

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Andrew Smith S36775

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State of Tennessee }

Blount County } Be it remembered that on this second day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen personally appeared John Andrew Smith who has for several years resided in Blount County before me James Turk presiding Justice or judge of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Blount County which said Court is a Court of Record and after being duly sworn makes the following statement in order to obtain the benefit of the late act of Congress entitled an act for the benefit of persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, towit that he the said John Andrew Smith was sixty four years of age as he is informed and believes on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818. that in the month of August in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven he being then a citizen and inhabitant of Fauquier [sic: Fauquier] County in the State of Virginia he enlisted as a private Soldier (in the County last aforesaid) under Captain Elias Edmonds [Elias Edmonds] of Colo. Thomas Marshall's Regiment of Artillery, for the Term of three years, that he served out the said term of time well and faithfully and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1780 he was honorably discharged at Richmond Virginia by a captain or Lieut Spiller whose given name he believes was James [probably Capt. William Spiller] that on his way home from the place of discharge he lost his pocket Book containing his Certificate of discharge and a few dollars, and that he has never been able to recover his Book or discharge or any of its contents, that he has no other or better evidence of his said services than the affidavits of James Kennard and William Keeble [pension application W1880] herewith accompanying, that he has never received any pension from the United States or any of them and that he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pay pension or reward for his said services, from the United States or any of them except under the provisions of the above mentioned Act of Congress of the United States for the benefit of persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, that his aforementioned service was against the common enemy the British, that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support, and that the reason he did not apply sooner was that he had been absent from Blount County twelve or eighteen months to the State of Indiana and that he did not know of any provision having been made for revolutionary soldiers untill a few days ago on his return to the County of Blount he was informed thereof

[signed] John Andrew Smith

District of Indiana } SS:

County of Lawrence }

On this twelfth day of April 1824, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record by the laws of this state for the said county, John Andrew Smith, aged sixty six years, resident in said county, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows; that he enlisted in the company under Captain Edmonds in the first Regiment of Artillery commanded by Col. Marshall in the Virginia line – that he was fixed on the pension roll on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 1819, and that the number of his certificate is 11,179. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto

annexed and by me subscribed, to wit: one old mare, two cows, and three calves, a certificate for half a quarter section of land on which one payment has been made, about twenty one or two hogs, shoats, and pigs; being all the property which I possess, necessary house-hold furniture & cloathing excepted: and this declarant states that he is by occupation a farmer, and that he is not able to labor one half of his time; that he is afflicted constantly with the rheumatism; that his family consists of his wife and four children; that his wife is aged twenty six years; the oldest child, Elizabeth, is aged eight years; the second, Rejoice, is aged about six years; and the third, Sally, three years; and the youngest, Alexander, about fifteen months; that his wife is very sickly and unable to render him any assistance, and that the children are too young to give him a support; and that he is in such a situation, having had the rheumatism ever since he left the service, that he cannot gain a subsistence unless from the charity of friends. [signed] John A Smith

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that the final pension payment up to the date of death on 22 Nov 1836 was made to John Andrew Smith's widow, Margaret Smith.