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Pension application of Peter Smith S42015

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North Carolina

On this ninth Day of November A.D. 1818 before me Thomas Ruffin Judge of the Superior Court of Law & Court of Equity in said State personally appeared Peter Smith aged about seventy-one years & resident in Caswell County in North Carolina who being by me first duly sworn on his oath made 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 & naval Service of the United States during the revolutionary war; That he the said Peter enlisted for the Term of one year and Orange County in North Carolina in or about the latter end of the year 1775 as a private in the company commanded by Capt. Henry Dixon and the first Regiment of the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment whereof James Moore was Lt. Col. & Thomas Clarke Major and that he was lawfully discharged by Major Thomas Clarke in the latter part of 1776 having served one year & six days which discharge he has since lost, That he has continued to reside in Caswell County ever since and that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support.

S/ P. Smith

Declared and sworn to before me Judge as aforesaid at Caswell Court House the ninth day of November A.D. 1818

S/ Thomas Ruffin

North Carolina

On this 9th Day of November 1818 before me Thomas Ruffin Judge as aforesaid Major Thomas Donoho<sup>1</sup> & Robert Martin<sup>2</sup> both of Caswell County being by me duly sworn deposed & saith on their oath that they have been well acquainted with Peter Smith ever since his enlistment that they were with him in the service & believe the within statement by him made to be true and correct. That the said Peter is now very old & infirm & is in reduced circumstances but of honest character and worthy of belief on his oath.

S/ Thos. Donoho

S/ Robert Martin

Subscribed & sworn to before me at Caswell CH this 9th Day of November 1818

S/ Thomas Ruffin

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<sup>1</sup> [Thomas Donoho W9838](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Robert Martin W1907](#)

State of North Carolina Caswell County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions January Term 1821  
 On this 11th day of January 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County, Peter Smith aged about 72 years resident in the State of North Carolina in Caswell County; who being first duly sworn, according to law; doth, on his corporal oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, in the first Regiment of North Carolina infantry and in the Company of commanded by Capt. Henry Dixon, they being on the Continental establishment; that he served in the Regiment and Company aforesaid for the term of 12 months and six days; and that he has obtained a pension certificate on a declaration heretofore made by him on the ninth day of November 1818 before the Judge of the Superior Court for the County of Caswell and State aforesaid: that the number of the pension certificate obtained by him is 4,884 -- that he has drawn this pay under said certificate to the fourth day March 1820.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 property of Peter Smith

one horse worth	\$25
one cow and calf	12
eleven hogs	11
eleven plates; three basins, two dishes	9
one half dozen knives and forks	2
one pot, one oven and skillet	<u>4</u>
	\$63

I have no debts due you may from any individual; and am in debt to various persons to the amount of \$120; and have residing with made the following children Morgan aged 13 years, Nicholas aged about 10 years, Elizabeth aged about eight years, Sally aged about six years, Jackson aged between two and three years; and Washington aged seven months –

S/ P. Smith