

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Smithey (Smithy, Smither) S16532

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State of Kentucky Mercer County

On this 3rd day of September 1832 Personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of Mercer County aforesaid State now sitting Thomas Smithy who being who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the late act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832 viz. I Thomas Smithy do hereby state on oath that I am in now the 72 year of my age as appears by an old record of my father's and was born in the County of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia where I resided when the revolutionary war commenced and was first called into service, which was as follows. In the fall 1778 I was drafted in a tour of three months in the adjoining County of Caroline where I resided for a time and marched to Fredericksburg where we were stationed until our time expired and we were discharged on this tour I have forgotten the name of my Captain. There was but one company of us and I believe Colonel Young commanded us at the time. Again in the month of May 1779 I was drafted in Captain Buckner's [perhaps, Philip Buckner's] Company upon another tour of three months and we marched to Richmond and to Williamsburg at which latter place we were discharged after I had faithfully perform my duty, I cannot recollect the name of the Colonel, I think the Major's name I think was Bosley [?]¹. Again in the fall of the year 1780 I was again drafted in a tour of three months under Colonel Stubblefield and we marched to Cabbin Point [Cabin Point] where I served out my time. The name of my Captain I have forgotten but I recollect well that Colonel Stubblefield came down and discharged us when our time expired – and again In the summer 1781 I was drafted in the company of Captain Chew & Lieutenant Colonel W. McWilliams [William McWilliams] commanded in General Stephens [Edward Stevens'] Brigade. In this tour about one mon [sic, month?] before my time expired I was taken sick and had been of absence [?] until the end of my time, about which time Lord Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781]. I further state that I served two other tours at Williamsburg of three months each in 1779 and 1780, In both of which I was stationed at Richmond and Williamsburg in the year 1781 my tour commenced in the spring and ended shortly after the British invaded Virginia and I well recollect of retreating from Williamsburg at the time, and not long after my discharge I was again called out in Captain Chew's company – on my last tour of three months, our officers frequently changed and I cannot recollect their names, but my services were eighteen months as I have detailed, I have documentary evidence of Captain Buckner and Captain Chew, but I have lost my other discharges and I know of but one



man alive in this State by whom I can prove my tours in the year 1780 and 1781 besides the evidence of my two certificates which I enclosed – but I solemnly aver that in the year 1779 I performed another tour in which I was stationed at Williamsburg besides the one stated by Captain Buckner which last service was in the fall of that year. My memory is now frail and I cannot call to mind my officers names. I am now a resident Citizen of Mercer County Kentucky & have been for the last 42 years. I hereby relinquish all claim which I have to any pension or annuity except the present – and I further declare that I am not a Pensioner of the United States or of any State. Witness my hand this 3rd day of September 1832

S/ Thomas Smithy, X his mark

Commonwealth of Kentucky Woodford County Sct.

This day John McQuiddy² a revolutionary Soldier came personally before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and made Oath as follows viz. that he was personally acquainted with Thomas Smithey of Spotsylvania County in the State of Virginia in the time of the Revolutionary War and that he served a tower [tour] in the Militia service with said Smithey in the year 1780 and in the year 1781 we served another tour in the said militia service in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Mathews & in the company commanded by Captain John Chew, that the said Company rendezvoused as well as he now recollects at Spotsylvania Courthouse from whence deponent marched in company with said Smithey to Williamsburg, from whence we marched to Ruffin's ferry & crossed the River from whence we marched to Richmond at the time the British made an appearance at Manchester & burnt a part of said town [April 30th 1781], from Richmond we marched to Williamsburg again & from thence to little York but Thomas Smithey being sick & on furlough did not get to Yorktown. Deponent states that he was well acquainted with said Smith he and believes him to be a man of truth. Witness my hand this 15th day of August 1832

S/ John McQuiddy, X his mark

[Martin C Duncan, a clergyman, and James Ray gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Thomas Smither a Soldier from Spotsylvania County Militia hath leave of Absence for five days he being Sick, Camp Jones's Bridge Augt. 30th 1781.

S/ John Chew, Capt.

S/ [illegible] Hardyman, Major

S/ Edward Stevens B G

² FPA W7603

Thomas Smither a Soldier from Spotsylvania
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days he being sick, Camp Jones's Bridge Aug.
20th 1781

John Chew Capt.
Major
Edward Thomas 3^d

Thomas Smither
S^d 16. 552
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The bearer Thomas Smither has leave to remain at
his home for Ten days from the date hereof at that
time he is to Join his Company---September 4, 1781

S/ W. McWilliams Lt. Col.

Thomas Smither has Leave to remain at home
for the remainder of his Sd. Tower it appearing that
he is unable to perform the same

Sept. 1781

S/ John Chew, Capt.

The bearer ~~John~~ Thomas Smither has leave to remain at
his home for Ten days from the date hereof at that
time he is to join his Company --- Septemb^r 4. 1781
Wm Williams, Lt. Col.
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John Chew Capt.

This is to Certify that Reubin Smither
and Thomas Smither drew the 1 division
in Caroline County and marched with
me to Williamsburg in May 1779 [illegible]
[illegible] S/ Wm Buckner Capt.

This is to certify that Thomas Smith, son of Thomas Smith, deceased, a revolutionary pensioner at the rate of \$60 per annum who died in the last of March 1833, filed a power of attorney
Wm. Buchanan Esq.

[f p. 11: On April 6, 1853, Thomas Smith, son of Thomas Smith, deceased, (a revolutionary pensioner at the rate of \$60 per annum who died in the last of March 1833), filed a power of attorney

Thomas Smith 

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental and militia.]