

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joshua Smith S39080

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District of West Tennessee

Joshua Smith, a citizen of the county of Rutherford in said District, came before me and claimed to be placed on the pension list of the United States in consequence of his services as a soldier in the revolutionary war, and after being duly sworn deposed and saith that he is about seventy years of age, that he enlisted into the service of the United States as a soldier under the command of Captain George Stubblefield [VAS1818; company raised in Orange County] in the 5th Virginia continental Reg't. Commanded by Colo Stephens [probably Lt. Col. David Stephenson BLWt2057-400, 4 May - 14 Sep 1778] and Colo. Scott [Charles Scott BLWt2055-850, 7 May 1776 - 1 Apr 1777] is not very certain which of them first commanded the Reg't., but believes that Stephens first commanded the Reg't. and afterwards Scott. States that he is not certain what year he enlisted, but that it was the next year after Independence was declared. That he enlisted for two years and that he served his time faithfully and was discharged, but that he has long since lost his discharge that he has no other evidence in his power by which he could prove his services, that he is very poor and reduced in his circumstances, having no land or other property, that he has no other support but by the labor of his own hands, good men furnish him with a small spot of land which he cultivates and thereby supports himself and wife who is very frail, having also a daughter who is subject to fits. That he stands much in need of aid from Government

He further states that after the end of the services as before stated, in January or February before Lord Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] he enlisted again into the service of the United States under the command of Captain Richard Harrison [R14762] for the War and was discharged by Gen'l. Clark [George Rogers Clark VAS269] on the Monongahela river the Summer after Cornwallis was taken, that he has long since that discharge also. That he never had a pension from the United States or any state, has lived poor and afflicted with pains all his life.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 10th day of Aug't. 1818 Joshua hisXmark Smith

I certify that Joshua Smith a soldier in the 5th Virginia Continental regiment was enlisted by Capt. George Stubblefield in the year 1776 for Two years and that he served his time of enlistment faithfully – He is at this time about seventy years of age, and incapable from age and infirmity of supporting himself – He is extremely poor

Thos. Overton [Thomas Overton BLWt1616-300]

late Capt. in the 4th Regt of Light Dragoons Continental Army

Gen'l. Thomas Overton who has signed the above certificate came before me and made oath that the contents thereof are true

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 21st of June 1819 [signed] Tho. Overton

John McNairy District Judge

United States District of West Tennessee,

On this 27th day of September, 1820; personally appeared in open court, the same being a court of Pleas and quarter sessions of the County of Rutherford and state aforesaid, and also the same being a court of record, Joshua Smith aged seventy two or seventy three years, resident in the said county of Rutherford, who being first duly sworn according to law, Doth on his oath declare, that at the commencement of the revolutionary war he enlisted into the regular service of the United States, in Captain George Stubblefield's Company in the fifth Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by Col Scott, and that he continued two years in continual sevice in said Company and Regiment. After the expiration of said sevice under captain Richard Harrison, for the Illinois sevice, and went as far as Fort Pitt [now Pittsburgh] in said Company under the command of Maj Slaughter [George Slaughter W8729]. He was afterwards discharged by General George Rogers Clark at a place called the new store [present

Elizabeth PA], after having been in said sevice about eighteen months. He made an original declaration on the 10th August 1818 before Hon John McNairy Judge &c upon which he obtained a pension certificate No 16.216 dated the 4th December 1819, by which he became entitled to draw his pension at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing on the tenth day of August 1818; 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 person 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.

Schedule of real and personal property belonging to Joshua Smith.

1 Brown mare 18 years old
1 bay mare 14 years old,
1 cow and calf —
23 head of hogs —
1 Bull yearling —
6 old Pewter plates
1 small pot
1 Old kettle & 2 knives & 4 forks
3 Pewter spoons & 2 tin pans,
\$57. 3 pails & 4 Tin cups

Joshua hisXmark Smith

his occupation is that of a farmer, and from his age and bodily as well as mental infirmities, he is not able to pursue any regular or constant employment so as to make a maintainance; his family consists of an aged wife more than sixty years of age, and one unmarried daughter; he lives upon rented land in a cabin scarcely habitable.

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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I Joshua Smith do hereby state that I Enlisted under Capt. George Stubblefield in the 5 Virginia Regiment to serve two years for which I now receive a pention after that time expired I again Enlisted under Capt Richard Harrison to serve during the war in the year 1780 or 1781. I do not know what Regiment he belonged but believe Colo Gibson [John Gibson S41578] or Colo. Crocket [sic: Joseph Crockett S46377] Commander of that I will not be sure. I served during the war and for some months after when I was discharged by General George Rodgers Clark at a place called the New Store on the Monongahela River. I Riceved when I enlisted as a Warrant for 666 Acres of Land I never received any pay after I Enlisted under Harrison I lost my Land Warrant when Cluff Overton was killed at Blue Lick defeat [Capt. Clough Overton, Blue Licks KY, 19 Aug 1782] he having had it in his possession to locate for me I also lost my discharge with Several Other papers long after which was stolen from me with my other papers and discharge from Capt Stubblefield was stolen from me I do not recollect the number of Warrant When I Enlisted Mr. William Pritchard [possibly William Pritchett VAS288] Enlisted also and was made Surgant by Capt Harrison it is possible that Colonel Crocket may have been the Colonel as he came from Albemarl Barracks [sic: Albemarle Barracks 4 mi NNE of Charlottesville, where Crockett’s detachment had guarded prisoners from April 1780 until February 1781] Colonel Gibson Commanded at Pittsburgh but of this I will not be positive.

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1830 July 24 Rejected