

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Smith S32526

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State of Alabama Bibb County: SS

On this 17th day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Circuit Court for the County aforesaid John Smith a resident of said County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-three years, who being 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 was placed on the pension roll under the Act of March 18, 1818, and has been dropped or struck therefrom on account of property. That he was a private in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Thompson [William Thomson] in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental establishment. That his place of residence when the first application was made was Edgefield District South Carolina, and is now in Bibb County, Alabama.

S/ John Smith, X his mark

[fn p. 3: The following note appears: "The papers of John Smith No. 7274 act 18th of March 1818 – which were in this file have been taken out and filed in their proper place – that John Smith above named being still on the rolls act 18 March 1818 – The papers of the other John Smith of 18 March 1818 whose name has been dropped are the papers that should be (when found) put in this file – certificate issued 27 April 1820."]¹

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line.]

¹ It isn't clear to me what this note means. Perhaps transcription of other "John Smith" files will clear up this ambiguity but for now, it is a mystery to me.