

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Higgason S4370

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State of Tennessee Sumner County: SS

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Samuel Higgason a resident citizen of Sumner County State of Tennessee aged Eighty-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 –

That he was drafted as a militia man into the service of his country in the spring of the year 1776, the month he does not now recollect, for the term of three months that he rendezvoused at Richmond Virginia and was commanded by Captain Benjamin Timberlake of Louisa County and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Dabney of Hanover County Virginia – That he marched from Richmond to James town and from there to Williamsburg where he remained some time – he was then marched back to Richmond his term of service having expired he was honorably discharged – his discharge was signed by Colonel Dabney he has lost or destroyed it many years since – he was again called into Service as a militia man sometime in the fall of the year 1777 – dates he cannot now recollect and acted as a guard to guard the prisoners confined at Albemarle Barracks how long he remained in this service [he] does not now recollect he believes more than two years while in this service he was commanded by Captain Benjamin Timberlake and Captain \_\_\_ Fox and was attached to Colonel Harvey's Regiment of Virginia militia – whilst at the Barracks he believes in the Last of the year 1780 – after obtaining leave of his officers he enlisted for the term of one year as an artificer – that he was marched from Albemarle to Richmond and there continued to do duty as an artificer making Coffins & mending Wagons & Carts &c for the use of the Army until sometime after the defeat of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] when his term of service expired and he was discharged at Richmond Virginia – his discharge from this service was signed by Captain Martin Hawkins he has lost it – that he always served as a private Soldier – that he has no written evidence of his services as a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, but has the direct proof of Richard Jonson [sic Richard Johnson] to a part of his Services. That he was born in Hanover County State of Virginia in the year 1743, that he has no record of his age in this State – That he lived in Louisa County Virginia when he entered the service that he remained in Louisa County Virginia for several years after the close of the War – he moved from thence to Sumner County State of Tennessee where he now resides and has lived for the last 30 years – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and Open Court  
August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1832  
S/ A. H. Douglass, Clerk

S/ Saml. Higgason

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Saml Higgason". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

State of Tennessee Sumner County

I do hereby certify that I was personally acquainted with Samuel Higgason whose name appears to the above declaration for a pension during the Revolutionary War and do state that I know of my own personal knowledge that he did serve the term of one year under Captain Martin Hawkins as he has stated in his Declaration and I have known him well ever since and believe him to be entitled to credit.

S/Richard Johnson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Johnson". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

[Richard Johnson, a clergyman, John Patterson Jr., and Thomas Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]