

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition relating to Charles Smith & Joshua Smith VAS1945

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Louisa County legislative petitions

To the Honourable the Speaker and House of Delegates for the Commonwealth of Virginia

The petition of James Smith of the County of Louisa Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner having Three sons in the Regular Service of the United States Two of them were taken sick with a fever that raged among the Soldiers in the lower parts of this State, and having obtained leave to come up the Country to endeavor to recover their health by a change of air and the assistance of their Friends and relations – And from a natural expectation of greater kindness From their Parents came to your Petitioner's House one on August the 16th 1776 and there continued till the 3rd day of June 1777 after which time he marched to join his Regiment – The other came on the 7th day of September and remained till June 3rd 1777 after which time he joined his Regiment. – That during the greatest part of the time they continued at his house they were very sick and weak which occasioned your Petitioner much trouble, loss of time, expense in nursing them and riding about to procure Medicines, for them, as well as necessaries for such sick Persons: That your petitioner and his Wife being rendered infirm by old age and having no person that they can command to labour for them are in very low circumstances and in great need of assistance and therefore humbly hope that this Honorable House will take their petition under their consideration and that they will make them such allowance for their services as to them shall seem reasonable.

And your Petitioner as in Duty Bound will pray

[Reverse]

S/ Saml Ragland

S/ John Ragland

Petition of James Smith

December 8

Referred to Claims

reasonable

Allowed

£4 for medicine &

allowed for Rations 10/Day

for each

£4

12.3.4

11.5

£27.8.4 Allowance

Joshua & Charles Smith Soldiers when sick at their
Father's James Smith
To Attendance & Medicine during their Sickness
(attendance at different times 10 days & nights)

Dr to J. Lewis

£1.16.3

Medicines furnished by Mourning Parke
viz. 8 Blisters – 11 Doses Camphor with Nife [?]
Rhubarb 7/6
1 1/2 Ounce Bark

0.7.6

Furnished by James Smith
Viz. 1 Battle of Wine
Sugar, Diet & Nursing &c.....

I hereby certify that the above Account of Medicines furnished & provided by Mourning Parke
& James Smith is true. Given under my hand the 27th of December 1777

S/ J Lewis

December 29th, 1777

I do hereby certify that James Smith came before me one of the Justices of the peace, for the
County of Louisa, and made oath, that in consequence of his two sons Charles and Joshua,
Soldiers in the Service of the American States being sick in his House one of them from the 16th
Day of August 1776 until the 3rd Day of June 1777. The other from the 7th Day of September
1776 until the 3rd Day of June 1777 lost his Crop of Tobacco – near 1000 [unknown symbol]¹:
and sustained other considerable loss, the amount of which he is not able to ascertain

S/ John [?] Garland

¹ 1000 lbs