

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Ambrose Smith S31373

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State of Kentucky } S.S.

Logan County }

On this 15th day of July 1833 personally appeared before me Samuel Hutchinson an acting justice of the peace in and for the county of Logan in the State of Kentucky Ambrose Smith a resident citizen of the county of Logan and in the State of Kentucky at the dwelling house of said Ambrose Smith in the said county of Logan and State of Kentucky. The said Ambrose Smith being aged Seventy Seven years the first day of March 1833 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 enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year (He cannot recollect the year of his enlistment or the Number of the Regiment) under Thomas Hill of the county and in the county of King and Queen in the State of Virginia for the term of one year and I went from there to Williamsburg and staid there some months (the precise time not now recollected) And while there another recruiting officer came there by the name of John Scott under whom I enlisted for the term of three years. He the said John Scott gave me & others a furlow about the 15th of October until the first day of January thereafter (The year not recollected as aforesaid) when we were to meet again and we did meet again at King & Queen court house according to said furlow and orders from thence all were marched to the north to Washington City [sic] and from thence we went to Brandy Wine and we were in the Battle of Brandy Wine [Brandywine PA, 11 Sep 1777] commanded by Generals Washington and Wayne The British kept the field killing a good many of our Soldiers & we of theirs The British sending a flag to Washington to Bury their dead of whom I was one that was sent help to do that that business. I Further state that I was in the skirmish or Battle at Bunker Hill [see endnote]. The British being likely then [sic: see endnote] to take Little York we marched to the state of Virginia near the said town the British then having possession of it. Shortly after that they left the town & were taken to Knowlings ferry. We were then under the command of General Wayne And from thence we went or marched to Cumberland old courthouse We staid there from sometime in October until the 14th of February as well as I can recollect (I cannot remember the years. From thence we marched to the town of Savannah in the State of Georgia [occupation of Savannah GA by Wayne, 11 Jul 1782] and from thence to South Carolina within about 12 miles of Charlestown [sic: Charleston] to a place called Ashly Hill [sic: Ashley Hill near old Dorchester] we staid there till our times were out I enlisted the first time for one year under Thomas Hill I then enlisted for three years under John Scott and the third time I enlisted for the term of three years under the same man John Scott I served out the full terms for which I enlisted as above stated (having had a furlow as above or before stated in the time We then started home to Virginia by order of General Wayne & we were ordered to go to Cumberland Old Courthouse where we were to get our discharges. We done so and I got my discharge from General Charles Scott if my memory serves me right. I have lost or mislaid my discharge so that I cannot find it, and know not where it is I am old and my memory has in a great measure failed there were a great many circumstances and things that transpired during my revolutionary services which I have forgotten and have escaped my recollection in consequence of the great lapse of time since their occurrence The principal Officers I served under were General Anthony Wayne, Capt John Scott first Lieutenant Joseph Scott Second Lieutenant Elijah Barber and Ensign Edmond Scott. I have before stated and again state that I cannot recollect the year I entered the service of the United States or the year my services ended but I served the full terms for which I enlisted Now Gentlemen I am old in my 78th year – 77 the first day of last march & I am now applying the 2nd time for my rights which if I had not unfortunately lost my discharge I should have had long ago. I may not have detailed the services I rendered in the

revolutionary war in their regular order in consequence of the failure of my memory. But I performed all the services before stated besides many others not now recollected. I take my age from the family record of my fathers

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 pensiol roll of any agency in any state or territory whatever. He knows of no one living by whom he can prove his services as aforesaid Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid
Ambrse hisXmark Smith

NOTES:

Virginia troops were not at the Battle of Bunker Hill, 17 June 1775. Smith appears to have confused the time and events of the Siege of Yorktown (Little York), 28 Sep – 19 Oct 1781. The British did, of course, leave the town, but only after the surrender of Cornwallis. Many of the British prisoners were then taken north across the Potomac River at Nolands Ferry.

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists the following Ambrose Smith: age 23/ height 5' 9"/ planter/ residing in King and Queen County where he was drafted on 15 Mar 1781 for 18 months.