

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Smith S40451

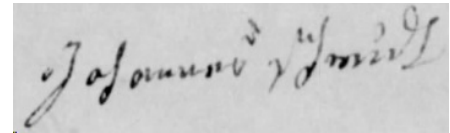
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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Pennsylvania Mifflin County Ss.

On this Twenty Sixth day of May 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas [undeciphered word] in & for the County of Mifflin aforesaid, personally appears John Smith aged Sixty Eight years, resident in said County, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said John Smith enlisted in the year of 1778 in August in the state of Pennsylvania in the company commanded by Captain Selinsky [sic: Jan Zielinsky (Zielinski)] of the light Dragoons Called Gen'l. Count Pulaski's Regiment of the [blank]; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the first Day of September 1779, when he was discharged from service in Charlestown in the state of South Carolina by order of General Count Pulaski, that he was in the battles of Minisinke [sic: Minisink] Penna, Egg harbor in Jersey [sic: Little Egg Harbor NJ, 5 Oct 1778] & in a Battle Near the Quarter house in South Carolina [probably at the Old Race Track near Charleston, 11 May 1779] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. Except his Discharge which is hereto Annexed Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

[signed in German] Johannes Schmidt

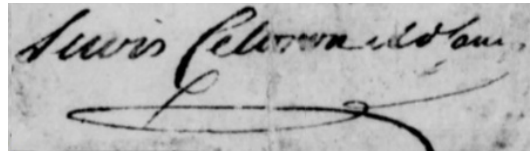


THIS is to certify, that the bearer John Smith Light Dragoon in my Legion, has served therein during the term of Thirteen Months [and] conducted himself as a good [paper damaged] Soldier to the United States. He has therefore liberty to pass and repass at his pleasure.

Charlestown, September 3, 177[last digit missing]

Lewis Celoron aid Camp [Paul Louis Celoron X941]

By order of General Count pulaski



District of Pennsylvania
Mifflin County Ss

On this 23^d day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas of Mifflin County being a court of record for said County John Smith aged seventy years now residing in Milford Township in the said County who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows Viz

In the company commanded by Captain Zelinsky in Pulaskys legion on continental establishment that a declaration of said service was made on the 26th day of May 1818 and that the said applicant has received a pension certificate No 12.186 dated the 23^d day of March 1819. 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 persons 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 Property

A piece of land containing fifty six acres with a house and stable thereon	\$224.00
one mare	20.00
one Cow	10.00
Three Hogs	3.00
one pot	.50
one bake oven	1.00
one chest	50
Two pewter dishes	50
Four queens ware plates	25
Three knives & three forks	<u>25</u>
	\$260.00

I am by occupation a labourer but owing to age and infirmity am unable to labour except in a slight degree and at light work I have no family residing with me but my wife now sixty nine years of age and who has been confined to her bed by sickness since the first of January last I bought the land mentioned in the schedule of my property six years ago and was assisted to pay for it by my son John Smith. I received considerable assistance from my said son towards my support before I got my pension from the United States

Signed John Smith

NOTE: The file contains another document that appears to be in German and is too faint to decipher.