

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Enos Johnson<sup>1</sup> W11959

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: August Sessions 1832

On this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County now sitting Enos Johnson a resident citizen of said County aged 77 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated, (viz.) That he enlisted in the service of the United States in the year 1777 in the month of September in Montgomery County Virginia under Captain Richard May for the term of one year, which term he served and one month longer, which month he remained in order to obtain company to return with. In a few days after he enlisted the company marched to Kentucky against the Indians and he was discharged in Kentucky. He was in a skirmish with the Indians at the Flat Lick during said service. The company in which he served was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Bowman whose Christian name he believes was Jacob. He further states that he obtained a discharge which Captain May gave him but the same is lost and cannot now be produced.

He further states that in February or March after he was discharged he enlisted under Captain Thomas Maston [also spelled Thomas Mastin] in Montgomery County Virginia to go the Chickamauga Campaign and went and served the campaign under Colonel Evan Shelby, he was in many skirmishes in the campaign but in no regular battle and was out about 4 months on that tour of duty.

He further states that he enlisted after the last Campaign ended under Captain Maston to guard the frontiers of Virginia and served about a year under Captain Maston under that enlistment during which service he was frequently out as a spy and he was stationed during that service at the Rye Cove, Blackmore's, Glenn hollow, Whitton Station, Wm Wynn's Station & Burke's garden Station.

He further states that after the termination of the last mentioned campaign he enlisted under Captain Maxwell again to guard the frontiers and was much at the same stations and served more than a year during which time he kept guarding the frontier and acting as a Spy. He further states he believes his service during the Revolutionary War was fully four years in the manner he has before stated. He received two written discharges one from Captain May, the

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other from Captain Mastin, both of which discharges are lost or so mislaid that he cannot produce them and he has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any person in this country by whom he can prove his service If in fact any person be living who could testify to it.

He further states that he attempted to get a pension under the former law and gave his discharge to General Peter Parsons to draw his declaration which discharge by some means was lost and he has never since seen it, the discharge was given him by Captain Richard May. That is a minister of the Gospel the Reverend Francis Winstead living near him but he cannot now procure his certificate because he lives a considerable distance from this and he cannot bring him before Court will adjourn.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. And he has no other proof of service but the annexed affidavit.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ W. B. Mitchell, D. Clk

S/ Enos Johnson, X his mark

[p 58: Peter Parsons gave an affidavit confirming that the veteran applied to him in 1824 to prepare a petition for a pension and gave him a discharge which is now lost.]

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The supplemental Statement of Venus Johnson made on oath taken in due form of law the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 before me Cleon Moore a Justice of the peace for the County of Hawkins in order to obtain the provisions of the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

This declarant states that he was born in Charles County in the State of Maryland and he with his father moved to Montgomery County Virginia at the age of between eight and ten years as he has been informed and believes and he resided in Montgomery County aforesaid until he entered the service in the year 1777 in the months of March or April but which month he cannot now say. After the war he lived in Virginia a short time and then moved to Tennessee on Holston River and lived there and in Hawkins County where he now lives ever since which is more than forty years he was born in the year 1754 and he has not any record of his age and only states his age from recollection as he has not the family Register and does not know where it is if indeed it be in existence. He entered the service in March or April in the year 1777 for three months and which three months he did not state in his former declaration because it was not esteemed material as it was believed there was length of service without that to suffice This service was voluntary and was under Captain Thomas Masten which three months he served out against the Indians.

In the month of September he enlisted under Captain Richard May for one year and served out the time and one month longer as he has stated in his original declaration.

He states that in March 1779 he enlisted and went the Chicky-Maggee [Chickamauga] what Campaign under Captain Thomas Maston Colonel Shelby and served on that campaign four months.

After the Chicky Maggee campaign before stated he enlisted under Captain Maston which was in the latter of July as he believes of the year 1779 and served out a year under that enlistment but cannot from loss of memory and age and infirmity state the precise length of time and in that service he was principally employed as a spy as he has stated in his former declaration.

After the termination of the last service he again enlisted under Captain Maxwell to guard

the frontiers which was in the year 1780 in the summer or fall but he cannot state the month. He then enlisted for a year and served out the time and he served during the revolutionary war between three and four years and has no hesitation in stating that his service in all amounted to three years.

There is not any person that he knows of who can prove his service as he does not know that anyone who served with him is now living.

S/ Ennis Johnson, X his mark

[p 5: On June 5, 1854 in Hawkins County Tennessee, Lavina Johnson, 67, filed for a widow's pension under the 1858 act stating that she is the widow of Enos Johnson, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she married him July 29, 1806; that her husband died in Hawkins County Tennessee June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836. She signed her application with her mark.]

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Family record

Susannah Johnson a daughter of Ennis Johnson and Sary Johnson his Wife was born December 27<sup>th</sup> 1781

Mary Johnson a daughter of Enos Johnson and Sary Johnson his wife was born Gere. [sic?] 24, 1783

Ann Johnson a daughter of Enos Johnson & Sary his wife was born September 1<sup>st</sup> 1784

Rebecker a Daughter of his Johnson and Sary Johnson his wife was born March 1<sup>st</sup> 1786

Rachel Johnson a daughter of Ennis Johnson and Sary Johnson his wife was born October 1<sup>st</sup> 1787

Rhoda Johnson daughter of Enos Johnson and Sarah his wife was born June 27<sup>th</sup> day 1789

Kensey Johnson son of his Johnson and Sarah his wife was born December the 1 1792

William Johnston [sic] was born October 11<sup>th</sup> 1793

Ellet Johnson son of Ennis Johnson and Sarah his wife was born November the 17<sup>th</sup> 1795

Noble Washington Johnson son of Enos Johnson & Levine year Johnson his wife born 13<sup>th</sup> of July 1825

Jame [sic] Johnson was born June 8<sup>th</sup> Day 1800

Janney John was born April 24<sup>th</sup> Day 1802

John Johnson was born February 18 day 1806

Betty Johnson was born July 11<sup>th</sup> day 1807

Lucy Johnson was born 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 1808

Pleasant Miller Johnson son of Ennis Johnson and levony [sic] his wife was born November 21 1810

Levina Johnson was born October 4<sup>th</sup> day 1812

Hester Johnson was born October the 14<sup>th</sup> 1814

Wila B. Johnson was born October 14<sup>th</sup> 1816

fare Ciney [sic sic] Johnson was born the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 1818

Dicey Johnson was born the 28<sup>th</sup> of December 1820

Anna Johnson was born 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1823

[p 14: On May 12, 1856 in Hawkins County Tennessee, the widow, 70, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Enos Johnson; she states that she married him in Jefferson County Tennessee about the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 1806; that they were married by Dudley Cox, JP; that her

name prior to her marriage was "Lovina Helton". She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: On May 12, 1856 in Hawkins County Tennessee, William Wilder and John Helton gave testimony in support of the widows claim for her bounty land. The relationship, if any, of John Hilton to the widow is not stated.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Helton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a closing bracket.

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[p 42: The widow lived long enough to file on February 7, 1866 in Hancock County Tennessee for the reinstatement of her pension benefit as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner. On that date, she stated her age was 84.]

[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. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]