

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Edward Smith S41173

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State of Pennsylvania

Dauphin County Ss:

Before the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Dauphin in the State of Pennsylvania, personally appears Edward Smith of the said State, who being duly sworn declares that in the early part of the revolutionary war, he enlisted in Capt. Mullen's Company of Marines, that he served on board the Delaware Frigate commanded by Captain Montgomery until her captured by the British in the Delaware Bay [see endnote] & that he remained a prisoner for about two years when he was exchanged and returned home. That in the year one thousand seven hundred seventy seven [sic] he again enlisted in Captain John Brice's [John Bryce's] Company of Artillery in the fourth Regiment of the Pennsylvania line & served therein in the war of the revolution until the termination thereof when he was honourably discharged therefrom, which discharge is lost by time and accident. That he was in the battle at Yorktown at the taking of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], at the battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781; see endnote], at the battle at Ewtaw Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781; see endnote] besides others. That he has no other evidence in his power of his services than the certificates of The Auditor Gen'l. of Pennsylvania hereto annexed. And that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, he is in need of assistance from his country for support, and therefore makes this application for a pension under the provisions of "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War."

Edward hisXmark Smith

The foregoing declaration was made under oath & subscribed this 23^d April 1818 before David Scott

I am fully of Opinion that the above petitioner (Edward Smith) served as a Soldier to the close of the Revolutionary War, in Captain Brice's Company in the Pennsylvania Regim[ent] of Artillery and is justly entitled to all the emoluments to a good Soldier Andrew Porter (late)/ Col. Penn'a. Reg't. Art'y. [Copy certified in the Auditor General's Office 23 April 1818]

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On this twenty sixth day of September in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas in and for the county of Dauphin Personally appears Edward Smith aged sixty two years now residing in Susquehanna township in the said County who being 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 enlisted in the town of (now City of) Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven in the month of April (as he beleives) in the company commanded by Captain Brice of the third Regiment of Artillery commanded by Col Thomas Proctor for the period of five years or during the war and continued in service and in the same regiment which was afterwards commanded by Colonel Andrew Porter untill the close of the war that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and at the taking of Cornwallis and from thence was detached under the command of Captain John Turnbull [more likely Charles Turnbull] in General Wains [sic: Anthony Wayne's] brigade to the southward where he remained the close of the war and was honourably discharged at Ashley Hills [12 mi NW of Charleston] in the State of South Carolina which discharge he has lost or mislaid and that he is now in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no pension now or heretofore allowed him by the United States and if any there should be he does hereby fully

renounce the same to the United States and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn & subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid
Jacob Bucher

Edward hisXmark Smith

NOTE:

The frigate *Delaware*, commanded by Capt. John Barry, was captured on 27 Sep 1777. Note that it is not possible for Edward Smith to have been captured on that ship and also to have served at the battles of Brandywine and Germantown, as he later claimed. Note also that Pennsylvania troops were not at the battles of Cowpens and Eutaw Springs.

Edward Smith is listed on a payroll of Capt. John Bryce's Company of the 4th Regiment of Artillery dated 2 April 1782, when that regiment was in Georgia (<http://revwarapps.org/b223.pdf>).