

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Smith S40463

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Ohio Adams County Sct

I do hereby certify that William Smith a Citizen of the United States and of this State in which he has resided many years, personally appeared before me the undersigned, a judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid and being duly sworn according to law made the following declaration under oath, – First that he served seven years in the army of the United States in the revolutionary war against the common enemy; that is in the Virginia line on Continental establishments, 2^d. that he enlisted under Capt. Jonathan Langdon and served in and about two years under the said Capt. Langdon; and that by some regulation in the Core [sic: corps] to which he belonged Capt. Langdon was dismissed from the U. S. service [resigned 14 Sep 1778] and a certain Capt. Casie he thinks John the given name of the said Capt. Casie succeeded Capt. Langdon in command and that he the said Smith served under the said Capt. Casie the remainder of his time for which he first Enlisted say for three years; 3rd That immediately upon receiving his discharge that he again enlisted at a place called Middlebrook in the Jerseys for During the continuation of the war, and that he immediately obtained a furlow for one hundred & fourteen days and then retired from the service, during the length of his said furlow; that upon his furlow having expired he went to the Colonel to which regiment he belonged say to Colonel [James] Wood, then at Winchester Va. who ordered the said Smith to Petersburg [sic: Petersburg VA] to join the regiment commanded by Colo [Abraham] Buford stationed at that place for winter quarters, the spring following they were ordered to South Carolina where he remained a considerable time under the command of Capt. John Howard that he was in the engagement at the hanging rock in the Waxhaw settlement when Colo. Buford's Regiment was Defeated [Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780], and that asoon after this engagement he was transferred or placed under the command of Colo. [Richard] Campbell where he served in the 10th Virginia Regt. Commanded by Genl. Green [sic: Nathanael Green] and that he was in the engagement at the Eutaw Springs in South Carolina [8 Sep 1781] which place Colo. Campbell was killed.

4th that upon Colo. Campbell being killed a certain Maj. [Thomas] Ridley took the the command under whom he continued in the Service of the United States until Peace in 1782, 5th that in the spring of 1782 he obtained a discharge from Gen'l. Mulinburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] who succeeded Gen'l. [Charles] Scott; in due form; and left the army, which discharge he has lost many years ago

6th. that he is able to prove by Colo. Neville [John Neville, died 29 Jul 1803] and Colo. John Wood [probably James Wood intended; died 16 Jul 1813] if yet alive or Presly Neville [Presley Neville, died 1 Dec 1818] the correctness of many of the aforesaid statements

7th. that he served the whole of his time as a Musician say a drummer in the service aforesaid

8th. that he never had or received any pension from the United States although wounded in the engagement at Guilford Court House [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]

9th. and lastly that the circumstances of him the s'd. Smith are so low as to require the aid of his country for the support of himself & family

William hisXmark Smith

State of Ohio } SS

Adams County } On this Eleventh day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record having the power of fine and imprisonment for the County and in the state aforesaid William Smith aged Sixty Eight years resides in Clermont in the said State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows) that he enlisted under Capt. Jno. Langdon in Millerstown, Shanadore [sic: Shenandoah] County Va. & afterwards

served under Capt. John Waggoner [probably Andrew Waggener] of the 12th Va. Regiment Commanded by Colo. Wood when he served for two years was then attached to the Southern troops commanded by Gen'l. Green where he continued to serve four years until the expiration of the war when he was honorably discharged at the high hills of Santee in South Carolina by Gen'l. Green in the fall of the year in October as well as he recollects in 1782 he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] Monmouth [sic: Monmouth NJ, 28 Jun 1778] Guilford CH. Eutaw Springs, Camblin [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] in the South and in several small Engagements that he was wounded at the battle of Gilford in his knee by a bayonett which to the present day effects his walking considerably at times that he has been inscribed on the pension list certificate dated 31st day of December 1818 original Declaration dated 28th Ap'l. 1818 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 person 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.

Wm hisXmark Smith

Schedule of Wm. Smiths property

1 Cow	12 00
2 Horse beasts	25 00
½ doz knives & forks	1 50
½ doz plates	1 00
Spoons Cups & Saucers	1 00
1 pot & oven	2 00
1 plow & Rope harness	3 00
debts due to him in bad hands	<u>8 50</u>
	\$54 00
He owes	60 00

That his occupation is a Labourer and his family consists of himself his wife Named Hannah aged fifty four Daughters Margaret aged fourteen Hannah aged 12 years Son named Quiller aged 18 years that his Children who are come of age has left him some time and are doing for themselves say Jacob aged 24 George 22 Elizabeth 19. And that his age and infirmity renders him incapable of performing his necessary labor so as to maintain his family

Wm hisXmark Smith