

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Smith S4852
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State of Tennessee, County of Henry

On this __ day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court for the State of Tennessee and County of Henry, now sitting, John Smith a resident of the State of Tennessee and County of Henry, aged sixty nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to attain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I was drafted into the Service in Surry County North Carolina in September 1779 [sic, 1780?] for three months under Captain Gideons, Lieutenant Humphreys, Colonel James Shepherd; Major Lovell, and John Armstrong General – passed through Wilkes County North Carolina to King's Mountain. I was in the battle of King's Mountain, which was the defeat of Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] – we returned to Surry County and were discharged by Captain Gideons.

I volunteered in November 1780 for three months under Captain Benjamin Humphreys, Lieutenant Stephen Smith, Colonel Shepherd, Major Lovell and General Armstrong, in Surry County North Carolina – we marched to the Shallow Ford of the Adkin River [sic, Yadkin River] endeavoring to join General Campbell in which attempt we failed – we then marched to Moravian town North Carolina – from there we passed through Caswell County North Carolina went to Hillsboro North Carolina, here we had a fight with the British – we returned to Surry County North Carolina and were discharged by Captain Humphreys – I went on several scouting expeditions after this without regularly entering the Service – was a Teamster three months – previous to being drafted.

1. Where and in what year were you born? I was born in Orange County Virginia in July 1763.
2. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it? I have no record of my age.
3. Where were you living when called into Service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? I was living in Surry County North Carolina when called into Service – after the Revolutionary War, I remained, as well as I can recollect, about 27 years in Surry County North Carolina – from there I removed to be Roane County East Tennessee, where I lived seven years from there I moved to Henry County Tennessee where I have lived nine years and now live in Henry County Tennessee.
4. How were you called into the Service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom? The first time I was drafted, the second time I volunteered, I never Substituted.
5. State the name of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia regiments as you recollect and the general circumstances of your

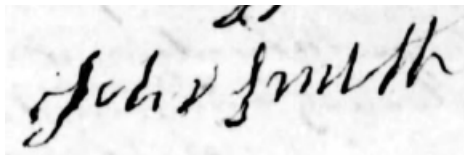
service. I, at present, remember no officers other than those I have mentioned, Captain Gideons, lieutenant Humphreys, Colonel Shepherd, Major Lovell, General Armstrong in the second campaign. Captain Humphreys, Lieutenant Smith and General Campbell the general circumstances of my service I have related.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it? I did was discharged first by Captain Gideons, then by Captain Humphreys and discharges are lost.
7. State the names of persons to whom you are known and who can testify as to your character for veracity and that they are of the opinion from your statement, that you were a Soldier of the Revolution. For character for veracity &c I refer to William E. Looney and James Lee

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

I have no documentary evidence, and know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify as to my Service in the Revolutionary War.

S/ John Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Smith", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ B. C. Brown, D. Clk

[William E Looney and James Lee gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Smith appointed Thomas Ward as his attorney to collect amounts due Smith under the June 7, 1832 act.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]