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Pension Application of Thomas Smith S6124

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State of Virginia, Chesterfield county, Towit,

On this tenth day of September anno Domini 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the county court of Chesterfield county now sitting, Thomas Smith a resident of Chesterfield county in the state of Virginia, aged about seventy one or two 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. — That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers, and served as herein stated; —

Towit; That he was called out by draft, in a company of Militia, in chesterfield county, commanded by Captain Bernard Markham, of which Stephen Pankey was Lieutenant, sometime in the year 1781; the regiment to which he was attached was commanded by Colo. Ralph Faulkner, and the troops generally were under the command of General Steuben; that they were marched from Chesterfield county to the lower part of Virginia, they were at McKey's mills, Smithfield, Suffolk, Bryant's point, and in the vicinity of the Dismal swamp, and after being marched about in that section of country a considerable time, came up to Petersburg, and was in the battle at that place [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781]; after which he was marched to Tuckahoe, from thence to Cumberland old courthouse, and from thence to Wilton below the City of Richmond, where he was discharged, after having served a tour of somewhat more than three months.

That sometime in the latter part of the summer, or the beginning of the fall of the same year 1781, he was again called out in the same company of militia, commanded by the same company officers above mentioned, for the purpose, as it was said when they were first called out, of going to the seige of Yorktown [28 Sep - 19 Oct]; but instead of going there,, they were marched down on James river, and were kept in the vicinity of that river, to watch the movements of the enemy, and keep the slaves in check; he thinks they were kept in service at least three months, and believes that some short time after the surrender of the British army under Gen'l. Cornwallis, they were marched to Richmond and discharged; he was in no battle or skirmish during this last tour. — That he was upon several other occasions, called out with the body of Militia for Chesterfield County, and served for short periods, say a week or a fortnight at a time. That he never received any written discharge

He has no documentary evidence to prove his military service; but he thinks that Moses Fergusson [sic: Moses Ferguson, pension application S17411] who served with him in the first tour herein set forth, can and will testify as to his service in that tour.

That he was born in Chesterfield county, and has resided there ever since, but does not know the year when he was born; he has no record of his birth or age; and does not know that any such record is in existence, or indeed was ever made.

He 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the date above mentioned

Thomas hisXmark Smith