

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Smith S16253

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State of Indiana        } Sct.     In the Probate Court of said County.  
Washington County }        Nov'r. Term 1832

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Probate Judge of said Court now sitting it being a Court of Record, Jacob Smith, a resident of the said County of Washington & State of Indiana aged about 83 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 7<sup>th</sup>. 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That some time in the year 1777 in Barclay [sic: Berkeley] County Virginia he volunteered for 4 months by joining a company commanded by Capt Porterfield of the Virginia militia in the Regiment commanded by Col. [Philip] Pendleton, that there were five companies raised at that time, and all marched under Col. Pendleton to Redding [probably Reading in Berks County] in Pennsylvania, encamped there some time, then marched down the Schuylkill some distance to a place called the Chesnut Ridge [sic: Chestnut Hill near Philadelphia], encamped there two or three weeks, then marched still farther down the River to a place called White Marsh [sic: Whitemarsh], encamped there some time. About this time a Rifle company was formed from selection made from said companies, and placed under the command of Capt [Charles] Morrow, this declarant was attached to that company. Then marched some short distance below Philadelphia, and joined the army under Gen'l. Potter [probably James Potter of PA], this was about Christmas in the year 1777. he assisted to pull down a mill near the mouth of the Schuylkill from which it was said the British obtained provisions. The British were at this time in possession of Philadelphia [26 Sep 1777 - 18 Jun 1778]. Soon after this he was discharged by Gen'l. Potter, but his discharge is lost. Afterwards and about the latter part of the year 1780 or beginning of the year 1781, at Bottetourt [sic: Botetourt] County in the State of Virginia, he again volunteered for three or four months in a mounted Rifle company under the command of Capt. David May & found his own horse and Rifle; this company with three or four others raised at the same time was employed as Rangers to scour the country & were sometimes called the flying camp. —

after said companies were raised as here stated, they marched to North Carolina and whilst on the way met a party of British at Alamance Mill a little south of Haw River and had a skirmish with them [at Clapp's Mill on Alamance Creek, 2 Mar 1781]. a little farther at a place called the old Regulation ground again met the British, and there had another skirmish with them [probably at Wetzel's Mill, 6 March; see endnote]. three of our men were killed, their names were Archey Hill, Phillip Watkins, and William Harvey, then marched on to Guilford and arrived there just before the battle at that place [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781], was engaged during the battle with the other mounted men, as a flanking party. Some time after this, and after the British had marched into Virginia [after 10 May], he was discharged, but his discharge is lost. that he served on this tour about three months. that his services in the two tours of duty herein stated amount to about 7 months —

That he was born in Bucks County [Pennsylvania] about the year 1749 or 1750, he has no Record of his age, that he has lived since the Revolution in Bottetourt County Virginia till about the year 1819, then moved to the State of Illinois and resided there about 3 years, and then moved to Washington County Indiana, where he has since resided & still resides. he refers to the following persons to prove his character for truth & veracity and the reputation of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution, said persons all live in his immediate neighborhood, to wit, Nicholas Young, Andrew Keller, Ebenezer Patrick, Nathaniel Albertson, John Brown, John Putoff, Mordecai Sweany & Henry Hokes Matthew Allen — & that there is no surviving witness to found, who can testify of his personal knowledge, of his service 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.

Sworn to & subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

Jacob hisXmark Smith

NOTES:

“The old Regulation ground” refers to the field where the final battle of the Regulator Movement occurred on 16 May 1771. There was no known skirmish there during the Revolutionary War, but Capt. David May and the riflemen of Botetourt County are known to have been in a skirmish at Wetzel’s Mill about 12 miles to the NNW.

A typed summary states that Smith died 3 Feb 1835.