a pension.

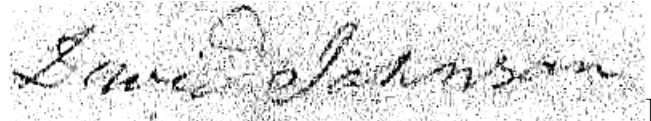
Sworn to on the 27th day of November 1832 and further state, that he never received a written Discharge from the Service but that he served fully & faithfully the time herein set forth. He would also state that he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove his actual Service as witness my hand this 17th day of June 1833.

S/ Dilmo Johnson



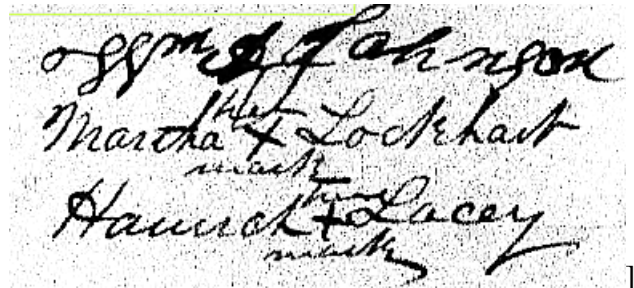
[p 6: On February 5, 1844 in Christian County Kentucky, Nancy Johnson, aged about 81 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Dillamus Johnson, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in the state of Virginia in 1787; that her husband died August 29, 1839; that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 7: On February 5, 1844 in Christian County Kentucky, David Johnson gave testimony that he is the son of Dillamus and Nancy Johnson; that his parents now have 3 children living that are over 50 years of age and that he verily believes that his parents were married as stated by his mother in her application

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Johnson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right. The signature is enclosed in a small rectangular box.

[p 10: Document dated May 31st, 1852 filed in Christian County Kentucky by William A. Johnson, 61, Mrs. Martha Lockhart, 60, and Mrs. Hannah Lacey, 57, in which they state they are children of the veteran and his widow; that their father died in Christian County Kentucky about August 30th, 1838 and that their mother died in Christian County Kentucky December 23, 1845 at the age of 82 years; that the records of the births of the children of their parents has been destroyed or lost; that their mother's name prior to her marriage was Nancy Ashley.]

[p 3: affidavit dated May 31, 1852 given in Christian County Kentucky and signed by William A Johnson, Martha Lockhart and Hannah Lacey stating that the only surviving children and heirs at law of Nancy Johnson, widow of Dilmoth Johnson are Mrs. Elizabeth Patton, William A Johnson, Mrs. Martha Lockhart, David Johnson and Hannah Lacey.

Three handwritten signatures in cursive script, stacked vertically. The top signature reads "Wm A Johnson", the middle one reads "Martha Lockhart", and the bottom one reads "Hannah Lacey". Each signature has a small mark below it, possibly a date or initials. The signatures are enclosed in a small rectangular box.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20.55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 5 days in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]