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Virginia documents pertaining to William Smith VAS1926
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[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Culpeper County]

To the honorable the Speaker & House of Delegates
The Petition of William Smith of the County of Culpeper humbly sheweth, That being in the service as a Militia man from the said County at the seige of York in the year 1781 he was ordered with others to drive some Beeves for the use of the Troops; that in the execution of that duty, he received a wound from one of the Beeves that had nearly deprived him of Life, and has almost deprived him of his sight. He therefore humbly prays the honorable the House for such relief and assistance as they may think right & proper

Culpeper Sct.

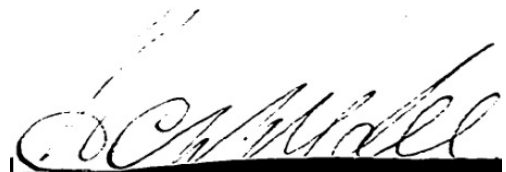
Joel Underwood & Joel Caper made Oath before me that some time in the fall of the year 1781 during the Seige of York they with William Smith in discharging a Militia Tour was Order'd to Assist in driving some Beeves for the use of the Troops at york some of them was very [undeciphered word] & sullen & upon William Smith going to them they Run at him bore him down & appearantly hurt him very much he made very great complaint & soon after Complain'd of being blind & does to the day Certified under my hand this 25th day of Sept. 1791 Jas. Barbour

[The following are from [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

[Parts missing from the online image are inferred in brackets.]

I do with the [ad]vice of Council hereby certify, that William Smith, who was a priva[te] in the troops of this Commonwealth during the late War, in the [missing word] of which he received wounds which render him unable to supp[ort] himself by labour, is put on the list of Pensioners with an allowance of ten pounds yearly, commencing the first day of January One thousand seven hundred and ninety two, pursuant to an Ac[t] of the General Assembly passed the 15th day of December 1791.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at R[ich]mond this 19th day of October 1792. [Henry Lee]
Sam Coleman



Culpeper County towit April Court 1792

William Madison Gent came into Court and made Oath That William Smith who has a pension allowed of ten Pounds is an inhabitant of this County Which is ordered to be Certified
Teste John Jameson Clerk [undeciphered word]

Rec'd of Edmund Gaines [undeciphered word] Sheff [Sheriff] of Culpeper County Twenty Pounds in full of the Within Warrant Given Under my hand this 18th Day of Jany 1794

Test. William Smith [undeciphered suffix]
[signed] William Smith Snr



[The pension file contains many items similar to the above. The last annual renewal of the pension was dated 5 Jan 1803. Some of the receipts were witnessed by William Smith, Jr. or by Downin Smith as Justice of the Peace.