

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Mark Smith S18594

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[Notes in the file. W. G. Singleton and Nathan Goff, a pension agent from Clarksburg, investigated a large number of fraudulent pension applications from Lewis and Harrison counties. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth.]

The original papers in this case sent to W. G. Singleton, U.S. Dist. Atty. Va Aug 9 1834. No copies taken for want of time.

original papers not on file. They were presumably sent to the District Attorney W. G. Singleton who states in the pension claim of Josiah Davisson, S.F.8307 Rev. War. that the papers sent to him for investigation were burned up in the conflagration of the Federal Clerks Office (at Clarksburg in Aug. 1836.

Mark Smith of Lewis county Pensioner Servd 2 yr.

Called on Smith July 1, 1834 & received from him the following statement. - Says he is in his 74 year, born and raised in Pendleton County Virginia, removed to Lewis county thirty years ago. - that eight or nine weeks before the close of the Revolutionary war he was drafted for six months by Capt. Jno. McKay of Pendleton & marched under Capt Thomas Hickley from said county to York County below Richmond and was then discharged haveing been in service for eight or nine weeks only. - that previous to his haveing performed the touer of duty above mentioned - Several companies were drafted in Pendleton County (about fifty men in number) and were marched over the mountain under Capt. Robert Davis and were stationed at "Wests Fort" on Hackers creek in Lewis county; that he was a member of Capt Davis company and served in the touer three months & three weeks but cant recollect the year in which this latter touer of duty was done. whether before or during the Revo. War cant say. no one living that he knows of who served with him at "Wests Fort"

these two tours comprised all the service he done

Johnson F Neulan wrote his declaration. made no contract with Neulan. presumes that Neulan drew his pay for two & half years. Neulan said he could attend to all the business. he took all the papers. dont know but supposes he gave Neulan a Power of attorney to draw his pay. So it is that he Never got one Cent of the two & a half years pay. Mr. Gideon Camden under took his buiseness last winter & drew his last half years pay & has paid him \$25. this is all he ever got. Swore to his declaration in open court.—

the forgoing statement was this day made by me to W. G Singleton, the same being read to me and finding it all right. In testimony of which I hereto subscribe my name

Test

Mark hisXmark Smith

Nathan Goff.

A Copy from original note in my possession

W. G Singleton

in approaching Smith House saw him standing at his front door. on [?]anding the corner of his house he had disappeared. after an interval of perhaps a half hour[?] (his family finding that I was determined on seeing him) the old man was dragged out of his loft by his son. More alarmed than I ever saw an old scoundrel before. - his general character (as I learned) is extremely bad. and Rhumour says that he was one of the South branch tories. but this is wholly unimportant. So far as his claim to a Pension is concerned - he by his own statement having proved that he has no claim to a Pension

Respectfully Reported

W. G. Singleton Special Agent. July 1834

[Extract from a card in the file:]

NAME Smith, Mark signs by mark Virginia

SERVICE

W. G. Singleton, U.S. District Attorney, reports July, 1834 that soldier states that he was drafted in Pendleton Co. Va. before or during the Revolution. Capt. Robert Davis' co.: 3 mo. 3

wks.

Eight or nine weeks before close of Revolution, under Capt. Thomas Hickley, discharged in York Co.: 8 or 9 wks.

Said report endorsed "fraud" and soldier's name dropped from pension roll Mar. 16, 1835.

ALLOWED FOR 2 yrs. Indian Spy, Capt. Wilson's co. SOLDIER Oct 12, 1833 WIDOW None

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH Aged 73 yrs. in 1834. Pendleton Col, Va.

PLACES OF RESIDENCE Raised in Pendleton Co. Va. thence to Lewis Co. Va. in 1804. there in 1833 and 1834.

NAMES AND AGES OF CHILDREN A son alive in 1834.

DATE OF SOLDIER'S APPLICATION Original application not on file

DATE OF WIDOW'S APPLICATION None.

CERTIFICATE 16,892. ACT June 7, 1832. AGENCY Virginia FILE NO. S18,594