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Pension Application of Lewis Smith S6112

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State of Virginia

Dinwiddie County (to wit)

On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832, personally appeared before the county court of Dinwiddie in the State aforesaid Lewis Smith (a free man of colour) a resident of Dinwiddie County in the State of Virginia, aged about eighty years, who being first sworn, according to Law, doth, on his Oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he the said Lewis Smith enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1779. while in service he was under the command of Captain Covington and General Mughlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]; was first marched to Cumberland Court House and there remained for six months, at which place he acted in the capacity of Bowman for the said Captain Covington; After which he marched from Cumberland Court House to Charlestown [Charleston SC] and there remained in service acting as Bowman as aforesaid for Capt Covington until the expiration of the time of his enlistment (say 18 months) at the expiration of which time, and place he the said Lewis Smith received a written discharge in legal form; which discharge has since been destroyed. And that he the said Lewis Smith relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency whatever – Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Lewis hisXmark Smith

State of Virginia, Dinwiddie County Sc

Personally appeared before the County Court of Dinwiddie, in open Court, on this 20th day of May 1833 Lewis Smith, who in addition to his former Declaration, to which this is appended states that he has no documentary evidence of his services, having several years ago lost his discharge, and that no person now living that he knows of can testify as to any portion of his services within their own knowledge. He states further that he was born in the County of Prince George, removed to Dinwiddie County just before the revolutionary war, has resided here ever since & that his services were rendered from the said county. that he has no register, or record of his age but from his earliest information does not doubt he stated it correctly in his former Declaration. That by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot state the names of any regular officers who were with the troops where he served – nor any other continental or militia regiments other than he has heretofore done. And the only known persons to whom he is known in his neighbourhood to whom he can refer to testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier in the revolution are the Rev'd. Isham E. Hargrave, and Capt. Peter Eppes, whose certificates have already been taken by the Court. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year last aforesaid.

Lewis hisXmark Smith

NOTE: A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Cumberland Old Courthouse lists Lewis Smith/ age 22/ height 5¾"/ black hair/ black eyes/ black complexion/ planter/ born in Prince George County/ residing in Dinwiddie County/ enlisted as a substitute on 6 June 1782 for 18 months. Sized on 26 June 1782.