

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Smith S38382 MD
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Virginia In the Superior Court of Law held for the County of Wythe
On Wednesday October 12th 1825

On this 12th day of October 1825 personally appeared in Open Court the same being a Court of record for the County aforesaid (in Consequence of it proceeding according to the course of the Common law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceedings) William Smith resident in said County aged Eighty one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820; that he the said William Smith enlisted for the term of during the war on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1776 in the State of Maryland in the Company Commanded by Capt Ames[?] in the Regiment Commanded by Col William Gunby [sic: John Gunby] in the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the close of the war when he was discharged from the Service in Baltimore in the State of Maryland, that he was in the Battles of Cowpens [SC, 17 Jan 1781], the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], and the first battle of Camden [SC, 16 Aug 1780]; That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any state except Maryland, and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension; he did not know of such provision by law until the month of April 1824 when he was in the State of Kentucky on a visit to some of his Children who reside in that State, that he immediately went before one of the Judges of the Courts of that State and made a declaration which proved informal and that he has since been prevented by accident from making application until the present time; And in pursuance of the Act of 1st May 1820 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. I have no property of any kind whatever real or personal except one suit of home made wearing apparel. I reside at this time with my son in law Jeffery Steele, my wife being dead and all my Children having left me. That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property; One Cow and Calf, the only property I have had in that time sold last February to procure myself necessities

William hisXmark Smith

Auditors Office Annapolis 30th Nov 1825

I Certify that it appears by the Muster Rolls Remaining in my office, That William Smith a private in the 7th Maryland Regiment, Enlisted on the 7th of May 1777 and on the 16th of August 1780 on the Column of Remarks marked missing, it appears by the Rolls, the applicant was arranged to Capt. Spyker's Company and Colo. Gunby Commanded the Regiment. If the applicant had Deserted, it would have been entered.

Thos. Karney Aud'r.

State of Virginia } to wit
Wythe County }

I Joseph Montgomery a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid certify that Henry Hand personally appeared before me and made oath that some time in the month of May last the pension certificate of William Smith 3rd was stolen out of his trunk together with a number of papers between the towns of

Lynchburg in Campbell County and Newbern in Montgomery County. Given under my hand and seal this 20th day of September 1827

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). Virginia did not give land bounty for service in the army of another state.]

Virginia Wythe County, to wit,

This day William Smith personally appeared before me John A. Sanders, a Justice of the peace for the said County of Wythe, and made oath, that during the revolutionary War, he enlisted under one Capt Muse in Hafford Town in the state of Maryland, during the war and served until the end of the war, in the 5th Maryland Regiment commanded by Col. Gunby, that he has never obtained a warrant for land allowed soldiers of the revolutionary war. Given under my hand this 15th day of March 1831.

J A Sanders

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