

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Larkin Smith BLWt2221-300

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Case of Larkin Smith – who, it appears by the Records of the Virginia Line, was in service in that line, as a Cadet and Ensign, prior to the year 1778 and received a Certificate of £432.0.0 for one & two years advanced pay, pursuant to an Act of the Virginia Assembly of November 1781, directing that pay be allowed to such Officers as have been in service prior to May 1777, and still belonged to the line of the Army.

It further appears by the records of this Department, that Larkin Smith joined the 4th Regiment Dragoons, Pennsylvania[?] Line commanded by Colonel Moylan [Stephen Moylan] and was appointed Cornet therein the 1st August 1778, and the Lieutenant in the 1st January 1779 and lastly Captain, on the 1st April 1780.

The Books in the 3rd Auditor's Office, show that Certificates for his pay for 25th November 1782, were issued to Captain Larkin Smith, upon a settlement with the accounting Officers in the year 1786. Whether he retired from the service in November 1782, as a Supernumerary Officer, or whether he resigned his Commission at that particular period are facts which do not appear in the Revolutionary Records in this Department; or on those in the office of the 3rd Auditor.

State of Virginia's

At a Court held for the Corporation of Fredericksburg on the 17th day of April 1837, satisfactory evidence was adduced in court to prove that John Hill Smith, Charles Henry Smith, Mary E. Brooks formerly Mary E. Smith and May & Mildred Henderson children of Alexander Henderson & Elisa his wife, who was the Elisa Smith all the surviving descendants, and only heirs at law in fee to Larkin Smith late a Captain in the Regiment of that Dragoons commanded, in the war of the Revolution by Colonel Stephen Moylan.

I John James Chew Clerk of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg do certify that the above evidence is taken from the record in my office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my official seal this 14th day of June 1839.

S/ J. J. Chew, CC

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Henrico County to wit

John H Smith, who has presented to the Executive of Virginia a Petition for additional Bounty Land for the services of Captain Larkin Smith deceased of the Continental line, in the war of the Revolution, this day appeared before me J G Mosby a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Henrico aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, and made oath, that he is a son and one of the

Devises of the said Larkin Smith deceased: and that Mrs. Mary E Brooke, Charles H Smith and the two infant daughters of Mrs. Eliza Henderson deceased are the only persons, who are entitled to the estate of the said Larkin Smith deceased, besides the said John H Smith.

Given under my hand this 31st day of October 1836

S/ J. G. Mosby

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I hereby certify that it appears from a List of Officers names who have received Certificates for one and two advanced pay agreeable to Act of Assembly passed the November Session 1781 That a certificate issued on the 5th of March 1782 for £432.0.0 in the name of Larkin Smith a Captain of Calvary in the Continental Line, which certificate appears to have been delivered to himself.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office at Richmond, this 27th day of October 1836

S/ Jas. E. Heath

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The Affidavit of Leonard Shackelford County of King & Queen of the State of Virginia (He being eighty years of age) a respectable Citizen and man of truth – This affiant being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith, that he was a soldier of the Revolution and was well acquainted with Larkin Smith Captain of Cavalry in the Continental line during the Revolutionary War, that he and the said Captain Larkin Smith were of the same County of King & Queen in the state aforesaid, and that he knew the said Smith from early youth till his death, that they were in service together in Captain Oliver Towles' Company for a short time, that the said Smith afterwards became Captain of Cavalry in the Northern Army, and this affiant always understood & believed (he might almost say knows) that he served to the end of the War, or was supernumerary just before its close. – Further this affiant never heard from any quarters that the said Smith resigned his Commission – And further this affiant saith not City of Richmond to wit

S/ Leonard Shackelford

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To the Executive Wynham Robertson acting Governor of Virginia

The Petition of John H Smith one of the Sons and Devises of Larkin Smith deceased respectfully represents – that the said Larkin Smith, who was a native & resident of Virginia entered the Continental service about the first October or November 1775 in the war of the Revolution, as a private in the Company of Captain Oliver Towles (who was his Father in law) in the 6th Regiment commanded by Colonel Buckner – that he was soon made a Cadet the said Regiment; afterwards Ensign & Lieutenant in the said Company & Regiment – and probably about the first of the year 1777 was commissioned Captain in Moyland's [sic] Regiment of Dragoons – that he was in active service in the said Regiment of Dragoons until November 27th, 1782 – after which time, it is believed, he was supernumerary to the end of the War.

