

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Edward Smith S3934

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State of Tennessee } Sct

Knox County } On this 16th day of August 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Hon'1. Samuel Powell Judge &c the Court being in Session, Edward Smith a resident of said County of Knox & State of Tennessee aged seventy seven years the 21st day of December next should he so long live – who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

That n the years 1776 and 1777 he served four separate tours of duty of Three months each in the Virginia Militia. That he was a citizen of the County of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] in the State of Virginia at the time he entered the service first & last. That he was drafted each tour and served the respective tours fully & faithfully and was honorably discharged each and every time. That the first tour was served in Captain John Slaughter's Company in Col. John Thornton's Regiment. That the second was served in the Company commanded by Capt. Armstead White of Col. James Alcocke's Regt. The third tour under Capt Joseph Woods of said Col. Alcocke's Regt. The fourth tour under Capt. Elijah Kirtly [Elijah Kirtley] the Regt. not recollected. That he was about Twenty one years old when he first entered the service. That during all the aforesaid service he was skirmishing through different parts of the State of Virginia. That he was in two attacks made by Cornwallis Cavalry Commanded by Col. Tarleton, but was in no regular engagement. Said Edward Smith states also that in the year 1780 or beginning of the year 1781 he was hired by one Jason Thomas as his substitute. That said Thomas was drafted for a tour of 18 months service in the Virginia line. That he entered the service under Capt. Francis Covington but does not recollect the Field Officers. That he still lived in Culpepper County Virginia when he undertook this 18 months tour as a substitute. That one Maj'r. Nathaniel Welsh [Nathaniel Welch] was a Major in the Regiment to which Capt. Covington belonged. That the Company marched first into the neighborhood of Norfolk, and after a short delay Captain Covingtons Company by order or otherwise marched to Yorktown at which place this deponent and Frederick Fagin were drawn of the Company to fire the cannon. That he was detained there eighteen days and nights on that duty, which was during the whole siege [28 Sep – 19 Oct 1781] – was there when the British surrendered to Gen'l. Washington. Soon after which he went with British prisoners to Winchester Barracks and was there discharged and went home. That he served on this tour about 5 or 6 months – not less than 5 months at all events. Affiant states that he has no documentary evidence of service nor does he know of any person living that served with – that he has resided in Knox County where he now resides for 21 years. That he was born in the year 1755 and is now aged about seventy seven years. That he does hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state.

Edward hisXmark Smith

State of Tennessee }

Knox County } Be it remembered that on this 12th day of April 1833 before me Zac. Boothe a Justice of the peace for Knox County Tennessee personally appeared Edward Smith and made oath that he was born in the county of Culpepper & State of Virginia in the year 1755. He refers the Pension Agent to Elliot Frills, John Jett, Samuel McKinly & Andrew Copeland and Jonathan Parker his present and immediate neighbors and who have been his neighbors for many years and who will testify as to his veracity and believe he was a soldier of the revolution.

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