

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Johnson S5641

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State of Indiana Parke County

On this 12th day of February in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Joseph Batts [?] Probate Judge in and for the County of Parke and State aforesaid the same being a Court of Record now sitting David Johnson a resident of Union Township County of Parke aforesaid aged sixty-nine years four months and twenty-six days who being 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 7th 1832. – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated "to wit" that sometime in the month of May 1780 in the Western part of the State of Pennsylvania on the waters of what was called the Ten Mile Creek he volunteered under Captain John Miller Lieutenant Abel Cook, Ensign Henry Dickerson, Colonel David Williamson, they formed into a company at one John Dilley house and there we built a Block house and staid there about two weeks and then we went to a place called Lindley's Fort a distance of four miles from Dilley Blockhouse from Lindley's Fort we went to Atkinson's Fort then we scouted one to another and on what was called the waters of Wheeling and the heads of the Shirtee [?] and Sund [?]¹ in keeping stations and in scouting in all six months and five days. And in June 1781 he started with the said Captain John Miller, Ensign Henry Dickerson, Colonel David Williamson on another tour of scouting from Lindley's Fort to Atkinson's Fort and on to Wheeling Fort being in all two months in the said scouting expedition, he further says that he frequently served in common with one of his brothers under Captain Brady [?]² whenever the exigencies of the time required, and that it is impossible for him to fix dates and times in said expeditions. And he further says he was frequently employed in carrying expresses from one of the above forts to another – and he further says in June 1781 or June 1782 he volunteered in what was called Crawford's Defeat,³ was out in said campaign under Crawford [William Crawford] thirty-one days. He has no documentary Evidence of his services as he received no written discharges, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his service, And he made the following statements to the questions propounded to him by the Court "to wit" That he was born on the 17th day of

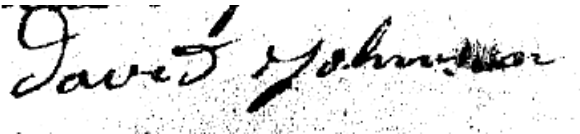
¹ Shirtee on Sund

² Brady

³ Also called the Battle of Sandusky, June 4-6, 1782 fought on the Sandusky River in Ohio County

September 1763 in the County of Morris State of New Jersey, he has no record of his age: he was living in the Western part of the state of Pennsylvania on the waters of the Monongahela more immediately on the waters of Ten Mile Creek in what is now called Washington County when he first went into the service, he has lived since the Revolutionary [war] in the State of Ohio and from there to the State of Indiana where he now resides, he cannot state the names of any other officers as there was none other than those mentioned by him in the tour of spying in which he was engaged, nor can he state any other circumstances of his services than those stated above, a great many facts have long since been obliterated from his memory, he states that the persons names to whom he is known in his neighborhood are Charles Newgent, Laban Ellis, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution. 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 that he knows of.

S/ David Johnson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Johnson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

[Laban Ellis and Charles Nugent gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: in April 1845 the veteran lived in Knox County Ohio with his son Levi; in September 1845 he lived in Brooke County Virginia with his son Amos.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30.56 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and 5 days in the Virginia militia.]