

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of George Smith S6115

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State of Virginia

Hanover County to wit

On this first day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable William Brackenborough Judge of the Superior Court of Law & Chancery for the said county George Smith a resident of Hanover & state aforesaid aged sixty eight years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

He states that he was born in Hanover on the sixth day of May 1764 according to family register, there being no record of his age – that he went into the service of the united states in the month of September or October 1779 as a volunteer & private under Captn David Richardson of Hanover and marched from Hanover, through New Kent, Charles City & James City to the Town of Wmsburg [Williamsburg] and was there put under the command of Col Sampson Mathews, thence he marched to YorkTown and joined the army commanded by Genl Thomas Nelson, thence to Rich creek in the County of Warwick [now in Newport News City] and was stationed there several days thence back to Wmsburg and discharged. He served in this tour two months. He was drafted and called out again in the month of April 1781 & marched from Hanover under Captn James Doswell to the City of Richmond, thence to Marbin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 miles] below Richmond and there joined the army commanded by Major Boyer, Col. Call and Genl. Frederick Augustus Mulenburg [sic: John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg] and whilst we were stationed at Marbin Hills we were frequently alarmed by the enemy who fired on our guard. we then retreated and passed over the Chickahominy River at the Meadow Bridges and after crossing the River we then destroyed the Bridges by setting fire to them. we then marched on through Hanover, Louisa, Spotsylvania and Orange and crossed the Rapidan River at the Raccoon Ford [Raccoon Ford] into Culpeper where we joined the army commanded by Genl Wayne and the Marquis Delafayette [Anthony Wayne and the Marquis de Lafayette, 6 Jun 1781] we then recrossed the River and marched on through Orange, Spotsylvania, Louisa, Fluvanna, Goochland, Henrico and New Kent and in New Kent at a place called Hot water we had a slight engagement with Tarltons troop of horse [Battle of Spencer's Ordinary (or Hot Water Plantation) 6 mi NW of Williamsburg, 26 Jun 1781, in which Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion fought under Lt. Col. John Graves Simcoe], thence we retreated to a place called Muddy creek, we then marched on to James Town, thence to Wmsburg, thence to York Town where he remained in service until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. He served in this tour five months. He further states that he resided in the said County of Hanover when he went into the service of the United States that he has resided since the revolution in the said County and still resides in the same that he no documentary evidence or written discharge but can prove his services by John Williams of Hanover [pension application S6413] and William P. Napier [S15944] of Carolein [sic: Caroline County] and refers to Thomas Doswell and Charles Thompson as persons who reside in his neighbourhood that can testify to his character and their belief as to his being a soldier of the revolution. He states that he served as a private during the revolution seven months in all.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory whatever. sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

[signed] George Smith