

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Johnson¹ S32345

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State of Indiana County of Marion: SS

On this 6th day of October 1835 personally appeared before the Honorable W. W. Wick President and Joshua Stevens and Adam Wright his Associates, Judges of the Marion Circuit Court in the State of Indiana now in session, John Johnson, a resident of said County aged 73 years the 14th of May last who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he was drafted into the Army of the United States in the last of February 1779 in the County of Hanover in the State of Virginia wherein he was born and a resident at the time he was drafted into the company commanded by Captain John Anderson, Lieutenant Winn, Joseph Shelton orderly Sergeant other officers not now recollected to serve for the term of three months whether in the Virginia militia or State troops he cannot say – In a few days after the draft he was assembled with his company at Poindexter's Tavern in Hanover County from whence they shortly after marched to Taylor's Tavern in the same County where three other companies joined them – the officers of which he does not recollect – from Taylor's they marched to Hanover Courthouse where they remained several days and were then marched in the direction of Williamsburg whether the troops supposed they were destined but they were marched only 2 or 3 days in that direction when they were turned in the direction of Sandy Point on a River whose name he has entirely forgotten – they were there stationed or rather made that their main post while engaged in small excursions for some time when they were marched to Poplar Spring Church where it was understood a body of British were near and the Companies were engaged in making redoubts. – The troops were here employed in watching the movements of the enemy for sometime from whence they were marched to Cabin Point where they remained until the expiration of three months for which he was drafted – other troops about that time were brought in to fill their places. – He was here discharged with his brother Richard Johnson who had served with him and whose affidavit is hereunto attached. He is under the impression that he received no written discharge but if so he has long since lost it.

²nd In the fall of 1780 this affiant was again drafted to serve another tour of three months into the company commanded by Captain Dandridge in the County and State aforesaid and was assembled with the rest of his company at one Chisholmes Tavern late in the fall of the year last aforesaid to the best of his recollection. They were soon marched to Richmond and were

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encamped on Shacco hill [Shockoe Hill] for some time waiting for further orders – on this march to Richmond they were joined by several other companies whose officers he has entirely forgotten. From the latter place they marched to Petersburg where they remained some time – were joined by other troops there & then marched to Charles City Courthouse – where while stationed there a body of British light horse rushed on our troops just at dark before the guards were stationed out and killed several of the company to which he belonged and wounded several others – the next day after burying the dead they marched to a Tavern and cross roads at which place they received orders to march to Sandy Point again where they remained until that three months were expired and this affiant was again discharged but whether by a written or verbal discharge he has forgotten.

3rd Tour. In the month of August 1781 then residing in the same County in Virginia he was drafted to serve a third tour in a company commanded by Captain John White and immediately after which drafting was rendezvoused at Chisholmes and in a few days afterwards was marched to Propers [?]² tavern where they were joined by some other troops. – From thence they marched to Richmond – thence to Manchester where they remained a few days – thence to Cumberland Court House where they remained a short time – Thence to Petersburg where they were joined by more troops and at the last place they received orders to march without delay to Gloucester Point opposite Little York where Wallace's [Cornwallis'] Army had assembled and were in possession of Gloucester town. Here he also met with the regular troops of the United States. That evening before the surrender of Wallace the troops with which this applicant was more immediately connected were paraded and ordered to march into town to take it by storm – as they were marching for that purpose they were fired upon and returned the fire – when the enemy fled in the town and in a short time, he were ordered to return to the encampment & on the next day the British troops surrendered [October 19, 1781] & in a short time this applicant was discharged having served to the best of his recollection in this tour two months and twenty days making his whole service eight months and twenty days – but taking into the account the several times he spent in returning home it would make upwards of nine months. In answer to the several questions propounded by the Department

1. He would state that he was born in the year 1762 on the 14th of May according to his father's register he in Hanover County Virginia.

2nd. He has no register of his age his brother Richard has the family record kept by his father.

3rd. He was living in Hanover County Virginia when called into service as before related – ten years after the revolution moved to Kentucky where he resided until eight years past when he then removed to Marion County Indiana with his children where he now lives.

4th. He was drafted to the best of his recollection to perform the three several tours before recited.

5th. Does not recollect the names of any regular officers but on reflection some – at Cabin Point one General Weden [George Weedon] & a Colonel Batups [?]³ but they belonged to Virginia troops.

6th. Never received any written discharge to the best of his recollection if so has long since lost them.

2 *Propers Tavern*

3 *Batups*

[In his bounty land application he refers to this officer as Colonel Baytops which may be a reference to Lieutenant Colonel James Baytop of the Gloucester County Virginia militia.]

7th. Since came to Indiana in consequence of his age and infirmity he has formed but a very limited acquaintance and he knows of no clergyman who has any knowledge of his services by reputation or otherwise residing in the state. He has but a very limited knowledge of the persons residing in his present neighborhood & none in Marion County except a Mr. Thomas Shelton who was an old neighbor in Kentucky and can testify to his character for veracity and belief as to his services as a soldier of the revolution. This applicant has been delayed in applying for a pension in consequence of being compelled (as he was informed) an affidavit from his brother Richard which is hereunto attached was necessary and also his infirmities and poverty presented his going for it and he had to depend on an opportunity to send for the same by private conveyance.

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 or territory in the union.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
S/ Robert B Duncan, Clerk

S/ John Johnson



[Thomas Shelton gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Sumner County:

This day personally appeared before me William Edwards one of the Justices of the peace for the State and County aforesaid Richard Johnson⁴ a minister of the Gospel in Sumner County and a very respectable Citizen of said County – who first being duly sworn deposed and saith that John Johnson of the state of Indiana near Indianapolis who is applying for a pension under the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832 is the brother of this Affiant. That the said John and Affiant served one tower [tour] of three months in the revolutionary war in the state of Virginia Hanover County in the militia both in one company under Captain John Anderson. This was in the fall of 1779 – both served out their term of three months were honorably discharged at Cabin Point in Surry County. The next Tower of three months they entered the service together under Captain John Dandridge I was not more than ten days with him before I enlisted and was attached to Captain Hawkins' company but John Johnson served out his tower of three months under Captain Dandridge. This was in winter and spring of 1780. In 1781 – He the said John Johnson served another tower of three months and was in the service at the siege of Little York when Cornwallis surrendered. I state without hesitation from my own knowledge that the said John Johnson served in the revolutionary war on behalf of the Colonies 9 months – I am about 75 years old & the said John is about 73 years old.

Sworn to & subscribed this first day of July 1835
S/ William Edwards, JP

S/ Richard Johnson



[p 10: On April 2, 1855 in Fulton County Indiana, the veteran filed for his bounty land

⁴ FPA S2664

entitlement stating that he is now 88 years of age and a resident of the town of Rochester. He signed this document with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months and 20 days in the Virginia militia.]