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Pension Application of John Smith R9802

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[All the following declarations are difficult to read.]

State of Kentuckey Woodford Couny Towit

on this 7th [?] day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Circuit Court for Woodford County in the state of Kentuckey John Smith a resident of said state and County formerly of Fayette County in the State of penvsylvania aged Eighty 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That in July 1776 he Then being a Resident of Penvsylvania he Entered the service of the United States under Capt George Gibson & William Ryan [?] Lieutenant and went with a packet from the Virginia Convention to the Governor at New Orleans & Returned to Fort pit [sic: Fort Pitt at present Pittsburgh PA], and was Engaged Eleven months in that service. That in May 1778 he joined Captain Brady at Fort Pit who Commanded a Company of spies – and served under him spying up and Down the Ohio river for between thirteen & fourteen months being released from his services in July 1779 and received a Certificate of Discharge from Capt Brady which he lost in orange county in the State of Virginia in assisting to Extinguish a fier on the Farm of Mr Morrison

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity Except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

John hisXmark Smith

The amended declaration of John Smith in order to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. This applicant further makes oath in open Court that he seved as a Volunteer soldier as stated in His original declaration for eleven months under Capt Gibson and fourteen months under Capt William Brady also as a volunteer and a private soldier during which time they had several skirmishes with the Indians in at the mouth of Birch Creek on the Allegana river [sic: Allegheny River] above fort pit, one abot seven miles from Hannahs Town [Hannahstown] & another on the alegana river abot six miles above fort pit the officers under whom he served were under the command of General Mackintosh [sic: Lachlan McIntosh] upon being Interrogated he states that he he was born in frederick County in the State of Virginia as he has been informed by his parents [several illegible words] 1752 and has no register of his age or any record by which it can be proven he lived in Fayette County in the state of Penvsylvania when he Volunteered & Entered the service of the United States as a soldier and was a Volunteer both times as to the names of the officers which were with him he states that there were no other officers Except the Capt Lieutenant & Ensigns where he served, it being the Frontiers, as to the persons to whom he is known in his Neighberhood who can testify as to his veracity and their belief of his services he would name Charles Renly [?] Esq Randolph Renley Sen Willis Field Samuel Berry Esqr Absalom Ford and as many others as would fill this sheet of paper Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 3rd day of June 1833

John hisXmark Smith

State of Kentucky

Woodford County Sct

On this 10th day of September 1833, personally appeared before Samuel M. Wallace a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid John Masterson [pension application S16460] of Scott County and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, saith that he is well acquainted with John Smith who now resides in Woodford County & State aforesaid, but formerly of Fayette County County Penvsylvania; & that he became acquainted with said Smith [illegible word] Penvsylvania between the years of 1770 and

1775, and that he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and that the said Smith served as herein stated: That in 1776 soon after the declaration of Independence, he went a Tour under the command of captain George Gibson and Lieutenant William Lynn of the Pennsylvania Militia (that is to say they took Water at Pittsburgh and went down by water to New Orleans (as this deponent understood under the direction of the Virginia Convention) for the purpose of obtaining a Barge bot of Ammunition of Power and Lead and returned and returned in about eleven months with a load of Powder and that this deponent further states that the said John Smith served in the year 1778 another Tour under the command of Captain Brady of the Pennsylvania Militia, it was a spying expedition of about twelve months on the frontiers of Pensylvania, above and below Pittsburgh. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. John Masterson

NOTE: On 24 Feb 1853 John Smith, 55, one of the sons of John Smith the pensioner, applied for any available benefits including the increase in pension that his father had said was owed to him. He stated that the elder John Smith died on 1 Oct 1834 leaving a widow, Mary Smith, who died 2 Aug 1838 at his home. They were survived by the following other children: Nancy who married Daniel Bell, and Mary Smith. The marriage was proved by a certificate showing that John Allen, a magistrate, married John Smith and Mary Stephens in Fayette County on 31 Mar 1783. Lucinda Bigwood, 36, the sister of the younger John Smith's wife, certified her death.