

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Elijah Smith S39081

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State of Tennessee }

Davidson County Sct }

This day personally appeared Elijah Smith aged about Fifty seven years before me R C Foster a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid and being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith, that he was enlisted during the Revolutionary War as a Soldier in the Continental Service in the County of Powhatan, formerly Cumberland, by one Captain Charles Fleming of the 7th Virginia Regiment on or about 24th March 1776 for the Term of three years, that he was then mustered into service and marched to the northward, and was engaged in the Battles of the White Horse [skirmish at White Horse Tavern near Malvern PA, 16 Sep 1777], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Monmouth courthouse [28 Jun 1778], where he received a wound in his right leg which is not yet well, at Stoney Point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779], after which they went into winter quarters afterwards he was marched to Charlestown [Charleston] South Carolina where he was taken prisoner [12 May 1780]. that he served more than the full term of Three years that he has lost his discharge & has no other means to prove his service than is now offered, & that he is now in Reduced Circumstances being very poor, and that he stands in the need of the Assistance of his country for his Support, and therefore makes application for the benefit of the act of Congress passed at the last Session thereof in favour of the Officers & Soldiers of the Revolutionary War —

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 17th day of October 1818.

Elijah hisXmark Smith

[On 17 Oct 1818 one Littlebery Smith deposed that he knew Elijah Smith as a Continental soldier. On 4 Nov 1819 William Maxey deposed that he and Elijah Smith were schoolfellows, and that he had seen Smith frequently while Smith was a soldier.

The file includes a deposition dated 4 Nov 1819 that is identical to the above except that it adds in the margin: "that when the three years expired he immediately enlisted for six months with the artificiers & went to Charlestown and was there taken prisoner and remained a prisoner until exchanged at Jamestown about July 1781. he then marched to Williamsburg and was there discharged a few days after by a discharge in writing and received his land warrant but can not remember by whom the discharge was given."]

State of Tennessee, West, Davidson County

On this 27th Day of July 1820, personally appeared in open Court of the court of pleas and quarter sessions of Davidson County and State of Tennessee Elijah Smith aged sixty nine years resident in Davidson County and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth, on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, in the seventh regiment, Virginia line entered the service in Captain Charles Flemmings company and was the most of his time in the same company, and that the date of the original declaration was (as well as he recollects) on the 17th day of October 1818, that the number of his pension Certificate is 15,838

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. That he has no property except one mare worth thirty dollars, that his occupation is a farmer and that he is scarcely able to pursue his occupation, produced from a bad cough, old age, and a wound in the leg which he received in the leg at the battle of Monmouth Courthouse in the revolutionary war that he has in his family only a wife whose name Jane aged Sixty seven years and from age and infirmities is scarcely able to assist in Support of the family and a son whose name is John, aged fifteen years who is healthy and as able to contribute by working, to support the family as boys of his age are generally –
[Followed by the court certification and the signature “Elijah T hisXmark Smith.”]

County of Claiborne }
State of Tennessee }

On this 11th Day of June 1835 before me the Subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Claiborne Personally appeared Elijah Smith who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by captain Flemming in the Regiment commanded by Colonels McClanahan [sic: Alexander McClenachan] & [William] Nelson in the Service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension Roll of the State of Tennessee, (West Tennessee) from whence he has lately removed, that he now resides in the State of Tennessee (East Tennessee) where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be there (at Knoxville East Tennessee Agency Robert King Esq. Agent) payable in Future.

The following are his reasons for removing from Davidson County in West Tennessee to Claiborne County in East Tennessee Forty miles from Knoxville, that he Elijah Smith, wishes to live with his children, they being residents of Claiborne county E Ten. Elijah myXmark Smith