

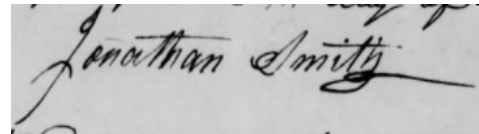
Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jonathan Smith S40473

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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 24 July 2021.

Jonathan Smith now resident of Youngstown Trumbull County & State of Ohio deposeseth & saith – That he joined the Revolutionary Army of the United States of America about the 15th December in the year 1776 and acted as Cadet till the 16th March 1777 when he received an Ensign's Commission in Captain William Chroghan's Company [sic: William Croghan BLWt448-400, company raised in West Augusta District near present Pittsburgh PA] in the eighth Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by Colonel Booman [sic: Abraham Bowman W396] & continued to serve in said Company and Regiment as an Ensign from the said 16th day of March 1777 until the 4th day of October following when he was taken prisoner at the battle of Germantown & remained prisoner from that time until December in the year 1780 when he was released from imprisonment by exchange & again joined the said army of the United States. That [on 4 Apr 1778] previous to his again joining the said army he received a Lieutenant's commission & was attached to the 5th Regiment of the Virginia line [on 12 Feb 1781] commanded by Colonel Oliver Towles [BLWt2213-450] & served in that Regiment as Lieutenant from the spring of 1781 to the close of the Revolutionary war. That he was discharged from the service at Cumberland Court House in Virginia after the conclusion of peace at the same time the Continental army in general received their discharge. The said deponent further saith that he has never received or to his knowledge been entitled to receive any pension from the United States by reason of his aforesaid services in the Revolutionary army of the United States. And this deponent saith further that at the time he entered into the said service of the United States he was possessed of sufficient property to render his circumstances easy and independent – that partly by losses sustained during the Revolutionary war & partly by misfortunes which have since occurred, he is now so reduced in property, that he is under the necessity of labouring daily for the support of his family at an advanced period of life (being now in his sixty first year) & that under the encroaching infirmities of old age – he therefore prays to be placed on the Pension list, under the late Act of Congress, passed the 18th day of March 1818.



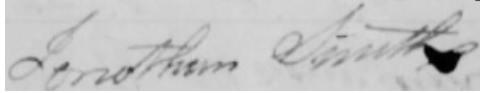
State of Ohio ss } Court of Common Pleas December Term AD 1820

Trumbull County } On this sixth Day of December AD 1820 personally appeared in open Court
being a Court of Record for said County Jonathan Smith aged sixty four years

Resident in Youngstown in said County who being duly sworn according to law Doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows to wit about one year as a lieutenant in the Company commanded by Captain William Chroghan in the Regt commanded by Colonel Bowman in the Virginia line on the Continental Establishment that while he was a prisoner he was Transferred to the fifth Virginia Regt commanded by Colonel Oliver Tolls in the Virginia line on the Continental Establishment where he served the remaining part of the war supposed to be about five years that he applied for a pension on the fourteenth Day of April AD 1818 and Received a pension certificate numbered twelve thousand three hundred and sixty five 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.

Schedule

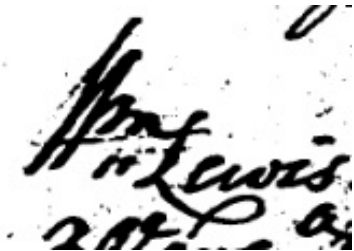
Three fourths of an acre of land bought with my pension money	That he is indebted to William Rayne
One cow bought with my pension money	forty dollars
Two hogs	To the two Mr Waites fifty Dollars
One Tea kettle	
One Iron kettle	
One set cabinet makers tools	
Three pigs	



And the said Jonathan further saith that by occupation he is a cabinet maker that he is infirm and able to labor but little That his family consists of two persons exclusive of himself to wit his wife Nancy aged fifty four years unhealthy and able to labor but little William Smith his son aged Eleven years healthy and as able to labor as usual for boys of his age.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files.]

