

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Joseph Smith VAS4559
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[From bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

Norfolk June 12th 1792

This Certifies that Capt Joseph Smith was of the State of Virginia in the late war & served as a Capt in Gen Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850] Brig'd in Col [Nathaniel Gist BLWt1874-500] Thos Bressie [Thomas Bressie R12763] Capt in the [undeciphered]

This Certifies that I served in the late Army of the united States from the year 1775 untill the close of the War in the 2nd Reg't of New york Artillery that for Three years I was attached to Gen'l Mulenbergs Brigade – that I was well acquainted with Capt Joseph Smith from Virginia who served in Colo Gist's Regiment in the Virginia Line untill the close of the War in Gen'l Mulenbergs Brigade and was a deserving Officer.

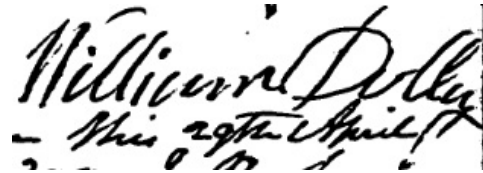
Given under my hand this 2nd da of May 1805.

Peter Nestell Capt [VAS1890]
2nd Reg't Art'ly



Norfolk April 21 1806

This Certifies that I served in the 11th Va Reg't Continental line for more than three years that I lost an Eye in the Battle of Germantown in consideration of which I receive a pension of \$60 per year from the U States (being an orderly Serg't when wounded) that he was well acquainted with with Capt Joseph Smith from Virginia, who served in Col Gists Reg't that I was at one time under him & that he served for more than three years & he believes untill the close of the war
Norfolk County Sc William Dolby [S25033]



This Certifies that I served as a private for three years in the 14th Va Reg't during the late war, that I was well acquainted with Capt Joseph Smith who served in Col Gists Rig't, and I frequently served under him and that he was from the State of Virginia and served untill the close of the war.

April 23rd 1806

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[To His Excellency Governor Cabell]

Samuel Coleman [BLWt469-200], to whom was referred by the Executive, the claim of Captain Joseph Smith for a bounty in land for his services in the Virginia Line during the Revolutionary War, has the honor to report, that in the Winter of 1777-78 he was acquainted with Captain Thomas Bressie who at that time was considered a respectable officer in the Virginia State Regiment of Artillery. S. C. believes the inclosed Certificate marked No. 1 to be the hand writing of the said Bressie.

There can be no reason to doubt the authenticity of the Certificate given by Captain Peter Nestell, who has lately been appointed a Captain of Artillery at Norfolk.

From these Certificates it may be inferred that Captain Smith is entitled to a bounty in land. It appears by a certificate of the Register of the Land Office, that he has never obtained such a bounty. It remains for the Council to decide whether he shall now obtain it.

I take no notice of the affidavits accompanying the Certificates before mentioned because I consider the Certificates themselves as completely establishing the fact sought for, the services of Captain

Smith until the end of the War in Colonel Gists regiment in General Muhlenburg's Brigade
Richmond May 30, 1806.