

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob J Smith R9749

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State of Kentucky Grant County: Sct

On this the 12th day of May 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Grant County court now sitting Jacob J Smith a resident of said County on Eagle Creek and State aforesaid aged 71 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. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. To wit: That he served under General Rutherford and Colonel Francis Lock [Francis Locke] who were our Field officers and commanded by Ensign Langhorn – by some called Captain Langhorn and entered in the service in the year 1781 as a volunteer for the term of six months and left the service in the same year. That he was in a skirmish at the Trading Ford on the Yadkin River. That at the time he lived in Rowan County State of North Carolina. That he went from Salisbury North Carolina to the High Hills of Santee. On the Caughtawby [sic, Catawba] River, Hauling Camp Equipage. That he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his services in the Revolution. That he has had a Discharge given by said General Rutherford but inattention and time have destroyed it. And he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove the existence of said Discharge or his services in said War. And this Declarant for further particulars would state That Corn Wallace [Cornwallis] came to the Trading Ford on Saturday night, laid on the opposite side of the river from that on which this Declarant and Troops were. That there was a great Rain and rise in said River that the boats was on their side of the River that they took the ferryman a prisoner. They being afraid to cross in said boat – and being unable to ford in consequence of said Rise. He Cornwallis and his Troops marched thence to the shallow Ford on the Yadkin [River] from thence to Guilford where they had a Battle from thence to Little York & this Declarant would further state, that previous to said year 1781 he served 3 months in said State of North Carolina as a minute man to quell the Tories. The Captain Lop [Lopp] was his commander at times. That he Lopp was our principal officer. That he likewise served under Captain Carson and Hayden. That he thinks it was in the year 1779 he rendered said minute service. He would further state that said minute man frequently took Tories prisoners and held them under Guard for a short time; and then set them at liberty after having received a severe rebuke from Captain Lock –

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and

declare my name is not on the pension The agency of any State.

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. In the State of New Jersey in the year 1763 and aged 71 years

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have it in my Bible at home on Eagle-Creek Grant County Kentucky

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in Roann [sic, Rowan] County North Carolina when called into service. Removed from said Rowan to the State of Kentucky, and now live in said Eagle Creek Grant County Kentucky

Question 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. There was a call for volunteers, and I turned out as volunteer and in defense of my Country's rights

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. General Rutherford commanded us in 1781 & Captain Lop in 1779 I was acquainted with Colonel Lee and Colonel Washington

Question 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I received a discharge from General Rutherford, and it has been destroyed by time and neglect I received no discharge in the year 1779 being engaged only in Minute Service

Question 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. John Thornhill, Esquire, William Evans Esquire, Jesse Edwards, W. Biggers & Samuel Kenman

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jacob J Smith



[George S Graves, a clergyman, and H B Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

In Commonwealth of Kentucky Grant County Sct

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Jacob J Smith who being duly sworn Deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following Grades: for 6 months and one Tour I served as a private volunteer – and for 3 months I served as a minute man and private soldier – and for such service I claim a pension.

The above Statement sworn to by said Jacob J Smith before me as aforesaid this the 12th

day of May 1834
S/ Jesse Woodyard, JP

[The printed list of 1862 gives cause of rejection as "not military service."]