

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of James Smith S11413

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State of Virginia }
County of Spotsylvania SS. }

On this 9th day of August 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace lawfully constituted and acting as such in and for the aforesaid county of Spotsylvania James Smith a resident of said County aged Eighty years – not being in my opinion able from old age and great infirmity to attend the Court house of the County 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 the best of his recollection, he entered the service in the fall of 1777 under Captain Charles Washington & marched Williams. [Williamsburg?] & below & served one tour of two months – he was again in service under Captain ___ Mills [probably William Mills] under whom he served another tour & again under Captain Bartlett & served another tour making in all six months – he was encamped a second time at & near Williamsburg – was on James River & at Osbourn [sic: Osborne's]. From old age & loss of memory he cannot recollect the names of any of the field officers nor who gave him, or what has become with two discharges that he received.

And he further states that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned, and in the following grades for six months I served as a militia man, and for such service I claim a pension. And I the aforesaid Justice of the peace did then put to said applicant the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department which are here set forth with the several answers of the said applicant.

Question. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. In Caroline County Virginia in the year 1752.

Question. Have you any record of your age?

Answer. No

Question. Where were you living when called into service – where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where have you always lived?

Answer In Spotsylvania County Virginia.

Question. State the names of some of the regular Officers who were with the troops where you served.

Such continental and militia Regiments you recollect and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer. From loss of memory, as above stated, I do not recollect the names of any of the field officers with whom I served, or any circumstances of my service except the Captain & length of service.

Question did you ever received a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it?

Answer I received two discharges, but do not recollect by who or what has become of them

Question. 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. Colo Robert Crutchfield & Mr. John Wiglesworth – no minister of the Gospel lives in my neighbourhood.

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 James hisXmark Smith
[Philip V. Vass, pension application S19493, deposed that Smith was away from home at the times stated in his application.]