Your Petitioner refers to the accompanying authenticated Copy of the Petition to the Congress of the United States and the evidence accompanying the same for the Commutation of five years full pay in lieu of half pay for life due for the faithful services of the said Captain Larkin Smith to the end of the War of the Revolution and prays that the same may be taken as part of this Petition.

Your Petitioner does not know the reason why his said Father did not in his lifetime apply for the additional Bounty land due him for his services; he having received only 4000 acres of land for a service of three years – But presumes, that he received his bounty of 4000 acres at so

early a period after the passage of the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, which gave the additional bounty in land, of one sixth of all former bounties for every year of service over 6 years, that he probably did not know his rights under the said Act – that he received his additional Bounty in Land before the Continental Troops were discharged, and as the war had not then ended, he could not ascertain the quantity of Land to which he was entitled – Your Petitioner presumes also, that after the end of the War his Father (the said Captain Larkin Smith) thought the additional land, to which he was entitled for his services, so small in quantity & value as to be hardly worth the trouble of applying for it. Since the death of the said Captain Smith, no application has been made for the additional bounty land due him, because his Children and Devisees were ignorant until about two years ago of their rights, and since that time one of them – to wit – your Petitioner would not suffer a Petition to be presented for the said additional Bounty land, he being then, but not now, Commissioner of Revolutionary Claims and being unwilling to examine & Report upon the said Claim in the manner in which the Law required him to examine & Report on all Claims for bounty land for Revolutionary services. Further your Petitioner represents, that since the death of said Captain Smith, in the year 1813 [?], there has been always Infants entitled to some portion of his estate.

Your Petitioner respectfully asks that his Petition and the documents & evidence accompanying it may be taken under consideration; and that the additional Bounty which may be due for the Services of his deceased Father may be allowed to the surviving children and grandchildren of his Father the said Captain Larkin Smith, (who are entitled thereto) – for his service from October or November 1775 to the end of the War.

S/ John H Smith
 A Son & Devisee of
 Larkin Smith the deceased –Capt. C. L.

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 Add. Bty [Additional Bounty]
 Reg.?? ?? 1836

The testimony in this case is satisfactory that Larkin Smith was an officer of the Continental line as early as the 28th June 1776, and the conclusion is a fair one that he continued in service either actually or as a supernumerary to the end of the war – at which time he was a Captain – Bounty land for seven years service has been allowed – The minute service cannot be counted – Seven years brings the allowance to 28th of June 1783.

Additional land bounty is allowed from 28th of June to the 3rd November 1783

S/ David Campbell

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A Pay Role of Captain Oliver Towles' Company of the 6th Battalion of Virginia Forces in the Continental Service commanded by Colonel Mordechai Buckner from the 28th day of June to the 28th day of August [1776] including the last named day and reckoning Dollars at 6 Shillings Currency

No	Men's Names	Rank	No of Dollars	£	Bal. each	due more	
	Oliver Towles ¹	Capt.	53 1/3	16			
	Charles Tutt ²	1s. Lieut.	36	10	16		

¹ [BLWt2213-450 Oliver Towles](#)

² May be the same man as [Charles Tutt BLWt384-200](#)

