

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Austin Smith, John Smith, and Major Smith VAS4529  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Smith, Austin.]

State of Virg'a Louisa County towit

This day personally came before me a justice of the peace in & for the County afs'd John Smith a resident of s'd county aged 67 yrs & upwards and being first duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith that he was born & raised in the county of Essex & that he well recollects that John Smith – Austin Smith & Major Smith who were citizens of s'd County of Essex did enlist in the regular Army in the revolutionary war; at the same time that Elija Moody [Elijah Moody VAS4031] who is [a co]nnection[?] of affiant did, which was early in the war. That after the period of their enlistment was over they also enlisted for the war. The s'd Austin and Major Smith died in the Army. The s'd John Smith was taken prisoner to the south & returned home after the close of the war. s'd aff't further states that he has always understood that s'd Smiths were faithful soldiers. Aff't further states that Stephen Smith was a brother of s'd Smiths above named, and married a miss Dunn of s'd County of Essex being a daughter of old Henry Dunn. The s'd John – Major & Austin Smith were never married. And further aff't saith not. Given under my hand & seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 1834. Jno Graves J.P.

State of Virg'a Louisa County to wit

This day personally came before me a justice of the peace in & for the county afs'd William Smith of the county of aford aged 63 yrs & upwards & being duly sworn according to Law deposeth & saith that he was born & raised in the County of Essex and that he had a connexion one Elija Moody of that County who was in the war of the Revolution and that about the time that he entered the Army that Austin Smith – Major Smith & John Smith of s'd County also became soldiers in the regular Army as affiant has always heard & believe. That they were of that County. That those persons the s'd Austin & Major Smith died in the service and the s'd John Smith returned home after the close of the close of the war.

And further affiant saith not. Given under my hand & seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 1834.  
Jno Graves J.P.

State of Virg'a Essex County to wit.

This day personally came before me a justice of the peace in & for the county afors'd Carter Croxton [S9250] a citizen of s'd county aged 73 yrs & upwards and being first duly sworn deposeth & saith. That he was a regular soldier in the Revolution & was in the State Artillery and that he knew one John Smith – also Austin Smith & Major Smith who were residents of the same county in which affiant lived & that they each of them enlisted first for a certain period & afterwards for the war. Affiant knew s'd Smiths very well being raised within five miles of each other.

and further he saith not. Given under my hand & seal this 30<sup>th</sup> June 1834.

James Temple J.P.

The above named aff't further states in addition to the above affidavit that the above named John Major and Austin Smith were soldiers in the Virg'a Contl Line and he further states that he never heard of either of them receiving their bounty land and thinks if either of them had so rec'd he should have heard of it. And further he saith not. Sworn to before me. Given under my hand & seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 1834.

James Temple JP

To his Excellency the Governor of Virginia

Your memorialist Thomas Harper of Essex County Guardian of James F Harper infant Son of

George Harper and Louisa dec'd formerly Louisa Smith, and the heir at Law of John, Austin and Major Smith respectfully represents, that he has been informed and believes that the said John, Austin and Major Smith enlisted as regular Soldiers in the Virginia Continental Line in the War of the Revolution for a Certain Specified period in the first instance and after having served through the same that each of them enlisted for during the war, and that the said John served to the end of the war and returned home and that the said Austin and Major Smith each died in the said Service. Your memorialist being the appointed guardian of the said James F Harper has no knowledge the service of the said Smiths besides what he has rec'd from others. He prays that the claim for land bounty of said Soldier may be refered for examination and that the records may be examined and taken in proof with such other proof as may be found there to exist, in order to substantiate the said claims. He prays that the land bounty usually allowed in Such Cases may be granted in the Case aforesaid – [undeciphered] he will ever pray &c. Thos Harper  
[Essex County, 19 Aug 1835]

To His Excellency the Governor of Va. & council

The claim of James F. Harper an infant and heir at law of John Smith – Austin Smith and Major Smith, who were soldiers in the Virg'a line in the War of the Revolution is herewith submitted for your consideration. Since the execution of the enclosed memorial I have been informed that John Smith one of the above named soldiers, and the only one who returned home did receive his Virg'a land bounty. Austin Smith and Major Smith it seems died in Service and I cannot find that either of them or their heirs rec'd land bounty. Their claims are therefore now submitted. I am respectfully yr. obt. ser't.

Thos. Hord/ 18<sup>th</sup> June 1837

1838 May 1 Major Smith and Austin Smith soldiers of the Continental line allowed bounty land for a service during the war D. Campbell [Gov. David Campbell]

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King William April 8<sup>th</sup> 1786

I do Certify that Major Smith inlisted into Capt. John Seayre's [sic: John Sayers VAS4364] Company in the 1<sup>st</sup> Virg. Reg't. in August 1776 for three years & I do farther Certify that the said Major Smith was sent to Philadelphia & there died with the Small Pox. Given under my hand date above mention.

N. Burwell [possibly Nathaniel Burwell W18681]

Gentlemen Auditors of Publick Accts for the state of Virginia

Please to grant to Jeremiah Munday the Land Warrants due to Maj'r Smith & John Smith for their services in the Continental Army & you wil Oblige your most Ob't Serv't.

14<sup>th</sup> of Aug't 1786

Jas Chamberlain

Essex County Sc.

This day James Chamberlain Came before me & acknowl'd the above Order to be given by him to the above said Jeremiah Munday for the purposes aforesaid.

as Witness my Hand the day & date above

Robt L. Waring