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Pension Application of John Smith S38377

VA

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Virginia to wit

At a Superior court for the county of King and Queen held at King and Queen courthouse on Tuesday the 5th of May 1818

John Smith appeared in court and under oath to the truth of the facts stated in his written affidavit and Charles Hill and Harris Carlton being also sworn in court deposed to the truth of the facts contained in their written affidavits

Whereupon it is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War that the Judge of this court is satisfied that the said John Smith served in the revolutionary war against the common enemy & is satisfied that the statement made by the said John Smith as contained in his said affidavit is true and it is further ordered that the said affidavit and the testimony of Charles Hill and Harris Carlton in corroboration thereof be transmitted by the clerk of the court to the Secretary of War The foregoing affidavits follow in these words to wit

The affidavit of John Smith of King and Queen county and state of Virginia taken the 5th May 1818 before the Superior court of King and Queen County. This affiant being first duly sworn deposed and saith that he belonged to a company of infantry commanded by Capt. Thomas Hill to the 7th Virginia regiment on continental establishment, that he enlisted in the year 1777 and served two years and was honorably discharged in 1779 at Lancaster in Pennsylvania. That he is poor and stands in need of assistance from his country for support that he is now upwards of sixty one years of age and growing very infirm, and that he has lost his discharge

[Charles Hill and Harris Carlton stated that they considered Smith's property worth less than \$500.]

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The above being the only known pensioner named John Smith from King and Queen County, it is assumed that the following pertains to him.]

The deposition of Leonard Shackelford [S6085], aged seventy three years taken the 11th day of March 1833

The deponent being first duly sworn states, that he was a Sergeant in the 7th Va Continental Regiment and is now a pensioner of the US. That he well knew John Smith who was a Soldier in the same Reg't and together with deponent enlisted for two years and served out that time, after which this deponent and the said Smith enlisted again for three years or during the war. deponent was present at both enlistments of the said Smith. after the second enlistment Smith was sent to the South and deponent remained at the North. deponent does not know when Smith was discharged, but is confident he served full five years and was honorably discharged as he was afterwards a pensioner of the US. Smith was an excellent Soldier. Deponent has no interest in this claim, but has come forward at the request of the widow of Smith who is a very old and very poor woman, struggling to maintain herself by the little labour she is able to do. Deponent was recently applied to by a man named Hord for his deposition as to Smiths services; Hord stating that he had ascertained that Smith was entitled to a land Bounty and that he, Hord, would obtain it, for one half.



NOTE: The Pension Office initially returned Smith's application, having confused him with another John Smith who was already on the pension list.

