

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

Pension Application of James Smith S11432

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[The original handwriting is difficult to decipher.]

State of Alabama } On this 28th day of July 1837 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge
Jackson County } of the County Court now sitting for Jackson County Alabama James Smith
Signior now a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy seven the 14th day of October next
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 the 7th 1832 States that in the year 1775 he entered
the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated that
in October 1775 he Volunteered under one Capt Thomas Balloo [possibly Thomas Ballou] he Volunteered
for Twelve Months but at that time there was no immediate call for troops and he went to Balantees
Works in Buckingtons Buckingham County Virginia where he continued to work untill the 12 Months had
elapsed for which he Volunteered he received the same waiges as did a soldier and while their he was
exempt form all military duty &c Shortly after his return home from said works he was drafted for six
months under Capt Baits [possibly John Bates] and marched for Williamsburg where the main Army was
stationed under General Morgan before we arrived at that place we received orders from General Morgan
to return home and await futher orders that we were not needed at that time We did so and Capt told us
to return to our respective homes and hold our selves in readiness to march when called upon we did so
& no call was ever made untill the six months for which we were drafted had elappsed and that was the
only discharge he got He futher states that in October 1779 (he then being a Citizen of what is now E.
Tennessee [then NC]) he Volunteered under Capt Amos Eaton and Col James Robinson and marched to
the Town of Nashville to guard the same and perfect it from the ravages of the Cherokee Indians he
served there at that place for some time and was sent by his officers as one of a guard to guard a
Company of persons that was passing through the wilderness from Kentucky to the old settlements then
in North Carolina where his principle residence then was he states that when he left Nashville the officers
before mentioned informed him that by the time he got in with said company his time of service would be
so near at an end he need not return to the Armeiy and that was the only discharge he received (the
[illegible word] order of the Col) he states in March 1781 he was drafted to march to a place called Kings
Hill in South Carolina where General Furgoson shortly after met with his defeat [sic: Kings Mountain
where Maj. Patrick Ferguson was defeated, 7 Oct 1780] about the time we were prepared to march
information reached us that Eight hundred Indians were then in the settlements burning plundering and
killing. I was then immediatly march against said Indians my Capt was John Looney and the General
Joseph Martin We march out in to Powels Vally [sic: Powell Valley] where the Indians were committing
depradations came in contact with them killed several and retook plunder that that had taken from the
Whites they then persued on after the indians through the Wilderness and again overtook them and had
the 2^d. ingaguement in which they killed six or seven and wounded several – they then dispersed and we
followed them but did not overtake them. We then returned by way of Kingston now in E Tennessee
home. he was drafted this last time for six months and when he returned home General Martin give him a
discharge for having served six months He state that he has no documentary evedence to prove his
service and knowes of no living witness by whome he can prove the same
he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or an anuity except the present and he
declares that his name is not on the pension role of any agency in any state James hisXmark Smith

Questions propounded by the Court

1st Where and in what year weare you born. Ans. I was Born in 1760 (I believe) in the County of
Hanover State of Virginia

2nd have you any record of your age, and if so where is it. Ans. my age was recorded in a family Bible which was burned in my house in South Carolina.

3rd where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Ans. when called into service I lived in the County of Buckingham in the State of Virginia I have since lived in the County of Sullivan [sic: Sullivan] then North Carolina now East Tennessee, in the County of Greenville South Carolina, Smith County West Tennessee, in Madison County Alabama, Morgan County Ala. Jackson County Ala. where I now live

q 4th how were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if so for whom

Ans. I volunteered and was drafted as stated in my Declaration

q 5th State the names of some of the regular Officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

ans. Capt. Bates Capt. Eaton Lieutenant Ramsey. General Morgan Colonel Robinson General Martin Capt. Loony Capt. Balloo.

6 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 but one written discharge and that was from General Martin which was burned at the time of the burning of my house

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

ans. John Jones William Runnels James Waasly David Larkins John Lindsey John Swapford