

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Smith MDS2

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State of Maryland

City of Baltimore, towit

Be it remembered that on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighteen John Smith aged about Sixty Seven residing in the City of Baltimore, An Applicant for a pension under the Act of Congress entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons in the land and navel Service of the United States in the revolutionary war," personally came before me the undersigned and then and there did make the following declaration under Oath by me administered to him.

"That he the said John Smith enlisted in the war of the revolution on the Continental establishment at Bush in Harford County State of Maryland under Captain Clark, attached to the fourth Maryland Regiment for the term of Three years and was marched to Philidelphia, and from thence to Fishkills [sic: Fishkill NY] where he was transferred to Captain Rileys Company in Colo. Halls [Josias Carvel Hall's] Regiment and from thence he was sent to the Southward where he was put under Colo Blufford who was commanded by Genl. [Daniel] Morgan – that he was in the engagement at Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] and also in the Battle at Gilford Court House [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] & from thence [sic] was sent to James's Island [SC] – that he served in the Army during his enlistment for three years and at the expiration thereof he again enlisted in the Army during the war and remained in the service of his Country until the end of the war when he was honorably discharged, which certificate of discharge he has since lost or mislaid. That his name has never been enrolled on any pension list – therefore has none to release. And from his reduced circumstances needs the assistance of his Country for support.

John hisXmark Smith

NOTE: I could find no record of a Capt. Clark or Capt. Riley, or of any Col. Blufford. There was a Col. Abraham Buford, but he was in the Virginia Continental Line.