

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of George Smith S38386

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At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 28th day of May 1818.

George Smith who resides in this County aged Seventy eight years came into Court (being a court of record) and made oath that he enlisted in the year 1776 as a private in the 5th Regiment in the continental line under Capt Gross Scruggs that they served under the said Scruggs until they marched to valley Forge where he was attached to [Daniel] Morgan's Riflemen and afterwards served under Colo. Butler in Canada. from thence he returned to the Jerseys and obtained a discharge from General Mulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] which has been destroyed by fire. that he served three years. that he has never received any pension from the United States and that from his reduced circumstances in life he needs the assistance of his country for support, which was supported by the oath of Edward Hancock [pension application W7648] who saith that he knew the enlistment of the above named George Smith under Gross Scruggs for the term of two years in the continental service that to his knowledge he served about ten months, and he has reason to believe he served out the time of his enlistment, and that he is in indigent circumstances, and needs the assistance of his country for support.

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At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of July 1820.

Personally appeared in open court being a court of record for said County George Smith aged 80 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 viz in Capt Gross Scruggs company fifth regiment continental line & that he has received a pension of Eight dollars pr month under the act of the 18th March 1818 as appears by his pension certificate Number 10576 – I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed the 18th day of March 1818 & 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 & by me subscribed, & that I am by occupation a planter, but from extreme age & debility unable to work, & have no family whatever resident with me

Schedule of property in possession of George Smith & Debts due him this 26th day of July 1820

1 Rifle Gun	\$15.00
1 pole ax	1.50
A Debt due from George White about	10 —
Due from Brown & Clayton out of my pension collected by them	40 —
	66.50

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NOTE: A document in the file states that George Smith died on 30 Oct 1825.