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Pension Application of Godfrey Smith S37426

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky }
Greenup County } Sct

On this 27th day of October 1819, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court, in and for the State aforesaid, Personally appeared Godfrey Smith aged about Fifty Seven years – Who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following Statement & Declaration, in order to obtain the provision, made by the late Law of Congress Entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War. That he is a Citizen of the State of Kentucky, and resident in the County of Greenup, and that he was enlisted for Eighteen months at Shanandoa [sic: Shenandoah] County Virginia by an officer whose name is not recollected in Colo Bufords Redgt [Abraham Buford S46372], and before the expiration of said time he Enlisted for during the War at Petersburg in Virginia in the Spring following the Winter that Colo. Bufords Regt lay at that place – the year not recollected [1780] – by Colo Stephens or Stephenson and served in Bufords Regt. untill his Defeat at the Hanging Rock in South Carolina [Battle of Waxhaws near Hanging Rock SC, 29 May 1780], after which they came to Petersburg Va. and he was put under the command of Colo. Haws [sic: Samuel Hawes BLWt1066-450], of the [blank] Va. Rigt. in Capt Triplett's Company – from which Regt he was transfered to Maj;r. Lees Corps of Light Infantry [sic: Lt. Col. Henry Lee's Legion] and was in Capt Rudolps [sic: Michael Rudolph BLWt945-300] Company of Lee's Corps of Light Infantry on continental establishment – and continued to the best of his recollection in said Company or Corps untill the end of the War – At which period he was at George Town [Georgetown] in South Carolina and many of the Corps to which he belonged had the measels and were marched to Va. at Petersburg or Williamsburg to be discharged. But two or three days before they were marched, he was taken down with the measels and lay about four weeks before he was able to travel – and the others being discharged – and he not knowing where to find an Officer to discharge him – he never received his discharge

But he positively states that he served about Five years faithfully in the continental army against the Common Enemy and never deserted or failed to do his duty so far as he recollects. That he was in Bufords Defeat at the Hanging Rock afs'd, in the Battle at Camblen or Pine Tree [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden, then called Pine Tree, SC, 25 Apr 1781] – the same place where Gates was before Defeated [Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780]. He was also in the Battle of the Euta Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] – Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] – and in affairs of smaller note. that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. and has no Evidence in his Power of his servises, other than that which is here transmitted, but he refers to the Return of the Sick List for his Company & Corps at the End of the War, As made and returned from George Town South Carolina, which return will verify his statement as to sickness if his officers have done their duty —

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I, Godfrey Smith aged 58 – 9 years, a citizen of the United States, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that, in the year one thousand seven hundred and 1777 – 8, I enlisted in the army of the Revolution, against the common enemy of my country, for the term of “18 months,” and served in the company commanded by Cap Triplett or Capt Rudolph and in the regiment No. 1st [sic] under command of Colonel Buford of the Virginia Line That after the said 18 months were out I enlisted for During the War in Capt Rudolphs, or Triplett's Company, or perhaps [illegible word] Company (I do not well recollect) of the same Regiment, Col Buford, & after his Defeat by Col Hawes line; and that I continued in

the service aforesaid until the close of the war, in seventeen hundred and eighty-three, when I was regularly discharged from the Light Infantry & Horse regiment, commanded by Colonel Lee, at George Town in South Carolina [The rest is power of attorney to obtain bounty land. Signed 24 July 1821]
Godfrey hisXmark Smith

Greenup County & State of Kentucky

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "an Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th May 1828, I Godfrey Smith of the County of Greenup in the state of Kentucky do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and During the War, and continued in its service until its termination, at which period I was a private in Captain Rudolphs Company in Col Lees light Infantry in the Virginia Line and I do not remember whether it was a Regiment or a Battalion and I also declare that I was left sick in George Town South Carolina with orders to come to Richmond Virginia so soon as I was able to travel, but when I came there the officers and all were gone, whereby I was prevented from getting my Certificate for the Reward of Eighty Dollars to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress 15th May 1778 And I further declare that I was not on the Pension list of the United States on the 15th March 1828, and to this I add the following explanation viz I formerly made a statement in conformity with the law of the United States of March 1818 and if my memory has since faild me this present Declaration is to be corrected by what was then set forth, upon which former statement and declaration, a Certificate issued to me in the following words "War Department Revolutionary Claim, I certify that in Conformity with the Law of the United States of the 18th of March 1818 Godfrey Smith late a private in the army of the Revolution is inscrib'd on the Pension list Roll of the Kentucky Agency at the rate of Eight Dollars per month to commence on the 27th day of October One thousand Eight Hundred and nineteen. Given at the War Office of the United States this 11th day of May One thousand Eight Hundred and twenty

J. C. Calhoun

Secretary of War

And I declare that I have not drawn any pension on my said Certificate since the payment made to me in the year the Certificate was issued & sent to me

Godfrey hisXmark Smith

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The petition of Godfrey Smith respectfully states that he enlisted to serve for the war as a private of Dragoons in Lee's Legion, Virginia line & did actually serve to the end of the war for which service he rec'd from the United States 100 acres of Land Bounty, but he has never rec'd the bounty which Va. promised him when he enlisted. He asks that a warrant may be directed to issue to him for his services as a private for the war in the Legion aforesaid. Thos. Green/ pr. Thos. Kenan Jr/ Atto. for the Petitioner