

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Smith S40460

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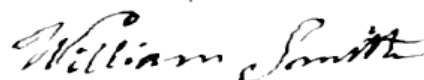
The State of Ohio

Personally appeared before the subscriber Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio William Smith who being duly sworn states that in the forepart of January 1776 he enlisted in the Continental Army under Captain Caldwell in the State of Delaware, who was attached to the first Delaware Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Haslet [John Haslet, Hazlet, Hazlett, Haslett]— that he continued in the service one year the term of his enlistment during which time he was in the battles of Trenton [December 26, 1776] and Princeton [January 3, 1777]. The said William Smith further states that in March following after his discharge aforesaid he again enlisted in the Continental Army under Captain Wilson whose company made a part of the second Delaware Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel David Hall – this term of enlistment was for three years, the whole of which time he served faithfully, and after the expiration thereof, that he again enlisted for during the War and continued to serve faithfully until the peace – he was discharged at Trenton, he thinks by a man by the name of Ellet Forman. During the last enlistments the said William states that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778], in Mud Island Fort [Siege of Fort Mifflin, October 10-November 15, 1777] – Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], was at the surrender of Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] – besides numerous skirmishes not related. The said William Smith further states that his discharge at the close of the War was kept by him a number of years but when about to leave the State of Delaware for the Western country, his discharge with a great number of other papers was burnt by him he not supposing that they could ever be of any service to him. That he is now in his sixty eighth year – is frail and unable to labor, and his necessities are great, so that he needs the assistance of the Government to procure the necessaries of life. The said William Smith further states that he has lost his hearing, which was occasioned in a considerable degree by the engagement in Mud Island Fort, though his immediate injury was not so great as to materially injure him from performing the duties of a soldier – that he was wounded by a Musket ball in the thigh, and by a cannonball his right arm was much injured, which, with the infirmities of old age has rendered his arm so lame that he has not been able to feed himself with it for about twenty years past. He never before applied for a pension.

Sworn and subscribed before made this 12th May 1818

S/ John McClean

S/ William Smith



The State of Ohio

Personally appeared before me the subscriber William Smith (whose affidavit made on the 12 May 1818 is hereto annexed) and made oath that in the company commanded by Captain Caldwell whose company formed a part of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Haslet as stated in his former deposition, he did serve for twelve months the period of his enlistment. That Captain Caldwell retired from the Army after the termination of the above service. Colonel Hall during the above service was a Captain in the above Regiment – also that Pope [Charles Pope?], Vaughn [Joseph Vaughan?], Patton [John Patten?], Smith, Jaquit [sic, Peter Jaquett], Darby [Henry Darby?], Adams [Daniel Jenifer Adams or William Adams?] he believes according to the best of his recollection were the other captains in the above Regiment. Colonel Haslet was killed about three miles from Princeton three days after the battle of Trenton. Hall being the first Captain of the Regiment was promoted to the command of it. The said William Smith further states, that he was discharged as stated in his former deposition and he again enlisted as stated in the same Regiment commanded by Colonel Hall as stated in his former deposition. That about six months after his enlistment there was a call for some men from the above Regiment to march against the British who were about Turkey Point, and it was feared would march to Philadelphia. That he was placed in Mud Island under the command of Captain Hazard [Arthur Hazzard?], and in the engagement which took place shortly after, in the explosion of 110 gunship of the enemy, he was rendered in entirely deaf. That immediately afterwards he was permitted to go home on furlough, as unfit for duty. In the ensuing fall, having come to his hearing partially, he was permitted by Captain Wilson and Colonel Hall to join the company of Captain Perry who was appointed to defend Caponlspan [?]¹—Lewis Town – that he remained with Captain Perry one year – during which time he assisted in making prizes of the Schooner *Reed* and the Sloop *Hawk*. That in February following after the end of his service last stated, he met with Colonel Hall, who induced him to join the Army in the May following at Barracks – he did so and continued to serve faithfully until the close of the War: that he was frequently, and generally when convenient engaged in the lookout boats up and down the North River. The said Smith further states, that he was in the battle on Long Island, under his first enlistment, commanded by Sterling [William Alexander, Lord Stirling] in which many of the Regiment were cut off. The company of Captain Perry was an independent one, his subalterns were, John Wesley, John Hazard & William Hall.

S/ William Smith

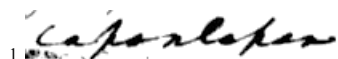
Sworn and subscribed before me this 15th May 1819

S/ John McLean

The State of Ohio Darke County SS

Supreme Court of the State of Ohio

On this 7th day of July 1820 Personally appeared in open court being a Court of Record for the said State William Smith aged sixty-nine years resident in Darke County in said State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war in the first in the company commanded by Jonathan Caldwell and in the 2nd Delaware Regiment and that his original declaration was dated on the ___ day of ___ in the year ___ the number of the pension certificate is ___ 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby



so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 the property by me owned – One horse, One cow, two pots – one kettle and one chest And further that his occupation is a farmer and that he is infirm and unable to perform any work of any amount all the family he has living with him is his wife Nancy Smith about 67 years old infirm and not able to perform any work of any account.

S/ William Smith

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 12, 1818, for service as a private in the Delaware Continental line for 6 years.]