

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Johnson S35471

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State of Kentucky, Sct.

On this 13th day of January A.D. 1820 before me Thomas Montgomery one of the Circuit Judges for the aforesaid State assigned to the 12th District appeared James Johnson a citizen of the State aforesaid aged sixty-three years who by me being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" That he the said James Johnson at Lunenburg Court-House in the State of Virginia in March 1778 enlisted as a private Soldier to serve one year in Captain John Stokes' Company belonging to the sixth Virginia Continental Regiment then commanded by Colonel Febeiger [Christian Febiger], – then he was marched on to the Northward to the Valley Forge, & continued to serve with the northern Army until the said time was expired, and was honorably discharged at the Army in encampment near Boundbrook in the State of New Jersey in March 1779, that he was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], and several other skirmishes, ^{that he served more than nine months to wit on [sic]} – that he is in reduced circumstances & needs the assistance of his Country for support and that he has never received any pension either from the Government of the United States or either of them.

That he has not at this time any other evidence in his power of his enlistment & services.

At the same time Meshack Pierson, appeared before me & being duly sworn, stated that he is acquainted with the condition & reputation of the said James Johnson, and that he knows he is in reduced circumstances, as to money or property, and that he is a man of fair reputation. I testify further that I know of no reason for disbelieving the foregoing statement and that I suppose them true.

Given under my hand the day & year first mentioned, as one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Montgomery

State of Kentucky Shelby Circuit Court Sct.

On this 20th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record holden in and for said County of Shelby James Johnson aged sixty-four years & upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said James Johnson enlisted for the term of one year in March 1778 at

Lunenburg Courthouse in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Stokes in that Regiment commanded by Colonel Febiger in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment, that he was discharged from the said service at Boundbrook in the State of New Jersey – that he was in the Battle of Monmouth & several skirmishes that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed – That he is by occupation a farmer that he is unable to labor much on account of a fever sore on his leg which he has had 412 years, that he has a wife & one child named Edmund aged 17 years –

A Schedule of the Property of James Johnson made this 19th day of September 1820 – Viz.

1 Cow & calf the value	\$12
1 Steer do	12
4 Yearling heifer's value 4 each	16
3 Sheep do 1.50 each	4.50
5 Hogs do 2.00 do	10.00
8 Pigs or Shoats do	6.00
1 Cupboard	17.00
5 Chairs	1.25
2 Pots	2.00
1 Plow	4.00
1 Hoe & axe	<u>1.50</u>
	\$86.20 [sic]

Owes several persons debts to the amount of \$39.00

S/ James Johnson

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State of Kentucky Shelby County Sct.

On this 21st day of May 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record holden for the County of Shelby James Johnson aged about sixty-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following as an amendment to his original Declaration dated the 20th September 1820 that he the said James Johnson resides in the County of Shelby & State of Kentucky & has done so for about nine years And in the State for upwards of twenty years he states that his name is Johnson & not Johnston, that he always has spelt his name Johnson & his father before him he states that he Enlisted in the service of the United States in the month of March 1778 for one year & was discharged at Boundbrook in New Jersey, that he continued his full term of service & was discharged either in March or April 1779 after his return he still continued in the service of the State of Virginia until after the Siege of York & taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] he further states that he has understood that another person of the same name & who has obtained a pension resides in the same County with him & to Obviate any Difficulties on that subject he has obtained his statement to the fact James

Johnson also appeared in open court & made oath that he has obtained & has actually been placed on the pension list of the United States for the County of Shelby & State of Kentucky that he is a different person from the James Johnson who has made the above & foregoing statement that his pension Certificate is dated the 6th of January 1819 No. 5203, that his service in the revolutionary war was not in the same Regiment with the aforesaid James Johnson, that he has had no knowledge of him until a short time ago nor is he in any manner related to him to his knowledge. Given under my hand this 21st May 1821

S/ James Johnson

[Facts in file: veteran died August 11, 1839.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 13, 1820, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia Continental line.]