

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Smith S18229

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State of Virginia, Sct.

On this 24th of September 1832, personally appeared in open court before the county court of Orange county now sitting, John Smith resident of the county of Orange and state of Virginia, 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 he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service as a private in Capt. John Holladay's company, who marched from Spotsylvania county (the time of entering or being dismissed he does not recollect) that he was in Genl Gates defeat near Camden S. Carolina [Battle of Camden where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780], and was at the time he entered the service a resident of Spotsylvania county; that he was a substitute for Benjamin Robinson in Holladays company and marched from Virginia through Petersburg and North Carolina under the command of Genl Gates and the regiment of Genl [Edward] Stevens and in company with Col Joseph Spencer and adjutant Whitlock; that he served a second campaign at the Siege of York at the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] when Genl Washington commanded, and that he was there attached to the regiment of Col Meriwethers [probably Thomas Meriwether] and entered the service as a militiaman, but does not recollect at what time, though he well recollects that he was discharged the day after the surrender; that he has no documentary evidence to testify to his service, that 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid John his Xmark Smith

State of Virginia } SS

County of Orange }

On this 25th day of August 1833 personally appeared before Thomas Sorille a justice of the peace for the said county John Smith a resident of Orange County State of Virginia, aged seventy three 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War as a substitute for Benjamin Robinson who lived in the county of Spotsylvania state of Virginia. That he entered the service as a private in Capt John Holladays company who marched from Spotsylvania County, Virginia, through Petersburg and North Carolina under the command of Genl Gates and was attached to the regiment of Genl Stephens from Culpeper county Virginia and was in company with Col Joseph Spencer, Adjutant Whitlock and Lieutenant John Chew, acting Paymaster; who lost an arm; and Col. [George] Stubblefield. In this Campaign I served six months but I do not recollect the time I entered the service, the Colonel under whom I served or the precise time of my discharge, but that during the service performed I was not employed in any civil pursuit. The second tour of service that I performed was in the United States army under the command of Capt. [William] Mills, Lieutenant James Cunigh [page torn] and I think the Col name was Meriweather. James Nelson [pension application S5809] of this County was sergeant (who's certificate is hereunto affixed). we were stationed at a place called Cabin Point [in Surry County], from whence we marched to Petersburg where we were discharged. The time I served was a tour of six months, but I do not recollect what year I entered the service or what year I was discharged. I was a drafted private from the county of Spotsylvania for a tour wherein I served at the siege of Yorktown where Cornwallis surrendered. I am unable from the lapse of time, the death and removal of individuals to procure any living witness except Mr James Nelson of this county who was a fellow soldier of the revolution who can testify to my last tour at Cabin Point and discharge at Petersburg. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his

name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any State

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid John X Smith

The following Interrogatories propounded to the Applicant and his answers are herewith prefixed[?] to the Declaration agreeable to the orders of the war Department, to wit

1.Q. Where and in what year were you born?

A. I was born in the County of Spotsylvania State of Virginia. The Year I do not exactly recollect as I have no record, but I believe it was in 1760

2.Q. have you any record of your age, and if so where is it

Ans. I have not.

3.Q. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I lived in Spotsylvania during the War and for several years after the close of the war; From that county I moved to the county of Orange where I now live.

4.Q. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

A. I served one Tour as a substitute for Benjamin Robinson and one tour as a drafted Militiaman six months each time.

5.Q. State the names of some of the Regular Officers, who wer with the Troops where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services?

A. The Chief officers were Capt Holliday, Colo Merriweather, Col Stubblefield, Adjutant Whitlock paymaster Chew Col Spencer who wer all under the command of Gen'l Gates, La Fayette and Gen'l Washington I served at the siege of Yorktown and was in several scouting parties.

6.Q. Did You ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

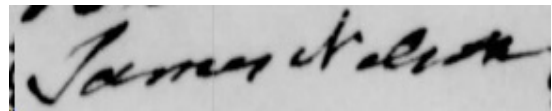
A. I never did get a discharge

7.Q. 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 services as a soldier of the Revolution.

A. Edward G Ship James Bagley Newton Hume Others could be named

Orange County to wit,

I James Nelson of the said county do hereby certify that John Smith of Orange was with me in the revolutionary war at Cabin Point Virginia and that he believes that he was discharged at Petersburg, Given under my hand and seal the 20th Sept 1832



NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that John Smith, administrator of John Smith the pensioner, received the final pension payment up to the date of death, 19 Oct 1839.