

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Johnson S8766

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State of Virginia:

At a Court held for Albemarle County, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1832

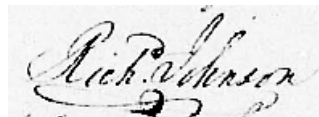
On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Albemarle now sitting – Richard Johnson a resident of said County & State aged seventy years last April – who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born in the County of Hanover, State of Virginia and lived there until he was nine or ten years old, when he removed to the County of Albemarle & State aforesaid, where he has resided ever since. – That in the spring of 1781 about the month of June he was drafted in the Virginia militia for a two months tour & marched from the said County of Albemarle under Captain Bennett Henderson he forgets the names of the other officers under whom he marched. He marched and joined the Army under the Marquis Lafayette near a place called Negro Fort in Hanover County. Soon after joining the Army he was commanded by Captain Mack Leake Captain Henderson having returned home – the names of his other company officers he does not recollect. He was attached to the first Regiment of militia under Colonel Reuben Lindsay – he continued in the Army under Lafayette, through what is known as the Wild Goose Chase – and the troops under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] joined them at a place called Boswell's Ordinary in Louisa County Virginia – The route of the Army was from Hanover where he joined it, towards the Rappahannock & across the Rapidan River at the Raccoon Ford & then returned through Orange and Louisa Counties on towards Myahunk Creek [Mechunk Creek]– thence down the country near Williamsburg, and after the battle at James Town marched up to Marvin Hills [Malvern Hills], where he was discharged, he served two months, the time of the Tours being for two months in the Militia Service. – He was again drafted in the Militia during the month of September 1781 & marched under Captain Benjamin Harris, from the County of Albemarle & rendezvoused at Williamsburg at the Old Magazine, and marched from thence in a short time to the town of York, where Cornwallis was besieged, after the commencement of the siege he was one of the body of two hundred fifty Troops marched to Trevill's landing on James River to unload some vessels with Washington's troops & provisions, equipment &c he was stationed at that place during the Siege 8 miles from Yorktown. He again joined his own Company at the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], and was then marched as one of the guard to the prisoners from York to Winchester, under Captain Benjamin Harris – Commanded by Major Jones – before getting to Winchester he was taken sick and in consequence of which

was discharged and came home – He served four months these Tours – he recollects the names of General Lawson [Robert Lawson] & General Mathews, his inferior officers were frequently changed & he does not remember their names well enough to swear to them – for proof of the services of the 2 first tours, I refer to the declaration of Charles Huckstep<sup>1</sup> of Albemarle Virginia who was with me.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Rich'd Johnson



1. Where & in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Hanover County Virginia 1762

2. Have you any record of your age & if so, where is it?

Ans. I had a record of my age but it is destroyed.

3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, & where do you now live?

Ans. When called into service I lived in Albemarle County Virginia, where I continued to live since the Revolution & where I now live.

4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute? & if a substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was drafted.

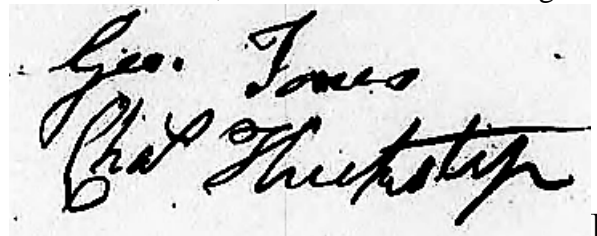
5<sup>th</sup>. State the names of some of the regular officer who were with the troops where you served; such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect and the General Circumstances of your service?.

Ans. I don't recollect more than I have stated in my declaration.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service; & if so, by whom was it given & what has become of it?

Ans. I received a discharge for the last tour from Major Jones – which is lost or mislaid.

[p 11: On August 12, 1833, George Jones, a clergyman, and Charles Huckstep gave the standard supporting affidavit. At the end of the affidavit the following appears: "the said Huckstep having served with him, the said Johnson & being discharged at the same time."



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1841, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]

[Note: This man did not qualify for a pension under the 1832 Act since he does not claim to have served the required 6 months. After transcribing more than 12,200 pension applications, this is

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S9596

the first instance I have encountered of the Commissioner of Pensions having misread the application and wrongly granted a pension. From the summary of the application appearing in the file, it is clear the reviewer read the veteran as saying he served 4 months in his last tour when in fact the veteran says he served 4 months total in both tours. Will Graves]