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Pension Application of John Smith S3937

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State of N. Carolina } Ss

Granville County }

On this 11th day of August AD 1832 Personly appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Justices of the Court of pleas & Quarter Sessions now seting John Smith a resident of the County aforesaid aged seventy two years 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 7th 1832.

That he was born in the County of Gloucester State of Virginia, on the last day of June 1760, that he lived in the same county both before & since the Revolution until about the year 1800, when he moved into this County – that the only record of his age is in his family Bible. That he entered the service in 1779 as near as he recollects, as a substitute for his Father in the militia in Gloucester County, under Captain Throgmorton, Colonel Page & Gen'l. [Thomas] Nelson, that he served two tours as a substitute for his Father – that his duty was principally to Guard the shores of the Chesapeake that were threatened daily with the invasion of the British forces lying in the Chesapeake – that in this duty he served out the six months composing the two tours just named. About the latter part of 1780, he turned out as a volunteer under a Major Hughes, and after a short time was placed under Captain [John] Dixon and from that time until Cornwallis was pent up in York Town [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], he was kept in service actively, except for thirty days when he was absent on furlough, in guarding the shores of the Chesapeake, York & James Rivers from predatory parties of British troops – after Cornwallis was besieged in York this affiant was stationed on the north side of York River under Captain Dixon & continued there until Cornwallis was taken. He never was in any engagement, but was in frequent skirmishes with small detachments of the British. He was in service as a volunteer for at least twelve months actively engaged, until he rec'd his discharge after the surrender of Cornwallis. He rec'd his discharge from Captain Dixon, signed by Gen'l. Washington, but it has been lost many years. The only person alive who knows any thing of his service in Benjamin Hope [pension application W1612] whose affidavit is hereto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present, & he declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. [signed] John Smith

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On this 12th March 1833 [personally] appeared before me James Wyche a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and a member of the Court of [pleas] & quarter sessions of s'd. County (which is a Court of Record) John Smith a resident of said County aged 72 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration as supplementary to the declaration which he made in the Court of please & quarter sessions of the County aforesaid on 11th day of August 1832 (& which is hereto annexed) in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That while this declarant was under the command of Capt Dixon he does not know what Colonel commanded as this company was kept mostly on the lines to watch the British & hold in check marauding parties. While the British were at Glouster Town & the French at Glouster Court House Capt Dixon was employed near the British lines to keep a look-out. Capt Dixon's company was a volunteer light horse company & while this declarant was under the command of Capt Dixon he was a light horseman, and the volunteer light hors not being encamped generally with the main army it is impossible to say at this time what Colonel commanded.

Benjamin Hope the witness who deposed in the former declaration was raised in the same neighbourhood with this declarant & were both in the service part of the time but in different companies, and they have known each other ever since

[signed] John Smith

NOTE: A note on the pension certificate states that Smith died on 4 Apr 1833.