

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Smith S38376

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State and District of Virginia Berkeley County Sct.

On this 30th day of September 1818 before me the subscriber sole and presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Law for the County aforesaid personally appears William Smith aged sixty six years, resident in the said County State and District, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act 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 the said William Smith, sometime in the spring of the year 1776 enlisted in the County of Frederick in the State of Maryland as a private soldier to serve for one year in a company of riflemen in the service of the united States and afterward attached to a Maryland Regiment in the service of the United States Commanded by Col. [William] Smallwood, that the Company he enlisted in was commanded by Captain [George] Stricker. That he served in the said Corps until the time of his enlistment expired when he was discharged. That afterwards sometime in the Spring of the year 1778 he again enlisted to serve for three years in Philadelphia State of Pennsylvania in a Company commanded by Captain Roxberry [possibly Alexander Roxburg] in the first Maryland Regiment on continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the united States until the expiration of the said term of three years, when he was discharged from service in Salsberry in South Carolina [sic: Salisbury NC] That he was in the battles of Long Island [27 Aug 1776], White Plains [28 Oct 1776] and Camden [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. That he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for a support and that he has no other evidence of his said services now in his power except the annexed affidavit of Peter Snoudul [spelled Snowdal and Snodigel in 1810 and 1820 censuses].

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made oath before me Robert White Judge &c as aforesaid on this 30th day of September 1818 Peter Snoudul of the County aforesaid. That he was in the year 1776 and ever since has been well acquainted with the above applicant William Smith. That he (the said Applicant) understood that he had enlisted in Captain Strickers Company of riflemen and marched to the northward as stated in his declaration. That afterwards in the same year 1776 he was himself called into the service in the flying Camp and marched to the northward into the state of New York, where he met with the said William Smith who was then actually in the service of the United States in the above named company and that during the fall of the same year he saw him frequently in the same service. That the affiant was a near neighbour of the applicants Father at that time and always understood, that he (the applicant) had after the expiration of his first enlistment had expired, reenlisted in the service of the United States and knows that he was absent from the neighbourhood for something more than three years when he returned with General [Horatio] Gates after His defeat [at the Battle of Camden], and lived with him some time in the character of an overseer. That the applicant is is very poor & stands in need of the aid of his Country for a support

9th Circuit Court

District of Virginia SS.

On this Tenth day of May 1821, personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the said circuit Court of Morgan County William Smith aged Sixty nine years, resident in Morgan County in said circuit who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: he served in Edm'd. [sic] Smallwoods Brigade of Maryland continental line and refers to his former declaration on which his warrant issued 26th March 1819

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the 18th 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 persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th 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. My property consists of four horses of little value three cows 1 plow, 1 old waggon twelve sheep, 2 Chairs, six knives and forks 1 culling box, 4 setts old gears.

I have a wife who is fifty five years old, very infirm and incapable of rendering me any service I have Two Children living with me, one of whom is incapable of service and I am so incapacitated from age and other infirmities as not to be able to perform ordinary work.

Sworn to, and declared, on the Tenth day of May 1821

Wm. hisXmark Smith