	Joseph Holladay ³	2 nd Lieut.	36	10	16		
	Larkin Smith	Ensign	26 2/3	8			45.12.0
	James Trig	Sergt.	20	6			
	Austin Sandidge ⁴	Do	20	6			
	Nathaniel Dickerson	Do	20	6			
	Benjamin Alsop ⁵	Do	20	6			24
	Joseph Sandidge ⁶	Corpl.	16 2/3	5			
	John Trig	Do	16 2/3	5			
	Henry Pemberton	Do	16 2/3	5			
	Henry Brock	Do	16 2/3	5			20
	William Hilling	Drummer	16 2/3	5			
	James Keen	Fifer	16 2/3	5			10
	John Barnes ⁷	Soldr.	13 1/3	4			
	Thomas Waller ⁸	Do	do	4			
	Elijah Estes ⁹	Do	do	4			
	John Caskey	Do	do	4			
	Aaron Smith	Do	do	4			
	Ambrose Spendle	Do	do	4			
	Joseph Hawkins	Do	do	4			
	James Simpson	Do	do	4			
	Richard Jones ¹⁰	Do	do	4			
	John Turner	Do	do	4			
	Rueben Hudson	Do	do	4			
	Benjamin Snellings	Do	do	4			
	Henry Emerson ¹¹	Do	do	4			
	John Coffey	Do	do	4			
	William Gordon	Do	do	4			
	Robert Monday	Do	do	4			
	Alexander Laundford	Do	do	4			
	John Atkins	Do	do	4			
	William Hutcherson ¹²	Do	do	4			
	John Long	Do	do	4			
	James Kelly	Do	do	4			
	John Tibbits	Do	do	4			
	Samuel Sparks	Do	do	4			
	Abraham Estes	Do	do	4			
	William Price	Do	do	4			
	James Courtney ¹³	Do	do	4			

³ [VAS1574 Joseph Holliday](#)

⁴ [BLWt2295-200 Austin Sandidge \[Sandridge\]](#)

⁵ [S9269 Benjamin Alsop](#)

⁶ [VAS2106 Joseph Sandidge](#)

⁷ [W8338 John Barnes](#)

⁸ [W1338 Thomas Waller](#)

⁹ [S39499 Elijah Estes](#)

¹⁰ <http://revwarapps.org/VAS1943.pdf>

¹¹ [W4949 Henry Emerson](#)

¹² [S38054 William Hutcherson](#)

	John Connolly	Do	do	4			
	Isaac Taylor	Do	do	4			
	Robert Mills	Do	do	4			
	Bryant Casey	Do	do	4			
	John Rodgers	Do		0	9	4	discharged 5 th day of July 1776
	James Long	Do	do	4			
	Henry Sparks	Do	do	4			
	John Stringfellow	Do	do	4			
	William Waddle	Do	do	4			
	Bernard Deering	Do	do	4			
	John Edinburgh	Do	do	4			
	Michael Hollowood	Do	do	4			
	Thomas Jones	Do	do	4			
	William Turner	Do	do	4			
	William Henry	Do	do	4			
	Rodham Trusdall	Do	do	4			
	John Stears ¹⁴	Do	do	4			
	Achilles Stears	Do	do	2	12	0	discharged 6 th August 1776
	Joseph Watkins ¹⁵	Do	do	4			
	John Turnley ¹⁶	Do	do	4			
	John Jones alias Absalom Jones	Do	do	4			
	Lawson Pye	Do	do	4			
	John Tund (Penn)	Do	do	4			
	Obadiah Terry ¹⁷	Do	do	4			
	William Dickerson	Do	do	4			
	Thomas Alright	Do	do	4			
	John Mitchell	Do	do	4			
	Robert Kelly	Do	do	4			
	William Coleman	Do	do	4			
	John Mullikan	Do	do	4			
	Warner Dickerson	Do	do	4			
	Henry Gausney	Do	do	4			
	Robert Jackman	Do	do	4			
	John Marshall	Do		3	4	0	recruited 12 th July 1776
	Richard Powell	Do		3	1	4	recruited 14 th July 1776 £340.18.8

£340.18.8

I affirm the above Pay Roll to be & true (signed) O. Towles Captn.
6th Battalion Virginia Forces

¹³ [S3203 James Coatney \(Courtney\)](#)

¹⁴ [S6168 John Steers](#)

¹⁵ [VAS2134 Joseph Watkins](#)

¹⁶ [W6327 John Turnley](#)

¹⁷ [W8781 Obadiah Terry](#)

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A Pay Roll of Captain Oliver Towles' Company of Regulars in the 6th Battalion of Continental Forces from the 28th August to the 28th September 1776 including the last day and reckoning Dollars at 6 Shillings Virginia's currency

