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Pension Application of Henry Smith S6122

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Virginia

At a Court of Quarterly Session, held for Nelson County, at the Courthouse on the 29th day of August 1832

State of Virginia Nelson County, ss.

On this day personally appeared in open Court before the said County Court, now sitting Henry Smith, a resident of the said County of Nelson, and State aforesaid, aged Eighty four years, who being 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in September 1778, being drafted to go against the Delaware Indians then at war with the United States – that he served that tour under Capt William Finley Colo [William] Bowyer commanded the Regiment. His company joined two Regiments, one of them commanded by Col Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead] and the other by Col Elliot – that he was discharged at Fort Mackintosh [sic: Fort McIntosh at present Beaver PA] on the Ohio, on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 1778. In January 1781 living in the County of Augusta, in the said State of Virginia, he was drafted to go to Portsmouth in Virginia to oppose the British. The company was commanded by Captain John Cunningham – he had a skirmish with some of the British forces. Capt. Cunningham was badly wounded in that skirmish. Gen'l. Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] commanded that day. He was left in service until the end of three months, when he was discharged at the camp near or on the Dismal Swamp. He was drafted a third time in July 1781 to go to York, in Virginia against Lord Cornwallis – the company then commanded by Capt Finley – he was detained two months in service when he was discharged at York, two hundred miles from home, – he acted as Orderly Sergeant in the two first expeditions, and in the last as Sergeant. He was discharged at first three hundred miles from home, and the second two hundred and fifty miles.

The said Henry Smith hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state whatever. The said Smith says he has no record of his age – he was living in Augusta County when called into service, and has lived in Amherst, now called Nelson County, since the Revolutionary War, and still lived in Nelson. He was drafted every time he went into the service – he never received a written discharge from the service. That Spotswood Garland and Charles Perrow and Robert Rives know his standing as a man of veracity. He states that he was born in Ireland and came into the State of Virginia in the year 1765 – that he was in service nine months, and travelling home after the three discharges one months.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Henry Smith