

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Smith VAS4556
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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files.]

I do hereby Certify that I was personally well acquainted with John Smith who was a Lieutenant in the Continental Army in the war of the Revolution, he served as a Lieut for a considerable time probably three years as I do well remember to have often seeing him dressed in his Regimentals. The said Lieut John Smith was killed in 1780 or 81 by the Enemys foraging parties while in Active Service

Lousa Simms the Wife of William D. Simms and John Smith of Elizabeth City County are the Niece and Nephew of the aforesaid Lieut John Smith and the only heirs at Law now known to be Living, and further I do certify that the said Lieut John Smith died unmarried and without Issue. Given under my hand this 22^d day of June 1837
John hisXmark Westwood

I do herby Certify that I was personally well acquainted with Leut'a John Smith who served as Leut in the Revolutionary Army on State or continental Establishment That he was killed in 1780 or 81 by the Enemys foraging party at the time of his death he was unmarried & without Isue. he left two Brothers William Smith the elder and Richard the younger Wm the Elder died many years since leaving two Daughters Lousa Smith now the Wife of Wm L. Simms Elizabeth Smith who was married to a Mr Chandler who are both deceased leaving one only child [blank space] Chandler now Living.
Given under my hand this 21st day of March 1838
Ann herXmark Payne

To his Excellency David Campbell Governor of Virginia [26 March 1838]

Your petitioner John Smith one of the Heirs of Lieutenant John Smith of the County of Elizabeth City and State of Virginia

Respectfully represents that the said Jno. Smith served as Lieut. of Cavalry in the Continental or State Army in the War of the Revolution he entered the regular service in 1776 or 1777 at the time that he entered the service he resided in the County of Elizabeth City Va. Your Petitioner further represents that the said Lieut. Jno. Smith Continued in the said service acting as Lieut. and Adjutant untill 1780 or 1781 at which time he was killed in an engagement with the Enemies foraging party in the County of Elizabeth City Va. Your petitioner do not speak of these facts of his own personal knowledge but from the knowledge of those who knew him personally and the Heirs of the said Lieut. Jno. Smith have never received bounty land as promised to the Officers and soldiers of the War of the Revolution He prays that his Petition with the Evidence herewith filed may receive the Consideration of your Excellency and that the Heirs may be allowed the land bounty promised &c

And your petitioner will ever pray &c
John hisXmark Smith

1838 May 4 Rejected

The Deposition of Mrs Anne Payne taken the 14th day of February in the year 1846 at the county of Elizabeth city in the State of Virginia to show the service &c of John Smith who was a Lieutenant and Adjutant in the continental line in the war of the Revolution. The Deponent Anne Payne being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith, that she was intimately acquainted with John Smith who was a Lieutenant in the Continental line in the War of the Revolution. That she knew he was a Lieutenant, and understood he acted as Adjutant, that this Deponent was at the commencement of the war of the Revolution about 12 or 13 years old. She was then a school girl and was staying at a house near the house of one John Wood in the county of Warwick that sometime during the said war (the exact time this deponent cannot now state exactly, but believes that it was in the neighbourhood of the time of the first

attack set on the town of Hampton Va in the War of the Revolution) while the said John Smith was in service and passing from one post to another, he was shot by the Enemy and expired immediately as she understood. This deponent believes he was shot in the county of Warwick, and knows that his dead body was brought to the house of John Wood in the said County of Warwick near where she was staying, that it was then shrouded she was present She saw him before he was shrouded, and he was then dressed in his uniform, and that he was shot in the head. That since his death and long since the termination of the war of the Revolution, the deponent has repeatedly seen in the presence of his family, the Cock hat and sword which he wore. That the said John Smith who was a Lieutenant as above stated left no child or wife, never having married and the nearest relation which he left were two brothers and a sister viz. William, Richard and Elizabeth Smith, that William Smith was the oldest brother and died she thinks some where about the age of 40 years, the time of his death, this deponent does not exactly recollect – he left three sons and two daughters viz: John, William, Hawkins, Elizabeth, and Louisa T. Smith. That John, William and Hawkins Smith son of William Smith (Leut deceased) died each of them never having married and leaving no children. That Elizabeth Smith daughter of the said William Smith (sen'r deceased) married Samuel Chandler and died leaving a son named John T Chandler who died about six years ago leaving no wife or child, and leaving his Aunt Louisa T. Simms his nearest relation and heir at Law her father having died before him.

That Louisa T. Smith daughter of William Smith as aforesaid married William M Simms she is now living but her husband is dead.

Anne Payne

Sept 2^d 1847. Reported in Doc. No. 31 as Lieutenant and adjutant but not entitled to Bounty Land. Now stated in the affidavit of Ann Payne that he was killed in service & he would be allowed Bounty as a Lieutenant for a service of Three Years – but the depr. [depreciation] Pay Roll shows he died after the war Rejected R. S. Daniel L. Gov. [see endnote]

NOTE: There were at least two John Smiths who served as Lieutenant and Adjutant. The one who died after the war may have been the John Smith who filed pension application R9767.