

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Smith S32524

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State of Indiana Johnson County: SS: Johnson Circuit Court March Term 1833

On this 19th day of March 1833 personally appeared before the Honorable Johnson Circuit Court now in Session Thomas Smith a resident of Johnston County in the State of Indiana aged sixty-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law in open court doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1780 with Captain Henry Conaway and Served in the twentieth Regiment of the North Carolina line under the following named officers Colonel Tighman Dixon Lieutenant Colonel Henry Dixon Major Francis Graves & Captain Henry Conaway a part of the time & Captain Henry Williamson the balance of the time. That he was taken sick & afterwards he was transferred at Hillsboro North Carolina to the twenty second Regiment of the North Carolina line commanded by Colonel Thomas Williams & Captain Cornelius Layles from which Regiment he was discharged according to the best of his recollection in the year 1782 having served eighteen months that he entered the service in Hillsboro Orange County in the State of North Carolina that he served in the battle of Alamans [sic, Alamance?] under the command of Captain Campbell about eight days before the battle of Guilford at Guilford battle he was detached to guard the wagons. He marched from Guilford to the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin River where we met General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] under whose command we marched into Caswell County on the retreat with Cornwallace [Cornwallis] in our rear afterwards he was employed chiefly to guard the wagons & forage. This Declarant says he received a discharge signed by Captain Henry Conaway which he says he has long since lost. He also says he has no record of his age at this time he says his father had his age set down in a book & at the death of his father his eldest Brother got the same.

The Declarant says he was born in Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia in the year 1763 & lived in said County until he was about seventeen years of age (with the exception of the time he was in the service) & from thence he removed into Washington County in said State and remained there several years & from thence he removed to Fayette County in the State of Kentucky & from thence into Henry County in said state & remained in the two last mentioned counties about forty years & from thence he removed into Jennings County in the State of Indiana & remained there about six years & from thence into Marion County in said State & he

resided there about four years & from there into Johnson County where he now lives.

That he is known to Henry Musselman, William Poor, Nathaniel Poor, John L Jones and Daniel Boze [sic, he signed his name Daniel Boaz] who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services and that he has no documentary evidence thereof.

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 or territory.

S/ Thomas Smith, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Saml. Herriott, Clk.

[John L Jones, a clergyman, and Daniel Boaz gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Indiana to wit Johnson County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County Thomas Smith a soldier of the revolution, and being duly sworn saith that in the war of the revolution he performed a term of service of not less than 18 months commencing in the fall of the year of our Lord 1780 and ending in the spring or beginning of the summer of 1782, according to the best of his recollection: for which service he claims a pension. That the service in his declaration mentioned, he cannot prove by any living witnesses to his knowledge, he having removed from the places where they were performed unaccompanied by any of his former companions in arms "in the time set tried men's souls." That from age and its consequent infirmity, together with a life of hardship and penury most vile, the morning of his days having been "spent in the tented fields" he is not at this late period of his existence, able to travel "down South" where his services were rendered to search for witnesses, who were they present would amply certify to the services in his declaration stated. That he was not a Continental soldier but simply enlisted in the North Carolina militia. The foregoing facts together with those in his declaration mentioned are all upon which he can rest his claim or pretense to a pension from the munificence of the laws of the land and further saith not.

S/ Thomas Smith

Sworn to & subscribed December 11, 1833

S/ John foster, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]