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Pension Application of Philip Johnston S36657

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY,
Montgomery County, Sct.

On this 12th day of September 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the circuit court, in and for the state aforesaid, personally appeared Philip Johnson aged about sixty 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 law 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 Madison; and that he was enlisted for three years or during the war at Hobs hole [Hobbs Hole], Essex County in the state of Virginia on or about the [blank] day of April 1777 by one Leut Bohannon [Ambross Bohannon BLWt280-200] and served in the company commanded by captain James Pendleton [BLWt1749-300] of the first Regiment of Artillery Virginia line on continental establishment 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 the close of the war when he was honorably discharged from service at Old Town, Halifax County in the state of Virginia; that he was in service about five years and was in the battles of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Stony Point [16 Jul 1779], Gates defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], and at Peters Barg [possibly Petersburg VA, 25 Apr 1781] 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 services and discharge, other than that which is here transmitted.

*Gave his discharge to Capt Bohannon to draw the balance of his pay and has never seen it since

Kentucky Madison Circuit sct September Term 1820.

On the 5th day of September 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record for the State of Kentucky and Circuit of Madison County Philip Johnson aged Sixty one years resident in Madison County in said State who being first duly Sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows

He belonged to the 1st Regiment of Virginia artillery and to Capt. James Pendleton’s Company the date of his original declaration is on the 12th day of September 1818, And that he had not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contacts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed towit One Mare two Cows and calves one Steer Six hogs

(Signed) Philip Johnston

He states that he is a farmer by occupation but entirely unable to follow it by reason of his having lost the use of one of his shoulders. He states that he has five children living with him of the following names and ages (viz) Berry 18 Langston 15 years Clement 10 all of his children are able to maintain themselves by there own labour except Clement who is a Cripple. He states that he states that he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Johnson, Philip.]

Richmond 21st Dec'r. 1819

The Governor of Virginia

Sir I took the liberty this Morning of enclosing to you for the Consideration of the Department over Which you preside; some Vouchers in Support of an application for Land Bounty to Phillip Johnson.

Since making the affidavit, then enclosed, he has, met with Maj'r Pryor [John Pryor W12064] Who was a Lieut. in the Company to Which Johnson belonged – Who has given him the enclosed; which is presented in Support of his Claim. Johnson is a Very poore Man, is here on expences, and Would be thankful for a decision on his claim

yours Respectfully/ Tho. H. Woodring

I do certify that Philip Johnson was a soldier of Capt. James Pendletons Company first Reg't of Artillery Commanded by Colo. Charles Harrison [VAS1411] & must have been enlisted in 1777. Early in 1778 he march'd with the said Reg't to Valley Forge – was in the Battle of Monmouth – the taking of Stoney Point, and with Gen'l. Gates at Camden & I have every reason to believe continued in service to the end of the Revolutionary war.

Given in Richmond this 21st Dece'r 1819

J. Pryor

formerly a Capt. Lieut
in Capt. Pendletons Comp'y
1st Regt. Artillery



City of Richmond towit

This day Philip Johnson late of the State of Virginia, now of the State of Kentucky, made oath before me John Adams Mayor of the City aforesaid – that he enlisted in Capt. Bohanons Company attached to the first Regt of artillery in April 1777 and that he Served five year except a few days. And that he has never received, himself or authorized any person, to Receive, in his name, the Warrant for the Land Bounty to Which he is entitled – and that he has lost, or mislaid his Dischare – and knows of none of his officer, by whom he can, now prove his Service – Given under my hand this 21st December 1819

John Adams Mayor

NOTES: "Phill Johnston" is listed as a Matross (artillery private) on the March 1780 payroll of Capt. James Pendleton's Company. Other documents in the file indicate that Johnston moved to Ripley County KY around 1824 and died 11 Jul 1835.