

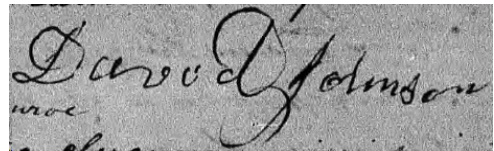
Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of David Johnson S32349

VA

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 3 Jan 2015.

State of Indiana } SS On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year One thousand eight hundred & thirty  
Jackson County } two Personally appeared in open Court before the Hon'ble Abel Findley Judge of  
the Probate court of Jackson County State of Indiana it Being a court of Record now sitting David  
Johnson a resident of Jackson County Indiana aged seventy four or five 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 he was born the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1759 or 60 at Frederick County  
Virginia and lived there untill he was a bout 11 years old & then moved to Montgomery County in said  
state & in the year 1773 he moved to the head of Clinch River, and in the year 1774 the Indians drove us  
back across new river at Bells medows [Bells Meadows] where we Forted then we in the month of  
November moved back to Clinch River, and in the year 1775 he was called out as a spy, Built a Fort at  
the little crab orchard 15 miles from the head of Clinch River, we was forted in the fort in 1776 and  
served as a spy, and in 1777 we Built a Fort at the big Crab Orchard [see endnote], 1778 [sic] he  
volunteered under Colonel [Evan] Shelby, Major Thomas Quirk, Captain Thomas Martin, and  
Rendezvoused at the long Island on Holston River [sic: Long Island of Holston River at present  
Kingsport TN] and went down the river to the Chigumaga [sic: Chickamauga] nation of Indians, where  
we killed some Indians and destroyed their towns [10 - 20 Apr 1779] then returned home we was out  
about 40 days. in 1779 I was chose as a spy & served about six months. in the year 1780 continued as a  
spy and in the year 1781 he volunteered under Captain James Maxfield and rendesvoused on New River  
at Harbers ferry 4 miles below the Lead mines [Herbert's or Harbard's Ferry near Fort Chiswell in  
present Wythe County VA] where he Joined Col [William] Preston and marched to north Carolina and  
joined General Green near Gilford courthouse [sic: Nathanael Greene near Guilford Courthouse] &  
served out my three months tower and was discharged at Gilford Courthouse & returned home –  
he has now [sic] documentary evidence of his discharge And that he knows of no person whose  
testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services he is well known in his present neighbourhood  
by Jarrard B Hufman a Precher of the Gospel, and Joseph Stuart and Leonard Shewmaker Esq. who will  
Testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a spy & soldier of the revolution  
he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that  
his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first  
above written, sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid

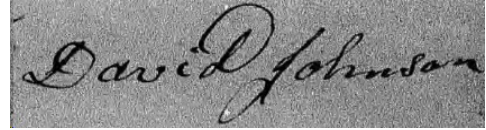
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Johnson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent 'D' at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail on the 'n'.

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Jackson County } Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for  
the County of Jackson David Johnson who being duly sworn, deposed 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 in the year 1775 I served for five months as a spy and keeping a fort, in 76 served  
four months as a spy – in 77 I served five months as a spy and building fort – in 78 I volunteered and  
went a campaign under Col. Shelby and was out 40 day – then was called out to guard the led mines and  
served there fifty day, in 79 I served again as a spy from the 15<sup>th</sup> of March to the 15<sup>th</sup> of September which

was six months, in 80 I served five months as a spy & in 81 I served three months as a volunteer under Col Preston as a private making in all my service two years and 7 months, and for such service I claim a pension

Sworn & subscribed to this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1833

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Johnson". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

Jacksonville Illinois/ Feb 20, 1860

Secretary of the Interior/ Washington D.C.

Mrs Mary Ann Sutherland, who is now in the poor house of Morgan County says she is the daughter of David Johnson a revolutionary soldier. That three years ago, she gave a power of Atty to one James Hester then of Washington Cty. but now of Nashville Brown County Indiana, and she recei'd from him \$176 dollars and that is all she ever recei'd. She is desirous of knowing what am't was paid said Hester and that no more be paid him from the department.

Mrs Mary Ann Sutherland is now 65 years old. Her father David Johnson at the time of the revolution was a resident of Powell Valley on Clinch river Virginia. He moved from thence to Linn Camp near Laurel river Kentucky removed from that place to Washington Cty about 18 years ago, and died there some 12 years ago. She states that he drew his pension in Ky and at Washington and that she is the only heir. And information with regard to it will be very gratefully receiv'd, and if she is entitled to it, certainly she is in very great need.

Yours etc J. T. Springer

NOTE: Big Crab Orchard Fort, also known as Witten's Fort, is now Historic Crab Orchard Museum near Tazewell VA. It was constructed in 1774.