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Pension Application of Samuel Smith R9848

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State of Kentucky, Cumberland County, SCT:

Be it remembered that on this 29th day of August, 1834, personally appeared before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Cumberland aforesaid, Samuel Smith, a resident of the county aforesaid, aged 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 this act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832: that he entered the service of the United States as drafted militiaman in the spring of the year 1778, he thinks in the month of April, for three months (Sent. Clark, Ensign Humphreys) and served under Capt. Thomas Wiley in Montgomery County, state of Virginia in Col. Preston's Regiment. He immediately entered the service of the United States and was marched to the frontier of Virginia where he was kept spying and guarding a fort \_\_\_ called Lamberts Fort until the term for which he was drafted fully expired, being three months and was honorably discharged by his Captain and returned home. He further states that in the fall of the same year he was again drafted under the same Capt. Wiley and Sent. Clark (and) Ensign Humphreys for three months and in said Col. Preston's Regiment and again marched to the same region of country and was kept constantly in service guarding said fort and spying after the Indians and Tories and took them on the Fort Nessel and given them up to the American officer. In this tour Captain Breckenridge with his company was mostly with them; he states that he fully served out his tour of three months and was again honorably discharged by his Captain and returned home. He further states that in the spring 1779 he was again drafted for three months and entered the service of the United States under Capt. Fannon, Sent. Fannon, Ensign Richardson, and Col. Preston's Regiment; that he was then marched (to) Wiley's Fort where he was kept sometime, and sometime at Lambert's Fort and spying between the two forts which was about twenty-five miles apart and continued in that business for and during the time for which he was called and being three months and was again honorably discharged by his Captain and returned home.

He further states that he was again in the spring of 1780 drafted for three months and entered the service of the United States under the same officers last above mentioned and the same regiment, and again was marched on the aforesaid forts where he was again kept guarding said forts, spying and searching through the country after the enemy, routed several collections of Tories and in this way was kept the whole term for which he was drafted and was again honorably discharged by his Captain and returned home.

He further states that in the fall of the same year, he was again drafted for three months and entered the service of the United States under the same Capt., Sent., Ensign and Col., and was again marched to the same region of country and continued on the Friley's Fort on the waters of New River, a distance of about 40 miles from Lambert's Fort. He was constantly kept marching from fort to fort, guarding, spying and ranging about to keep the enemy in check, and in this way he was kept three months, being the time for which he was drafted and was again honorably discharged by his Capt. and returned home.

He further states that in the spring of the year 1781 he was again drafted for three months and entered the service of the United States under Capt. Solomon Sitten, Sent. Edward Young, Ensign Hickerson, Col. Lewis' Regiment. He immediately entered the service of the United States under the above named officers and was marched on to Clinch River in pursuit of some Indians, overtook them and routed them several times, tho could not engage with them owing to their speedy flight. They then fell back to the aforesaid forts and there continued guarding, ranging and spying until his term expired, being three months and the Indians was then in the vicinity of that place in such bodies that it was deemed unsafe for the troops to be discharged before others could be marched on to that place and the officers sent up for volunteers and the whole company together with this declarant volunteered to remain there so long as they might deem necessary, and he states that he stayed in service as a volunteer more than one month; he cannot recollect the precise number of days but positively states that it was not less than one month, all of which service was done and performed with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority; that he was either in the field or in garrison and for the time during which the service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit and for which he claims a pension. He further states that from bodily infirmity he is unable to attend court for the purpose of making this declaration. He further states that there is no clergyman living in the immediate neighborhood, nor does he know of any one who has heard of his services. He lives in a remote part of the county and but thinly settled. He further states that there is no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to the whole of his services. He states that he can prove part of his services by Elizabeth Perry, whose affidavit he will herewith present. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Questions:

1. Where and in what year were you born? Answer: I was born in the state of Virginia and in the county of Amherst on the fifteenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and sixty according to the best information I have received, which I believe to be true.
2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Answer: I have none nor did I ever have one. My father had a record but it has been destroyed forty or more years ago.
3. 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 Montgomery County, state of Virginia when I was called into service and continued to live there until after the close of the War. I then moved to Russell County, state of Virginia where I lived until the year one thousand eight (hundred) and four when I moved to Cumberland County, state of Kentucky, where I have lived ever since and where I now live.
4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if (so), a substitute for whom? Answer: I was drafted for each tour I

served except the last short tour of one month, I was a volunteer. I never was a substitute for anyone.

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served and such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. Answer: I was with no regular troops. I was in the regiments of Col. Preston and Lewis but my services was confined to the frontier of Virginia, engaged in spying and guarding forts and other places and seldom there was any troops with us except our own company except one or two occasions, Capt. Breckenridge's Company of militia was with us and I have stated the general circumstances of my service.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it? Answer: I believe I received a written discharge for each of my tours given by my respective Captains but I know I did for several, but they are all lost but how, when or where I know not.

7. 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 of your services as a soldier of the Revolution. Answer: I am acquainted with all the old neighbors, tho there is but few that lives near me. I am acquainted (with) Wm. Perris Cross and may (be) others, all of whom I believe would speak well of my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution were they here but they are not present.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year above.

Samuel Smith, X his mark

We, Elizabeth Perry of the county of Cumberland, state of Kentucky, aged seventy-eight years, and Robert Smith of the same county, aged 30 years, certify that we are well acquainted with Samuel Smith who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe he is the age he states, that he is reported and believed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and we concur in that opinion and the said Nancy Perry further states that she knew the said Samuel Smith during the War of the Revolution and she saw him, the said Samuel Smith, and she knows that he was in service but how long she cannot state, but it was always reported and (she) believes that he served as he states and she has no doubt but he did faithfully serve the times he has stated. They further state that said Samuel is aged and infirm and that no clergyman resides in the vicinity of said Smith.

Subscribed and sworn to this 29th day of August, 1834.

Elizabeth Perry, X her mark  
Robert Smith

State of Kentucky, Cumberland County, SCT:

I, John Noland, one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the Peace in and for the said county, do hereby certify that Samuel Smith this day subscribed the above declaration and was duly sworn to the same before me, and I do hereby declare my opinion after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant, Samuel Smith, was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states, and I further certify that said Samuel Smith is aged and infirm so much so from his bodily infirmity that he cannot without great inconvenience attend court and that is is a respectable man. I further certify that there is no clergyman residing in the neighborhood and I further certify that Elizabeth Perry and Robert Smith, who has signed the above certification, are residents of Cumberland County, Kentucky, and I believe the said Elizabeth is the age she states, and also said Robert, and that they are credible persons and their statements are entitled to credit.

Given under my hand as a Justice of the Peace on this 29th day of August, 1834.

J. Noland, J.P.

Kentucky, Cumberland County, SCT:

I, M. King, Clerk of the Cumberland County Court, do certify that John Noland, whose name is to the foregoing certificate, is and was at the time of signing the same an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said county of Cumberland and that his signature is genuine.

Given under my hand and the seal of office in the Town of Burkesville this 30th of August, 1834.

M King, Clk.  
by James Haggard, D.C.