

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Edward Smith S40454

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Dauphin county Ss.

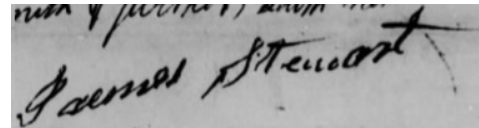
On this tenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, before me the subscriber, one of the judges of the court of common pleas in and for said county, personally appears Edward Smith aged sixty one years, resident in Hanover township in said county, who being by 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 Edward Smith, in the month of June A.D. 1777, enlisted in the township of Hanover in the county of Dauphin and State of Pennsylvania in the company commanded by Captain Bowyer of the eleventh Pennsylvania Regiment, under command of Col. Hampton [sic: Richard Humpton]; that he continued to serve in said corps, or in the service of the United States until about the first of December A.D. 1782, when he was discharged from the service in Newbury in the state of New York; that he then received a written and honourable discharge from Maj. Turner, which has been entirely worn out and destroyed long since; that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Peoli [sic: Paoli, 21 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Green Springs [Green Springs Plantation in VA, 6 Jul 1781], Sheraw Hills [see endnote], Cowpens [7 Jan 1781; see endnote], and at the taking of Lord Cornwallis [Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781]; that he was wounded at the battle of the Cowpens, and has ever to this time continued lame of the wound there received; 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 the affidavits and certificates hereto annexed.

Edward hisXmark Smith

I do certify that I knew Edward Smith in the united states service in the year 1778 and that he was billit at my house under the command of Major Turner and that he the said Edward Smith is now in my presence this day Aug't 16th 1819 [signed] Philip Wolforsberger Sen'r

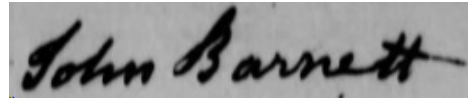
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Before me the subscriber one of the justices of the peace in and for the said county personally appeared James Stewart [S40513] an old solier of the revolutionary war of 1776 under the command of colenel Richard Hampton, and the said James Stewart being sworn according to law Saith that Edward Smith named in an affidavit taken & subscribed before Judge Bucher of Harrisburg, is the same Edward Smith ther in mentioned and that the said Edward Smith served in the eleventh Regiment of Pennsylvania line and under the command of the aforesaid Colonel Hampton with this deponent & that this deponent was drill seargeant for said regiment & that he drilled the aforesaid Edward Smith & further, saith not Sworn & subscribed August the 16th 1819

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James Stewart". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

I do Certify that Edward Smith Entred into what was called the flying Camp in the year 1776 under Capt Timothy Green Col'n. Cuninghams reigment after we returned home in the year 1777 he said Smith was inlisted by Leiut Macky into the standing army of the united States – and that I seen him the said Smith a few days before the batle of Brandywine in the Service of the United States I think in Col'n. Humptons reigment and believes he receved his lameness in the Service and knows him to have been industrious to make a liveing and that he hath no Estate of any kind – and think him an object of his and my Contry

should relieve and do Certify that Edward Smith now in my presence is the same Edward Smith that I certified for in the year 1813 I think
hanover august 17th 1819
to whome this may concern



I do hereby certify that Edward Smith serve part of his time with my husband Timothy Green, and before he was free he Enlisted under Capt Mackee in the year seventy seven or seventy Eight in the Revolutionary War & I understood that he received his lameness during Inlistment & that he has no Estate to Support him. Given under my hand this 18th day of August 1819

[signed] Mary Green

[Certified by Rebekah Barnett, daughter of Timothy Green.]

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On this 27th day of June AD 1820 personally appeared, in Open Court, in the Court of Common Pleas, of the County aforesaid, being a Court of record Edward Smith aged about Sixty years, resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit, he enlisted in the Spring of the year 1777 in the Company commanded by Captain Mackey of the eleventh Pennsylvania Regiment Commanded by Col. Hampton, and was afterwards transferred to the 10th Pennsylvania regiment, as will appear by his original declaration, dated Augt 10, 1819 made for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 under which Act he has received a certificate of pension from the War office dated October 13th 1819 which certificate is numbered 15,433.

And I the said Edward Smith 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.

Edward hisXmark Smith

Schedule of his property &c bedding & wearing apparel excepted.

A Coffee mill, a coffee pot, one pot, a dutch oven, and three benches, three earthen[?] pots, two tin cups, one soup dish, a small dish, and one plate, three knives & forks four cups & saucers. He enlisted while a boy, he learned no trade, he was by occupation a day labourer, he was wounded in the revolutionary war, and was able to labor untill about six years ago, when he became lame ever since as to be unable to walk without crutches; he has a Wife aged about forty six years and a daughter aged 6 years who reside with him in a small rented cabin containing but one room. Edward hisXmark Smith

NOTES:

"Sheraw Hills" probably refers to Cheraw Hills in South Carolina. Part of Gen. Nathanael Greene's southern army was camped there in January 1781, but there were no Pennsylvania troops there, and no battle took place there. Neither were there any Pennsylvania troops at the battle of Cowpens SC.

The file contains a letter to the Secretary of War dated 11 Aug 1824 from John C. Bucher & Co. of Harrisburg, pension agents for Edward Smith, stating that they had been advancing money to Smith, and that he intended to falsely claim that his pension certificate had been lost so that he could receive a new one, draw the pension money himself, and thereby avoid repaying the money advanced.