Men's Names	Rank	Dollars pr month			
Oliver Towles	Captain	26 2/3	8		
Charles Tutt	1 Lieut.	18 1/3	5	8	
Joseph Holladay	2 Lieut.	18	5	8	
Larkin Smith	Ensign	13 1/3	4		
James Trig	Sergt.	10	3		
Austin Sandidge	Do	10	3		
Nathaniel Dickerson	Do	10	3		
Benjamin Alsop	Do	10	3		
Joseph Sandidge	Corporal	8 1/3	2	10	
John Trig	Do	8 1/3	2	10	
Henry Pemberton	Do	8 1/3	2	10	
Henry Brock	Do	8 1/3	2	10	
James Keen	Fifer	8 1/3	2	10	
David Ross	Drummer	8 1/3	2	10	
William Henry	Private	6 2/3	2		
William Turner	Do	do	2		
John Mullican	Do	do	2		
Thomas Jones	Do	do	2		
John Penn	Do	do	2		
Charles Courtney	Do	do	2		
John Tibbets	Do	do	2		
Benjamin Snellins	Do	do	2		
James Courtney	Do	do	2		
Rodham Trusdell	Do	do	2		
Robert Monday	Do	do	2		
John Adkins	Do	do	2		
Abraham Estes	Do	do	2		
John Mitchell	Do	do	2		
John Coffey	Do	do	2		
Robert Mills	Do	do	2		
John Steer	Do	do	2		
Thomas Waller	Do	do	2		
John Marshall	Do	do	2		
Aaron Smith	Do	do	2		
Henry Sparkes	Do	do	2		
Rueben Hudson	Do	do	2		
Isaac Taylor	Do	do	2		
Henry Emberson	Do	do	2		
William Waddel	Do	do	2		
William Coleman	Do	do	2		

William Trice	Do	do	2			
James Kelly	Do	do	2			
John Turner	Do	do	2			
Joseph Wakins	Do	do	2			
Obadiah Terry	Do	do	2			
Ambrose Spendle	Do	do	2			
Robert Kelley	Do	do	2			
Robert Jackman	Do	do	2			
William Hilling	Do	do	2			
Lawson Pye	Do	do	2			
Henry Gausney	Do	do	2			
John Turnley	Do	do	2			
William Hutcherson	Do	do	2			
John Edinburg	Do	do	2			
John Connely	Do	do	2			
Alexander Launsford	Do	do	2			
Samuel Sparkes	Do	do	2			
John Long	Do	do	2			
Thomas Alright	Do	do	2			
Barnet Dearing	Do	do	2			
William Gordon	Do	do	2			
Richard Jones	Do	do	2			
Bryant Casey	Do	do	2			
John Stringfellow	Do	do	2			
Warner Dickerson	Do	do	2			
John Barnes	Do	do	2			
James Simpson	Do	do	2			
John Caskey	Do	do	2			
William Dickerson	Do	do	2			
Absalom Jones	Do	do	2			
Joseph Hawkins	Do	do	2			
Michael Holawood	Do	do	2			
Elijah Estes	Do	do	2			
Richard Powell	Do	do	2			£170.16.0
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Pay Pay Roll of Captain Oliver Towles' Company of Minute Men for Caroline District Battalion encamped at New Post November 1775

Men's Names	Rank	Days Absent	Days in Service	pay pr day	£	S	D
Oliver Towles ¹⁸	Captain		20	@ 6£	6	0	0
Francis Taliaferro	Lieut.		20	@ 4£	4	0	0
Winslow Parker	ensign		20	@ 3£	4	0	0

¹⁸ [BLWt2213-450 Oliver Towles](#)

