

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Johns S41707

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State of Kentucky Sct.

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1819 before me the undersigned one of the Circuit Judges for the Commonwealth aforesaid personally appeared Thomas Johns aged seventy-seven years resident in Harrison County in the State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following statement in order to obtain the provision made by the 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 enlisted as a private soldier in the Army of the United States in the revolutionary war in March 1776 for the term of two years. That the company in which he enlisted was commanded by Captain Samuel Cabell and composed a part of the 6<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded at that time by Colonel Buckner [Mordecai Buckner] who was afterwards as broke [October 9, 1777] for cowardice. That said Regiment belonged to the Virginia line on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said Regiment until the Colonel was broke ~~then he with a number of others of the same Regiment volunteered to serve in a company commanded by Daniel Morgan but he does not recollect to what Regiment said company belonged or whether it was at that time attached to any Regiment~~ shortly afterwards Captain Cabell's Company to which he belonged joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan in which company & Regiment he served until the end of his term of enlistment. That he does not recollect the number of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Morgan but he is satisfied that it belonged to the Virginia line on the Continental establishment. That he was at the battle of Stillwater [September 19, 1777], the battle at Saratoga [battle of the Bemis Heights, September 7, 1777] & at the taking of Burgoyne. That he was regularly discharged near Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania by General George Weedon & Colonel Parker in spring 1778 that he has lost his discharge & has no other evidence of his services now in his power except the annexed affidavit of John Kendall. That he is now very infirm and from his reduced circumstances in life and stands in need of assistance from his Country for support. Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Trimble

Also the said John Kendall came personally before me & made oath that he was well acquainted with the above mentioned Thomas Johns who was a soldier in Colonel Daniel Morgan's Regiment & knows that he started to go to Québec under the command of said Morgan but never saw him since until they both came to Kentucky, and that he has been well acquainted with him ever since.

Given under my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1819.

S/ John Trimble

Harrison Circuit Sct.

Commonwealth of Kentucky

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820 Personally appeared in Open court Thomas Johns said court being a Court of Record for said Circuit and so Declared by the law Establishing the Same said John's aged about 78 years resident in the County of Harrison and Circuit aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows to wit he Enlisted at Amherst Courthouse State of Virginia on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1776 for 2 years under Captain Samuel Cabble [sic] attached to the Sixth Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Buckner the Virginia line on Continental Establishment that he afterwards served out his whole balance of his term of 2 years under Colonel Morgan and was Discharged in Pennsylvania in March 1778 that during his service he was in the Battles of Stillwater at the taking of Burgoyne, Battle of White Marsh [December 5-8, 1777], Trenton [December 26, 1776] and Princeton [January 3, 1777] he further made oath that his Original Declaration as he believes bears date the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1819 in his certificate is numbered 15698

Schedule

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. I have no Estate real or Personal except a horse old saddle and bridle worth not more than thirty-five dollars my Occupation is that of a farmer and I am unable to support myself by labor I have no family and am not a housekeeper. Given under my hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820.

S/ Thomas Johns<sup>1</sup>

[p 14: On June 15, 1824 in Clermont County of Ohio, the veteran gave testimony that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company of Captain Samuel Cabble in the Regiment of Daniel Morgan; that he has lately removed from his former residence to the state of Ohio where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be paid in the future in the Ohio agency. He signed this application with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1819 for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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<sup>1</sup> This document does not bear the actual signature of the veteran since it is a certified copy made by the clerk of court of Harrison County Kentucky.