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Pension Application of Samuel Smith S31378

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State of Kentucky

County of Allen Sct.

On this the 11th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Robert McCrary, Will Ham, Will Fitzpatrick, Ames Harris, Sam Wickware, Jno Whitney, Jno Caruth, Sam Henderson The Canith, Edwin Mosley & Will Johnson Justices of the County Court in and for the County of Allen State of Kentucky in the Courthouse of said County in Court Sitting Samuel Smith a resident of the County and state aforesaid aged sixty nine years the 19th April 1832 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 into the service of his country as a militia soldier in the War of the Revolution to the best of his recollection in the year 1779 in the County of Westmoreland State of Virginia and as a private in the militia company commanded by Captain Daniel Morgan, applicant states, that living on the margin of the Bay near the mouth of the Patomack [sic: Potomac River] so soon as he was sixteen years of age he was called into service to repel the incursions of the British, who often landed on the coast and pilaged the County, bearing off all the movable property they could meet with, as the attacks of the enemy could not be anticipated, and their visits on the land only of short duration, applicant did not serve long at any one call, but he well recollects that he and others under the command of Capt. Morgan, were frequently called on and performed service in guarding the coast, and repelling the enemy. From the frequency of those calls and the lapse of time he cannot now state with precision how long he served at one call, or indeed in the aggregate; but he is confident the time he served under Capt Morgan all together was seven months. Applicant further states, that in August 1781 in the County of Westmoreland aforesaid he enlisted and joined the Company of horsemen principally raised in Northumberland County (Va) commanded by Capt. John McAdams, applicant furnishing his own horse and equipage, in said Company of horse applicant served two months making in aggregate service as a private in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War nine months for which he claims compensation under the provisions of the Act aforesaid. Applicant states that McAdams' company aforesaid belonged to Colo. Webbs [probably John Webb's] regt. of horse and served on the Gloster [sic: Gloucester] side of York River, ranging up and down the river above and below the town of Little York during the seige of Cornwallis in that town [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], applicant was in the engagement with the British commanded by Colo. Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton] when he attempted to retreat from Little York to join the main army of the British in the north Applicant recollects that General Weeden [sic: George Weedon], and Colos. [James] Innis and Nelson were in command on the Gloster side of York River whilst he performed service as aforesaid. He states that he never received other than a verbal discharge from his Officers for his services aforesaid

Applicant was born in the County of Northumberland in the State of Virginia on the 19th April 1763 as the family Register now in his possession shews. He is known to many persons and Refers to those whose names are given below for his reputation for truth and reputation as a Revolutionary Soldier. The References are to Walter Thomas William P. Neale Jesse L. Hickman Levi Spellman [Levi Spilman] Henry Sears Sam'l. Wickware William Pulliam

applicant after the Revolutionary war moved to the County of Frederck [sic: Frederick] (Va) from thence to Scott County Kentucky and from thence to his present residence in Allen County (Ky) He has no documentary or other evidence to prove his services aforesaid and knows of no person by whom he can prove the same. 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

[signed] Samuel Smith