

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Smith R9772

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Missouri, Cape Girardeau Circuit Court December Term 1832. Tuesday December 13th, 1832 – 8th day of the term.

State of Missouri, County of Cape Girardeau: SS A declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the United States on the 7th of June 1832.

On the 13th day of December A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Circuit Court of the County aforesaid, John Smith, a resident of Lorana Township in the County of Cape Girardeau can State aforesaid, aged sixty-eight years, and ten months, who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832: That he was drafted and entered the Army of the United States in the month of March 1780 and served under one Major Davis who commanded the Regiment, and under Jacob Collins as Captain, who were all commanded by one General Rutherford: That he lived on the Catawba River, Lincoln County, State of North Carolina at the time he was drafted, was drafted, was marched on to Charlestown in the State of South Carolina, was at the battle of the siege of Charlestown and was then taken a Prisoner on the 14th day of May in the year 1780 [sic, May 12, 1780], and was retained by the British nine days when he was Paroled, ordered not to take up arms against the British again until exchanged: but does not know whether he was ever exchanged or not. The only states through which he traveled was the States of North and South Carolina. That while he was at Charlestown he was taken with about sixty others to reinforce the Fort at Hadleys point [sic, Haddrell's Point], which was then defended by the French, where he remained about eight or ten days when we were returned to Charlestown before I was taken by the British as above stated. I was born from accounts in Lincoln County State of North Carolina, where I resided until I moved to the State of Missouri in the year 1814 where I have since continued to reside

(signed)

John Smith¹

State of Missouri County of Cape Girardeau: SS: John Dick of lawful age being duly sworn on oath doth say that he was acquainted with the said John Smith in Lincoln County North Carolina as early as the year 1775, that they were raised in the same neighborhood and were playmates; that the said John Smith was absent sometime during the American Revolution and was informed

¹ I do not believe this is his actual signature since the handwriting appears to me to be identical to that of the application itself.

that the said Smith had joined the American Army: that sometime after the battle at Charlestown in South Carolina, the said John Smith returned home and this deponent understood, from the said Smith and other Persons (neighbors) who were taken prisoners at Charlestown, that the said Smith was taken a prisoner by the British, with them. That this deponent has no reason to disbelieve and does believe that the said John Smith was a soldier of the American Revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the 13th day of December 1832

S/ John D. Cook

(signed)

John Dick

[Drury Massey, a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]