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Virginia documents pertaining to John Smartt VAS1941  
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To The honourable the Legislature of Virginia

The undersigned respectfully sheweth that he was a Soldier of The Revolution & served under Various Captains during that momentous period Most of whom have been swept off by the ravages of time. The undersigned first enlisted under Captain Peter Epps on Continental Establishment [sic: Peter Eppes, pension application S8424; see endnote] & afterwards was transfered to Captain Edward Pegram (now Dead) & towards the Close of the War under Captain Nicolas (also dead) your Petitioner was ingaged In the struggle at Petersburg In this State [probably the Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781]. Also was a Soldier when General Gates was defeated in North Caralina [sic: defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden, South Carolina, 16 Aug 1780] & under that Commander; In fact He served during the War either on Continental or State Establishment; & old age having ovettaken him & seeing His Country prosperous & happy In part the Work of His hands & being entirely deprived of the Greatest Blessing His Eye Sight, which He could have enjoyed In this life & being In Very Reduced Circumstances with A Schedule of His property hereunto annexed, He can flatter Himself that the legislature of His Native State will grant Him some relief & not suffer the furrowed cheeks of an old Soldier of the revolution to wither; & finally grow cold form want of the necessaries to sustain life & as In duty bound your Petitioner will ever pray [28 Nov 1821] John Smartt

A Schedule of John Smartts Estate.

Now In his possession the property of his Son

1 Horse worth. . . . .	\$10.00
4 Head of Cattle. . . .	\$25.00
10 Head of Hogs. . . . .	15.00
2 old Beds. . . . .	20.00
1 Cart. . . . .	<u>10.00</u>
	\$70.00 [sic]

His Family

John Smartt aged 74 year

His Wife Mary Smartt 50

His two Daughters aged each about from 16 years to 20 years

Dec'r 10<sup>th</sup> 1821 ref'd to Claims/ to lie Dec'r 18<sup>th</sup>/ Reasonable Jan'y 7<sup>th</sup> 1822/ Reported Jan'y 8<sup>th</sup>

NOTE: In his pension application Peter Eppes stated that he was an officer only in the militia service.