

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Knight S1992

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State Tennessee Smith County Court August Term 1832

On this 28 day of August 1832, personally appeared in open court, before John Chambers, Solomon C. Gibow[?], Wm C. Garrison Justices of said court now sitting, John Knight, a resident of said County of Smith & State aforesaid aged Seventy-two 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 as a volunteer in the year 1778; that he was then a citizen of Granville County & State of North Carolina; that he was first attached to Captain Richard Taylor's company and afterwards to Captain William Gill's company; the field officers of the Regiment was Colonel Matthew Lock [Matthew Locke], Major Hugh Brevard & Major McCall or McCawly; the company rendezvoused at Granville Court House, and marched from thence through Person & Caswell counties; applicant served five months on this tour or upwards; never received a written discharge that he now recollects of, if he did it is either lost or mislaid so that he cannot now be found; applicant served in this tour in the same Regiment with Philip Day¹ and William Jones,² both of whom are now living and all residents of Smith County, and no doubt will testify to my service as above stated.

Applicant also served a tour of three months as a volunteer shortly after the one of five months as above stated; that he resided in Granville County North Carolina at the time of entering the service on that tour also; That he was attached to Captain John Henderson's company, and belonged to the Regiment commanded as well as now recollected by Colonel Malmedy [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne]; that he was in no engagement during this service, and was not out of the State of North Carolina during this tour as well as he now recollects; has no recollection of having received any written discharge, if he did it is either lost or mislaid -- has no written evidence whatever of services during the revolutionary war nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove this service of three months as above stated.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

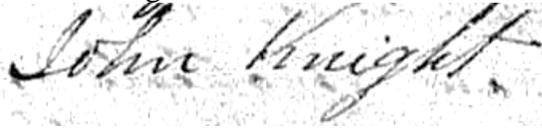
Sworn to, and subscribed, the day & year aforesaid.

S/ J. Pickett, Clerk

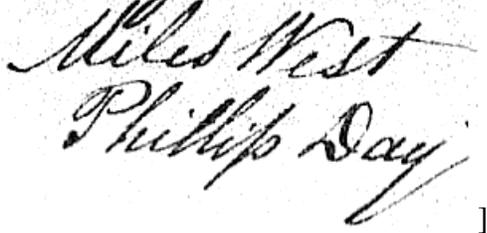
¹ [Philip Day W915](#)

² [William Jones S4442](#)

S/ John Knight



[Miles West, a clergyman, and Philip Day gave the standard supporting affidavit.



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State of Tennessee Smith County:

This day being the __ day of August 1832 William Jones & Philip Day both citizens of said County personally appeared in and before the Justices of the said County court and being first duly sworn according to law, states that they was in the Service of the United States with John Knight in the five months tour spoken of in the within declaration made & sworn to by said Knight; and that from their acquaintance with said Knight have no hesitation in certifying that they believe said night served the whole of the time stated in his declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

[This affidavit bears no signature by either of the affiants]

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Carthage Tennessee
4th July 1838

Dear Sir

Mr. John Knight a Pensioner living in this County has frequently told me of the injustice that was done him in making out his declaration. He thinks that he stated only six months as the amount of his Service being told at the time that Six months would get him the Same Pension that twelve months would. Under this mistake he conceives himself injured in this that he served in all more than fifteen months and was misinformed about the necessity of Stating the Particulars of each tour of Service. He states the following tours of Service

1st a tour of Six months under Captains Richard Taylor and Pleasant Henderson and William Gill Lieutenant William Knight Ensign Barnet Pulliam

2nd tour was under Captain John Henderson of Colonel Malmedy's Regiment, this tour he served three months, this was during the Spring when the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] was fought.

3rd tour of three months at Georgetown in South Carolina shortly after General Marion [Francis Marion] had made an impression on that place.

4th tour was under General Marion near Moncks Corner and at Manega's plantation [sic, probably Manigault's Plantation] of three months.

5th tour of two months at the same place last mentioned during this time the British evacuated Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina was evacuated by the British in December, 1782].

You will be pleased to refer to his papers and see which of the before mentioned tours was admitted and on which he received his Pension of \$26 his present Pension and designate

those he did not mention so that he can prove up the balance of the tours of Service due him and thereby get his full increase of the Pension he is entitled to and Suggest the plan he is to pursue in order to get such arrears as may be due him.

With great Respect
I am &c yours &c
S/ A. Fergusson

James L. Edwards Esqr.
Commissioner of Pensions
Washington City

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia.]