

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Johnson S7085

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State of No. Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions Aug. Co. AD. 1833
Warren County }

On this 29th day of August A.D. 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County & State aforesaid now sitting – Joseph Johnson of the County of Halifax No. Carolina, aged Sixty nine years who being first duly sworn according to Law, makes on his oath the following amended declaration (the one heretofore made having been returned for informality) in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 –

Declarant states that he was born in the County of Bute (now Warren) in the year 1763 as he believes altho' he has no means of ascertaining the fact save by reference to a record of his sister's age. He was drafted in the militia service on the 10th day of Feb'y 1781 on a Tour of Three months – as to the time he was drafted he states it to the best of his belief – but he has no doubt it is accurate because it is confirmed to the very day by Frank Riggan [pension application S9054] whose affidavit is hereunto annexed – and who together with Frederick Shearin [S7495] whose affidavit is also annexed – was drafted and served out their Tours with this Declarant. We marched first to Harrisburg Granville Co. N.C. thence by Oxford to Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough] – thence to the High Rock Ford [in Rockingham County] on Haw River – Thence to Guilford C. House N.C. where we met the enemy and an engagement ensued [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781]. His officers names as well as recollected – following. Capt. Jordan Harris – Col. Herbert Haines [sic: Herbert Haynes] and Gen'l. Thomas Eaton. After the Battle of Guilford we were ordered to rendezvous at the [Troublesome] Iron Works from which place we marched to Ramsey's Mills on Deep River. The enemy had some time before passed over on a temporary bridge made of rails or riders From Ramseys mills we were marched to a place called Abernathy, near Wake C. House near Raleigh. here we were discharged on the 10th May 1781 – our Three months having expired. Within a few days after his return from the service as above he volunteered on a Tour of three months under one Capt. John Colclough of Warren Co. – John Benton Lieut. & James Powell Ensign. he was marched to Halifax N.Ca and was kept there guarding the Magazine until his time expired. he went to Halifax in July 1781 & was disch'd in October of that year.

As soon as he was discharged he immediately volunteered on another Tour of Three months. this was in Octo'r 1781 under one Capt. Joel Sherarrd[sic: Joel Sherrod or Joel Sherrard] of No Hampton Co. [sic: Northampton County] N.C. Under Capt. Sherwood he was first marched to Tarboro NC. from thence to Johnson [sic: Johnston] C. House N.C. – thence to Fayetteville – then called Cross Creek – thence to Wilmington where we joined the forces of Gen'l. [Griffith] Rutherford & Gen'l. [John] Butler. Cornwallis was taken at York sometime before this [Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781] – but the enemy still infested this part of N.C. & the Tories were very troublesome. he was disch'd early in Jan'y 1782 at Buford's Bridge near Wilmington – peace being made & his time having expired. Thus making in all Three Tours of Three months each. He knows of no person by whom he can prove these last Tours & his discharges have been lost. In all his Tours he served as a private soldier. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension list in any State or Agency whatever. Sworn & subscribed in open Court.

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