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Pension Application of Robin Smith S14509

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Declaration – In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 – State of Virginia and County of King William – On this 22^d day of May 1837 personally appeared Thomas Smith in open Court, before the Court of King William County now sitting, Thomas Smith a resident of the State of Virginia in the County of Henrico aged thirty seven 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832; That his deceased father Robin Smith late of King William County, entered the service of the United States, sometime in the year of 1776 under the following named officers, & served as herein stated as is proved by the affidavits of James Jones [pension application S5624], James Whitlock [S11742], Edmund Beadles [S17842] and William Winn [S11699], herewith filed, Colo. Holt Richeson, Captain Listen Temple [sic: Liston Temple], Capt Cane, Capt Robert Drewry, Capt William Terry and Capt. Catlett and that the said Robin Smith dec'd. the revolutionary militia soldier was marched from the Spot on which he was drafted in the County of King William to Williamsburg from thence to Malvin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond], from thence to the Brick house, and from thence across the York River into the County of Gloucester &c. &c. under the above named officers, as will more fully appear by reference to the affidavits of James Jones, James Whitlock, Edmund Beadles and William Winn, all of whom were residents of the County of King William during the revolutionary war and were also near neighbours of the said Robin Smith dec'd. and intimately acquainted with him, during the revolutionary war and that he the said Thomas Smith has always understood, ever since he has been grown, from all the old neighbors of the said Robin Smith, that he was very frequently drafted into the militia service during the revolutionary war and that he served many tours of duty in the militia of two and three months, and from the affidavits of James Jones, James Whitlock, Edmund Beadles and William Winn, he served in all at least twenty months for which he claims a pension as one of the lawful heirs of his deceased father Robin Smith, late of King William County and State of Virginia. He the said Thomas Smith hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present; and declares that his the said Robin Smith's deceased name, in not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State or (if any) on only that of the agency of the state of Virginia

Thomas Smith

The affidavit of James Jones of the County of King William and State of Virginia, an old revolutionary soldier aged eighty six years, who after being first duly sworn according to law, doth say, that he was well acquainted with Robin Smith late of the aforesaid County of King William during the revolutionary war, as a private in the malitia stationed at or near Holts forge, and Williamsburg, and know that the said Robin Smith was called out with the body of Malitia, of the State of Virginia & that he was in the regiment under the command of Col Holt Richeson, the said Smith then served in the company company commanded by Captain Listen Temple a tour of two months, likewise a tour of two months in the company commanded by Captain William Cawne, and also he served another tour of two months commanded by Captain Robert Drewry. – further this affiant sayeth not. Given under my hand this 13 day of May 1837

James hisXmark Jones

The affidavit of James Whitlock resident of the County of King William and State of Virginia, an old revolutionary soldier, aged upwards of seventy five years, who after being first duly sworn according to law, doth say that he was intimately acquainted with Robin Smith deceased, formerly of King William County, and that he himself (this affiant) served about twelve months in the malitia by draft, during the revolutionary war, and that he lived during the revolutionary war, a near neighbour (& has ever since) to

the the said Robin Smith deceased, and knows that the said Smith served three tours of duty by drafts, in the malitia in the revolutionary war, and that he served two tours of duty in the malitia service of two month each, under Captains William Cawne & Captain Catlett, and that he served another tour of duty in the malitia of three months, under Captain William Terry, all officers in the county of and from King William, and that the last tour of three months was just before & during the Siege of or at York Town [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], on York river; This affiant doth further say, that the said Robin Smith deceased was about ten years older than himself, and that he was in the service some time before he this affiant was. This affiant doth further say that from old age and great bodily infirmity, he cannot attend court to make his mark as it seems is required, therefore is obliged to make it at his own house before a single magistrate or justice of the peace, further this affiant saith not. Given under my hand & seal this 13 day of May 1837
James hisXmark Whitlock

State of Virginia King William County S.S.

I Edmiam Beadles of the County of King William, aged seventy years on the 31 day of August 1834, do hereby certify, that I was well acquainted with Robin Smith of King William County, and know that the said Robin Smith served one tour of duty of two months as a malitiaman, in the army of the revolutionary war with me. Given from under my hand this 27 day of August 1834 — Edmund Beadles

The affidafit of William Winn of the County of King William, an old Revolutionary soldier seventy six years of age. This affiant being first duly sown, deposeseth and says; I was well acquainted with Robin Smith of this County, and knew he served in the Revolutionary war he served a tour of duty with me under the command of Capt William Cowne of King William two months in the year 1780; while under his command we were march to Williamsburg, thence to York Town and from there to Newport News, where we remained some time, we returned to Williamsburg where we were discharged. In 1781, we drated [were drafted?] under Capt William Terry of King William, and served a tour of three months, we marched from King William to Morbon Hills on James river, from thence to the Brick house on York river where we crossed and marched down to Gloucester, whare we remained until we were discharged.

[signed 26 Nov 1834] William Winn

NOTE:

A letter dated 14 July 1837 states that Robin Smith had drawn up a declaration of his services, since lost or destroyed, in which he stated that he had served between two and three years. The letter also states that Robin Smith during the war had been "so poor that he had it nout in his power to hire a substitute if he wished it," and that he "was an inspector of tobacco almost until his death." The letter refers to Joel Beadles (pension application S17841) who would also have testified to Smith's service if he were still alive.

William Smith deposed in Henrico County VA on 3 Apr 1837 that Robin Smith died in Hanover County VA on 3 Nov 1833, leaving no widow but the following three children: William Smith, Thomas Smith, and Sarah Slaughter, wife of Stephen Slaughter.