Christopher Todd	Chaplain							
Thomas Towles	Qr. Master	2	18	@ 6£	5	8	0	
Peter Minor	Qr Master Sergt.							
Illegible	Adjutant							
William Dawson	Sergt. Maj.		20	@ 2/6	2	10	0	
Ambrose Dudley	Sergeant		20	@ 2	2	0	0	
Edmund Foster	Do		20	@ 2	2	0	0	
Reuben Stranghan	Corporal		20	@ 1/8	1	13	4	
William Crutchfield	do		20		1	13	4	
John Coleman	Private		20	@ ¼	1	6	8	
Robert Thomas	do		20		1	6	8	
Benjamin Robinson ¹⁹	do		20		1	6	8	
William Davis	do		20		1	6	8	
John Bryant	do		20		1	6	8	
George Mason	do		20		1	6	8	
Henry Carter	do	14	6		0	8	0	
Peter Mason	do	3	17		1	2	8	
James Hensley	do	1	19		1	5	4	
Martin Huley	do		20		1	6	8	
Joseph Gale	do	3	17		1	2	8	
John Trig	do		20		1	6	8	
James Wilson	do		20		1	6	8	
John Alexander	do	8	12		0	16	0	
John Frazer	do		20		1	6	8	
William Dismukes	do		20		1	6	8	
Samuel Whorton	do	1	19		1	5	4	
Henry Brock	do		20		1	6	8	
Alexander Parker ²⁰	do		20		1	6	8	
Thomas Brooks	do		20		1	6	8	
William Parker	do		20		1	6	8	
George Penn	do	1	19		1	5	4	
Thomas Waller	do		20		1	6	8	
Burton Sullivan	do	2	18		1	4	0	
Bennet Pemberton	do		20		1	6	8	
Levi Todd	do		20		1	6	8	
Charles Davis	do		20		1	6	8	
William Coleman	do	3	17		1	3	8	
John Long	do		20		1	6	8	
John Musick	do		20		1	6	8	
Joseph Brock	do		20		1	6	8	
John Blaydes	do		20		1	6	8	
Larkin Smith	do		20		1	6	8	
Benjamin Hart	do		20		1	6	8	

¹⁹ [S16516 Benjamin Robinson](#)

²⁰ [S38288 Alexander Parker](#)

Thomas Chapman	do		20		1	6	8	
Benjamin Alsop ²¹	do		20		1	6	8	
John Turnley ²²	do		20		1	6	8	
Lawson Pye	do		20		1	6	8	
Thomas Musick ²³	do		20		1	6	8	
James Hutcherson	do	3	17		1	2	8	
David Parish	do		20		1	6	8	
George Dorton	do	1	19		1	5	4	
Elijah Estes ²⁴	do		20		1	6	8	
Edward Franklin	do		20		1	6	8	
Joseph Hawkins	do		20		1	6	8	
Nicholas Hawkins	do		20		1	6	8	
Rice Curtis	do		20		1	6	8	
Peter Minor appointed Qr. Master Sergeant	do	3	17		1	2	8	

£87.19.8

To 1 day's pay for going to camp & 6^d[?]

For provisions Viz.

1 Captain 20 shillings & 6d for provisions	6.6
1 Lieut.	.6
1 Ensign 20	3.6
1 Chaplain	.6
1 Qr. Master 20	6.6
1 Qr. Master Sergeant	
1 Sergt. Major 20	3.0
2 Sergts. 20	5.0
2 Corporals do	4.8.0
48 privates	<u>5.17.8</u>
The same for	99.15.2

Errors Excepted
(signed) O Towles

Dr. Brot. Down £99.15.2

To Peter Minor 2.13.8

Fifer 6.0

Qr. Master £6.1.0

Qr. Master Sergeant 2.13.8

Sergeant Major 2.13.8

11.8. 4

November 29th 1775 received the above (signed) Thomas Towles

[In a separate bounty land file]

I certify that Captain Larkin Smith of 4th Regiment Dragoons and belonging to the State of Virginia has Served in the Continental Army upwards of 3 years

20th May 1783

S/ Benjamin Temple Lt. Col.

²¹ [S9269 Benjamin Alsop](#)

²² [W6327 John Turnley](#)

²³ [S16987 Thomas R. Musick](#)

²⁴ [S39499 Elijah Estes](#)

I certify that Cap^t. Larkin Smith of 4th Reg^t. Dragoon
and belonging to the State of Virg^a. has served in
the Continental Army upwards of three years.

20th May 1763

Benjamin Temple 2^d Lt
4th L. D.