Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Johnson R5628 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Virginia Mecklenburg County

On the 15th day of January 1841 personally appeared before me Samuel Daly a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid James Johnson a resident of Mecklenburg County State of Virginia aged seventy-six 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 June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States about the 9th or 10th of January 1781 under the command of Captain Josiah Daly and after one week's march was transferred into Captain __ Davis's Company and remained under his command the balance of the three months the above named Captain Davis belonged to Colonel Alexander Dicks's Regiment subject to the command of Generals Lafayette – Muhlenberg and Lewis that he marched to Suffolk in Virginia and remained there a part of the time. Then he was marched from thence to the Mud camps that he was marched from thence near to a River called Black water he believes in the County of Isle of Wight and there discharged about the 7th or 10th of April 1781 he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity but the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State he has no documentary evidence of his Service having lost his discharge for the tower [tour] of duty he served. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Johnson

State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

Personally came Howell Johnson¹ before me this day being of the State and District aforesaid and after being duly sworn deposeth that James Johnson who is said to live in Macklingburgh [Mecklenburg] County of the State of Virginia served three months with him the said Howell Johnson in the old Revolutionary War In the Winter & Spring of the year 1781 that they was marched from home under Captain Josiah Daily – and after one week's march fell into Captain Davises Company & remained under him the Balance of the three months. The above named Captain __ Davis belonged to Colonel Alexander Dick's Regiment – Subject to the command of Generals Lafayette – Mulenburgh [Peter Muhlenberg] & Lewis [probably Andrew Lewis]. The above Services was rendered mostly on the line of march. We was stationed a small

¹ Probably the same man as **Howell Johnson W4468**

part of our time in a little Town called Suffolk & part of our time at Mud Camps and part of the time near Portsmouth – and the said James Johnson was discharged with himself the said Howell about the 9th or 10th of April – at which time they were on a River called Black Water. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 16th of November 1840

S/R. C. Poole, J. Q. Ex. Off.

S/ Howell Johnson

Howel Johnson

[Note: This veteran would not have qualified for a pension from the federal government because he does not allege that he served the minimum of six months active duty required under the terms of the pension act of 1832.]