

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Smith S16254

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District of Indiana SS.

On the eleventh day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty, before me Miles C. Eggleston President Judge of the third circuit in the state of Indiana, personally appeared Richard Smith, aged sixty three years, resident in Franklin County, State of Indiana, who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War.” That he the said Richard Smith enlisted for during the war, in February in the year A.D. 1780 in Prince Edward County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Passans [sic: William Parsons R16965] of the Regiment [3<sup>rd</sup> Continental Light Dragoons] commanded by Colonel William Washington in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the end of the war when he was discharged from service in June 1782, State of South Carolina, that he was in the battles of Guildford Courthouse [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Siege of Ninety six [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781], and Utaw Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] and was wounded at the battle of the Utaw Springs and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of said services —

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John Jacobs [W9071] of lawfull age personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that Richard Smith was lawfully enlisted in the year 1780 by Lieutenant Simons for and during the Revolutionary war and did serve in Lieut Colonel William Washingtons Troop of ligh Horse until the end of the aforesaid Revolutionary War with Great Briton and was discharged by the proper authority. – Given under my hand this first day of October 1811

State of Kentucky, Scott County Sct.

William Cardwell [W8590] of lawfull age personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that Richard Smith was enlisted in the year 1780 in Colonel Washingtons Regiment of light Dragoons for and during the Revolutionary war, and did served to the end of the war. Given under my hand this first day of October 1811.

Pleas held at Brookville in the county of Franklin in the State of Indiana on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one Before Miles C Eggleston Esquire Circuit Judge of the third circuit in the State of Indiana & John Hanna Esquire one of the associate Judges within and for said county of Franklin aforesaid Personally appeared in open court being a Court of record for said county of Franklin and State of Indiana Richard Smith aged sixty four years resident in said county of Franklin who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war in the company commanded by Captain Passans in the regiment commanded by Colonel William Washington in the Virginia line and that he is inscribed on the Pension list Roll of the Indiana Agency at the rate of eight dollars per month to commence on the fourteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred & eighteen dated 23<sup>d</sup> day of February A.D. 1821 And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed

on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed (towit) one Mare and colt one horse two cows and calves one four year old steer and two year old heiffer two cattle a year old three sheep two sows and twelve shoats two ploughs two axes and one mattock and that I am a farmer by occupation but am unable to pursue it being continually diseased by the Gravel and that I have five in family Richard Smith

[Richard Smith apparently applied for a pension under the act of 7 June 1832, but his application was not found in the file.]

State of Indiana } Ss  
Franklin County }

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1832 personally appeared before me John Wynn a Justice of the Peace in and for Brookville Township of Franklin County, and State of Indiana, Joseph Seal [R20188], who being first duly sworn, deposes and says, that Richard Smith, who now applies for the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, was an Orderly Sargeant in Col Washingtons light horse in time of the revolutionary war. That this deponent served during the same war in Col [Henry] Lee's light horse, and frequently saw Richard Smith when Col Washington and Col. Lee's troops were on campaigns together, and knew the said Smith was an Orderly Sargeant at the time Joseph hisXmark Seal

State of Indiana } ss  
Franklin County }

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832 personally appeared before me Elijah Barwick a Justice of the Peace of Brookville township in the County and State of Indiana John Masters [S36057] who being first duly sworn deposes and says that he served six months in the revolutionary war in Col Lees light horse during all which time Col Washingtons light horse was with Col Lees and this deponent says that Richard Smith who now applies for the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 was an Orderly Sargeant at the time I entered the horse service and during all the time I served in the same Sworn and subscribed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832 John hisXmark Masters

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The State of Indiana } Sct  
Franklin County }

Personally appeared before me Elijah Barwick a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Richard Smith who being duly sworn deposes and says – That he enlisted in the service of the State of Virginia during the Revolutionary war. That he enlisted in the first place under Captain Marks Captain of a Company of foot as and “Eighteen months man” that he served as a private in the said company of Capt Marks 9 months; That he then left Capt Marks Company of foot and Enlisted for “during the war” under Lieutenant Simmons [probably James Simons VAS4443] of Capt Parsons Company which formed a part of Colonel Washingtons Regiment of Light horse, That he continued in Col Washingtons Regiment as a private until after the Battle of Guilford, when, he was made an Orderly Serjeant in Capt Parsons Company. That he served (as he had enlisted to) until the close of the war when he was honorable discharged near Charleston, S.C. That his certificate of discharge was burnt with his house and other household goods about 45 years ago and this deponent has never received the bounty Land promised him by the state of Virginia. And this deponent further says that he is now a pensioner of the General government by virtue of the Law of the US and the services above detailed. This deponent further says That this deponent having enlisted for and during the war and having served faithfully from the day of his enlistment until the close of the war and having been discharged by his commanding officer and having served the major part of the time as an orderly Serjeant and being at the time of his discharge

such considers himself entitled to four hundred acres of Land (or a warrant for the same) it being the quantity fixed to be granted to a noncommissioned officer By an act of the Legislature of Virginia passed October 1779 This deponent further say That it was his understanding at the time of his service as orderly Serjeant That he was to get four hundred aces of Land Sworn to & subscribed before me a Justice of the peace in and for the county of Franklin af'd this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1835 Elijah Barwick/ Justice of the peace



Brookville Ind [14 April 1835]

To his Excellency the Governor of the state of Virginia

Sir Herewith is m deposition of my services and grade in the revolutionary war from the state of Virginia which I have made out for the purpose of getting the Bounty Lands I conceive myself entitled to. If the paper deposition and this request to you should not be sufficient to justify you in sending me the warrant certificate will you be so good as to prescribe the course I shall pursue to get it\* Gen Noble when in the US Senate obtained me a pension and at that time informed me that he found my name on the roll in the archives of the state of Virginia. I supposed then that the evidence afforded by the roll would sufficiently corroborate my deposition. If not please forward me the proper papers to be executed – applications from this quarter of the county are so rare that few know the Regulations of your excellency governing in these cases

You will if the deposition satisfies you of my being entitled to a warrant for Land send it to me at this place by mail and inform what fees are due for the same

Yours very respectfully/ Richard Smith  
(signed by me W. M. McCarty by order of Mr Smith)

Hon Littleton W Tazewell Gov of Va

\*[undeciphered]

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that the widow of Richard Smith was given the final pension payment up to 1 July 1840, the date of his death.