I do Certify tht Lieut. Jonathan Smith was appointed an Officer in the Continental Virg'a line in March 1777 and still continues to be an Acting Officer in that line. Given under my hand this 12 Day Feb'y 1783
Wm Lewis Maj'r [William Lewis BLWt1300-400]
3 Virg'a Reg't



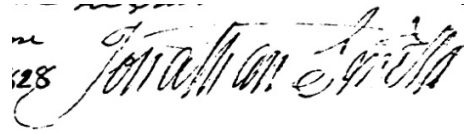
State of Ohio }
Trumbull County }

Personally appeared before me the subscribing authority, Jonathan Smith aged about seventy one years who being solemnly sworn deposed & saith. That he was appointed a Cadet in the Virginia line on Continental establishment in the Revolutionary war in the Month of September 1775 by General Scott [Charles Scott BLWt2055-850] in the City of Philadelphia as said Scott was on his march to join the main army with his Brigade. That he the said Smith was at first stationed at Philidelphia to take care of the sick, particularly the soldiers who had the small pox. That he then joined the army under Gen'l Washington & was at both the battles of Trenton [26 Dec 1776] & Princeton [3 Jan 1777] & then returned to Philadelphia, where he received an Ensign's Commission from John Hancock President of Congress dated the 16th of March 1777 in the eighth Virginia Regiment. That he was in the Battles of Brandywine & Germantown at which last place he was taken prisoner in company with the ninth Virginia Regiment. That he was taken to New York & retained prisoner three years two months and twelve days, when he was released at Elizabethtown Point New Jersey on the 15th day of December 1780. That he then joined the V.a Line at Cumberland Court House V.a. under Col'n Feeberger [sic: Christian Febiger VAS675] that he was at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781] and that he remained in the army with said V.a line in the Rank of Lieut. until the disbanding of the army at the conclusion of peace. That he was discharged at Cumberland Court House V.a & at the time of discharge belonged to the 5th V.a Reg't. commanded by Oliver Towles. That some time in the month of March or April 1783 he went to Richmond V.a. applied for & obtained a land warrant for 2666²/₃ acres – not then knowing and not having been informed until lately that he was entitled to one sixth more land than the quantity he obtained – which additional one sixth portion of land he has never obtained, applied for, or disposed of to any one. Said Deponent further saith that his Commission is either lost or destroyed & that at this day he does not know

where to find any living officer by whom he can prove that he served a longer period than six yeas & he saith that he is old, infirm & in low circumstances & that the land might be of great service to him if he could obtain it. And further he saith not.

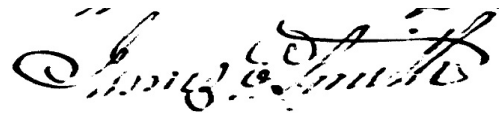
Sworn & subscribed before me this 16th day of February AD 1828

Henry Manning
Justice of the peace

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry Manning". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

I James E. Smith [W3727] a Resident of the City of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania Do Solemnly, Sincerely, and truly declare and affirm, That I was a Commissioned Officer in the Penns'a Line as early as March 1777 That I was made a Prisoner of war in the winter of 1777 & 78 carried into the City of Philadelphia and confined in the Walnut Street Prison, I there met with Jonathan Smith who was present in the same Room and mess, where we remaind untill June following when we were taken round to New York and placed on Long Island on Parole. That in the winter of 1779 & 80 I was Exchanged and left the said Jonathan Smith a prisoner on Long Island, that shortly after my being Exchanged I Joined the Southern Army and did not meet the said Jonathan Smith in Service, I was informed he belonged to the Virginia Line and that he was made Prisoner at the Germantown Battle – which I have no doubt was so. I can also state that I have seen Mr. Smith within two years in the State of Ohio, and know him to be the same Person as before set forth, and that he was a [several undeciphered words] office in the Revoulony war

Oct'r 11th 1828 before me
[undeciphered]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James E. Smith". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

NOTE: The following is written on the pension certificate: "Dropt from Roll under act 15th May 1828." That act provided full pay for surviving officers.