

**Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters**

Pension application of John Johnson S35480

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State of Kentucky Garrard County Sct.

This day John Johnston [sic] aged about sixty-three came personally before me William L. Kelly Circuit Judge in the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District for the Commonwealth aforesaid in Open Court and made oath before me in due form of law that on or about the first day of April 1778 he enlisted in Captain Patrick Cerns [Patrick Carnes] Company attached to the then Major afterwards Colonel Henry Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's] troop of Horse and served about twenty-two months in what was called the first troop of Horse in the regular or Continental Service of the United States, and he served the residue of the term of three years in the foot Service of the United States under the same Officers as Infantry But no certificate of enlistment was ever delivered to him he further states that after he had served out his term of three years and about three months over he formerly demanded from Colonel Lee his discharge, and Colonel Lee demanded my certificate of enlistment and not being able to produce it Colonel Lee refused to give me a discharge But give this deponent a pass to Otho Williams then Adjutant General and the said Williams refused to discharge the deponent saying that it was not his duty to discharge the troops serving under Colonel Lee as he the said Williams was Adjutant General under General Green [Nathanael Greene]. But the said Williams did give this deponent a pass to go on to Prince William County and Commonwealth of Virginia saying at the same time that if my statements were incorrect I could apply to a Justice of the peace and obtained a pass to return to the Army. But my neighbors well knew that my Original enlistment was for the term of three years only and that the term had expired, and hence this deponent never was regularly discharged. But he states positively that he was justly entitled to his discharge, this Deponent further says that he has a large family to wit twelve sons and five daughters & whom nine yet lives with me. I have no land or Slaves and But very little property of any kind – and I am in reduced circumstances.

To the Secretary of War

For the reasons contained in the foregoing affidavit – I ask a pension according to the Act of Congress of 1818.

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S/ John Johnson

I hereby authorize the Honorable George Robertson a member of Congress to ask claim & receive whatever may be due me from the United States as a Pension. Given under my hand the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1819

S/ John Johnson



Kentucky Madison County Sct.

Be it remembered that on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 1821 and a Court holden for said County and being a Court of Record personally appeared in said Court John Johnson aged 66 years resident in Madison County aforesaid, who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows viz., he served for 3 years and served out his time in Captain Patrick Kern's Company in Colonel H. Lee's Horse Troop of Virginia. He has obtained a certificate of pension dated 6<sup>th</sup> May 1820 2 commence 31<sup>st</sup> December 1819 and he solemnly swears that he was a resident Citizen to a good done of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed to wit

Schedule

two horses very old worth \$30, two cows worth \$20, a few articles of household furniture & farming utensils in all not worth more than \$20, making in all \$70. My occupation is agriculture. – I am too infirm [to] work much. My family consist of a helpless wife and five sons and three daughters – the oldest of the sons about fifteen years the next about ten years of age, another son between 8 and 9 years old, another son about seven years old and one other five years old, the two oldest sons begin to work some.

Sworn to and declared on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 1821 in open court before us

S/ Robert Caldwell

S/ John Hawkins

S/ William Kerley

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 31, 1819 for service as a private for 22 months in the Virginia Continental line.]

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Kentucky Madison County Sct.

John Johnson this day personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid & made oath – that in the year 1778 in Prince William County Virginia he enlisted as a private into Colonel Henry Lee's first Troop of Horse Continental line for the term of three years – that he served in the company commanded by Captain Patrick Kearns – that he satisfactorily served out the three years, the term for which he was enlisted – that he was discharged in the State of South Carolina – in May 1781 – that his discharge has been misplaced or lost – & that he has never applied for or received any bounty land for his services aforesaid from the State of Virginia, that he is now about sixty-eight years of age & has long since & now resides in the County of Madison Kentucky.

S/ John Johnson, X his mark

[Attested May 24, 1822 in Madison County Kentucky]

Kentucky Fayette County, Sct.

Frederick Coons<sup>1</sup> of the County aforesaid makes oath & states that he has long since well known John Johnson who has subscribed to the within affidavits & statement – that he well knows said Johnson to be the identical person that he in said affidavit represents himself & that he performed the military services during the Revolutionary War as stated in said affidavit.

S/Frederick Coons, X his mark

[Attested in Fayette County Kentucky May 25, 1822]

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<sup>1</sup> [Frederick Coons S35844](#)