

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Bean (Beane) Smallwood R8738 Elizabeth f42VA  
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[f p. 32]

Beane Smallwood states that he was a Continental soldier or a soldier in the Continental Army in the service of the United Colonies in the time of the Revolutionary War that he was enlisted by Captain Thomas Berry in the year 1776, that he belonged to the company under the command of Captain Thomas Berry which Company was attached to the 8th Virginia Regiment under the command of Colonel Peter Muhlenberg and Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Bowman that he enlisted the first time for two years that he was discharged the 18th day of February 1778 and that he was reenlisted by Captain Leonard Cooper on the 16th day of February 1778 in the company under the command of Captain Leonard Cooper which Company was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel John Norel [John Neville] that he was discharged on the 16th day of February 1779 and that he has lost his discharge that he is a citizen of the United States and of Bath County State of Kentucky that he has never been allowed to any pension from the United States or from any State in the union that from bodily infirmities he feels himself unable for labor and also from his having received a wound in his left thigh and that he has a family consisting of a wife and three small children that he is not able to support them owing to his age inability & wounds that he is possessed of a very small property which is wholly inadequate to support himself and family and he also states that owing to deaths removals and other good causes he is unable to procure any other or further evidence –  
State of Kentucky Bath County: Sct.

Ordered that it be certified to the Secretary at War that the preceding examination of Beane Smallwood was taken on oath in open court and that it does appear to the satisfaction of this court by said examination that said applicant Beane Smallwood was during the Revolution War an enlisted soldier and that he served as such as in said examination stated and that he said Beane Smallwood is in such needy and indigent circumstances as to require the aid of his country provided by the Act of Congress in such cases provided – the Foregoing statement sworn to in open Court in due form of law.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and office the seal of my Office this 17th day of June 1818 and in the 27th year of the Commonwealth.

S/ Thomas Triplett, Clerk

[f p. 22: Note: the top portion of this document is missing from the digital images as posted on Fold3]

...for the relief of certain surviving Officers & Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution"  
Approved on the 15th of May 1828, I Beane Smallwood of – in the County of Bath and State of

Kentucky do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution and continued in its service was in its service until its termination at which period I was a private in Captain Leonard Coopers Company in the 8th Virginia Regiment the circumstance of my Certificate is forgotten, and further I declare I was not on the 15th day of March 1828 on the pension list of the United States.

S/ Bean Smallwood, X his mark

State of Kentucky Bath County: Sct.

On this Tenth [?] written over and unclear] day of October 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Judge of the Bath Circuit Court now sitting Bean Smallwood a resident of Bath County and State of Kentucky aged about seventy-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. On the 16th day of February 1776 he enlisted under Captain Thomas Berry in the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Muhlenberg for two years he served that two years out and was honorably discharged which discharge has been lost. On the same day of his discharge he reenlisted under Captain Leonard [ink blot obliterates the last name] of the same Regiment for one-year and after which the 8th Regiment was attached to the 4th Regiment & from that time was called the 4th Regiment & commanded by Colonel John Newel [Col. John Neville] and was again discharged on the 16th day of February 1779 which discharge is also lost. In the year 1780 he entered the militia service under Captain Stephen Johnson and served a three months tour. He then served another three months tour in the militia under Captain John Smith in the fall 1780. In the spring 1781 he served another three months tour in the militia under Captain Cannon. He then served another three months tour in the Militia in the fall 1780 under Captain John Bell that was called the Siege tour on account of the siege of York. In the time of his service under the first enlistment he was in the following engagements 28th of June 76 on Sullivan's Island [South Carolina], 26 December 1776 at Trenton, 3rd January 1777 at Princeton, 11th of September 77 at Brandywine, 4th October 77 Germantown, 28th June 78 at Monmouth where he received two wounds after which he was in no more general engagements until the siege of York which commenced the 2nd day of October 1781. Among the officers with whom I was acquainted during my Terms of Service were the following General Charles Scott, General Woodford, General Weedon [George Weedon], General Morgan, General Dark, Colonels Muhlenberg, Newels, Major Cochran, Kilpatrick, Hathe, Captain J. Stinson, D. Stinson, Westfall, Slaughter, Knox, Clark & all the other captains in the Regiment. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person living near him by whom he can certify to his service. He was born in Samanies [sic, ?]<sup>1</sup> County Maryland in the year 1759 January 16th he has no record of his age. When he entered the service he was living in Frederick County Virginia where he remained about five years after the close of the Revolutionary war, when he moved to Russell County Virginia where he remained until the fall 1794 when he moved to Kentucky and he now lives in Bath County State of Kentucky. He once entered the militia as a substitute for James Lame [?] in the fall 80 & and 81 for Eli Slapcock all the other tours he entered as a volunteer. Generals Scott, Woodford, Weedon, Morgan & Dark, Colonels Muhlenberg, Newel, Majors Cochran, Kilpatrick & Hath, Captain Stinson, Westfall above named were regular officers. The 4th, 8, 12th, 16th Virginia

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<sup>1</sup> Perhaps he said "St. Mary's."

Regiments & the decaman [probably Christian Charles de Klauman's] Regiment were in service with him. He received two discharges as above stated which he thinks were signed by General Green which have been lost. [Indecipherable word] the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood one W. M. Sudduth, Irwin McIlhenny, Enoch Bunn, Isaac Gray, Daniel Duly & Joshua Hazelrigg. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

per aido  
Beane Smallwood

[John Vin [could be "Vice"], a clergyman, and M. M. Sudduth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 34]

The affidavit of William Combs<sup>2</sup> a Citizen of Fleming County and State of Kentucky states upon oath that he enlisted in the 8th Virginia Regiment in the Continental line in February 1776 for 2 years in Captain Richard Campbell's Company when he entered the service he became acquainted with Beane Smallwood who now lives in Bath County Kentucky who had also enlisted in said Regiment for 2 years in Captain Thomas Berry's Company and they served together until their time expired when they were discharged. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel Peter Muhlenberg & Lieutenant Colonel Abraham that he was with said Smallwood in the engagement at Sullivan's Island. And he finally says he has no hesitation in saying that said Smallwood enlisted and served as above stated for the term of 2 years for he was intimately acquainted & served with him.

S/ Wm Combs

Wm Combs

[f p. 9: On September 11, 1839 in Bath County Kentucky, Elizabeth Smallwood, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Beane Smallwood, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$80 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she was married to him in Frederick County Virginia by the Reverend Isaiah Marks a Baptist Minister on January 10, 1780; that her husband died November 10, 1834 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark. Her application was supported by an affidavit of the same date given by Ann Smallwood, 37, who testified that she would is the daughter of Beane and Elizabeth Smallwood.

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<sup>2</sup> [William Combs S35859](#)

*Ann Smallwood* ]

[f p. 36: On October 7, 1839 in Floyd County Indiana Ms. Lydia Fanning gave a testimony that she is 73 years of age and the sister of Elizabeth Smallwood of Bath County Kentucky; that she recollects well the marriage of her sister Elizabeth to Beane Smallwood in Frederick County Virginia on the 10th day of January 1780; that her sister Elizabeth returned home to her father while her husband Beane Smallwood was performing military service of a 3 month tour. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[facts in file: The veteran and his wife were said to have raised a large family of children but the only ones named in the documents in this file are James, who was born in December 1781 and was referred to as deceased in 1839 and Ann, who was 37 years of age in 1839.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing November 10, 1834.]