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Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Samuel Johnson VAS1246 Transcribed by Will Graves

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[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

And I do hereby certify that the bearer Samuel Johnston Senior as a Sergeant of Captain Mathew Arbucks [Matthew Arbuckle's] Compy [company] of the 12th Virginia Regiment was discharged October 10th, 1778 and from the best information I firmly believe he served one year in said Arbucks Compy immediately preceding the aforesaid two years.

Given under my hand this 11th day of October 1799

S/Wm McKee late Capt. 12th Virga. Regt. [William McKee]

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State of Kentucky Madison County Sct.

Personally appeared before me Robert [last name too faint to discern] one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid John Galloway who made oath that he was Second Lieutenant in Captain Matthew Arbuckle's Company and that Samuel Johnson was a Sergeant in the said Company and acted in that capacity and that he served for 3 years (but this deponent is not positive that said Johnson acted the whole of the term of 3 years as a Sergeant) and he the said deponent further saith that he believes the said Johnson was discharged a Sergeant at the expiration of the said term, and to the best recollection of this deponent the service was in the year 1776, 1777 & 1778.

Given under my hand and seal this 8th day of September 1808 S/ Robt. [illegible last name], JP [Note: from the file of Samuel Johnson, Drum Major]

A military Land Bounty warrant of 200 acres issued 8th January 1810 to Samuel Johnson a Sergeant of the Continental line for three years service upon a certificate from the Executive dated 14 December 1809 which said Johnson as appears from his power of attorney to Robert Gamble filed as a voucher was then a resident of Kentucky.

S/ Thomas Miller, Clerk

25 November 1820