

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Johnson S36636

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky Montgomery County, Sct.

On this 7th day of July 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court in and for the State aforesaid personally appeared James Johnson aged Sixty-four years; – who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement and 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 and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War;" that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident in the County of Montgomery; and that he was enlisted for two years at Wheeling in the State of Virginia on or about the 10th day of October 1776 by one Lieutenant E. Zanes [Ebenezer Zane] and served in the company commanded by Captain Stephen Ashby of the 12th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel James Wood & Lieutenant Colonel John Nevill [John Neville], that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States in the Continental Army, against the common enemy, until about the 10th day of October 1778 when he was honorably discharged from service at Robinson's Tavern in the state of New York; that he was in service for the whole of the said two years and was in the battles of Couches Bridge [Cooch's Bridge, September 3, 1777], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778], and was enlisted for one-year before the above enlistment & served out the time in the Continental service, which makes in all three years service – and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has lost his discharge, and has no evidence in his power of his said services and discharge, other than that which is here transmitted.

Sworn and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jos. Clark, Circuit Judge

Edward Roberts¹ states that he served with the above named James Johnson and was his messmate during the whole 2 years – and knows that he served as above stated.

This deposition of Edward Roberts was sworn to before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jos. Clark, Circuit Judge

District of Kentucky Montgomery County and Circuit: Sct.

On this 8th day of March 1821 personally appeared before me in open court James Johnston [sic], it being a court of record made so by Statute to wit the Montgomery circuit Court

¹ [Edward Roberts W8560](#)

for the 11th Judicial District composed of the Counties of Floyd, Greenup, Bath & Montgomery, aged sixty-eight years or thereabouts who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said James Johnston enlisted for the term of three years on the __ day of September in the year '76 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Stephen Ashby in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Wood in the line of Virginia on the State Continental establishment: that he continued in service in the said Corps until the year 1778 when he was discharged from the said service in the State of New York at Robinson's Tavern. That he was in the Battles of Brandywine and was in several Skirmishes and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except that Edward Roberts States on oath that he served as a Soldier in the Revolutionary Army in the same company with the said James Johnson – and that the above statement of said Johnson as to his enlistment, term of service and discharge are true –

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I the said James Johnson 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

Property to wit, one horse worth \$40 – one bed worth \$20 – Total amount \$60

S/ James Johnson, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 7, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]