

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Smith S7559

VA

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled and act for the Reliefe of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of Revolution approved on the 15th day of May 1828 I Charles Smith of princess anne county [now in the City of Virginia Beach] and in the state of virginia do here by declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for during the war and continued in its service untill its termination at which period I was a private in Capt. Howes company of the virginia line and also declare I was not on the pention List of the united states on the 15th day of May 1828 and further declare that I never have Received any Compensation for my services whatever
Witness my hand this 8th day of Jan'y in the year 1829 Charles hisXmark Smith

[Punctuation partly corrected]

Princess Anne, CH, (Virginia) 17th July 1829

Honoured Sir Your favour of the 25th June addressed to the Hon'e. Thos. Newton requesting of me to give you, an account of the Officers under whom I served, during the War of the Revolution has been rec'd and in answer I have to inform you that I enlisted in the town of Portsmouth in this State under Capt. Hamilton and was transfered from his Company to Capt. Ewin's and was ordered to join the Northern Army and was at that period in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Lee and was in several engagements during the time, and was at one period with General Washington. Some time after I was taken a Prisoner by the Enemy and was confined on board of the Prison Ship at New York for a considerable length of time, and after my release I rejoined the Army and belonged to a Company commanded by Capt Howe and remained with him untill the close of the War. Colanel Drayton commanded the Regiment to which my Company belonged. I was discharged at Elizabeth town in New Jersey at the close of the War. This is all the information that I can give you at present. Considering my advanced age being now upward of 80 years old and the length of time that has elapsed since I was in the Army, and my memory failing me that I cannot give you as particular an account as I would wish, but hope what I have stated will prove satisfactory, accompany my Declaration which you have in your office you will find the depositions of two persons who knew that I was a soldier in the Continental Line in the Army of the Revolution which is all the evidence that I can get in this County. I am a very poor man and if it was not for my Children I should probably have to claim support from the County. I suffered considerable during the War especially when I was a Prisoner I can solemnly declare to you that I never have received any compensation (with the exception of a few Shillings when I enlisted) from my Government for my services. I submit my case to your decision as I am conscious that you will do me Justice, please to write to me immediately on the receipt of this.

Hon'e. S D Ingham Washington

I am very Respectfully Your Ob. Servant
Charles Smith

State of Virginia County of Princess Ann SS

On the Sixth day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices now sitting Charles Smith a resident of Princess Ann and State of Virginia aged about seventy five 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 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1775 under Capt Amos Weeks, that the duty he did consisted in keeping guard chiefly, that he was marched to Norfolk twice, while that place was blockaded by the british, that he was in a skirmish with the enemy on one occasion at Norfolk That the company to which he was attached stood by itself as a minute company and that consequently he cannot state the field officers who commanded the company, and that the aforesaid tour of duty was for six months. That he then served about 3 months in the company of Capt Frederick Baush [sic: Frederick

Princess Ann Co. to wit

Personally appeared before me this day John Brown of s'd County and made oath that himself and Charles Smith were privates in Capt. Browns Company in Dabneys Reg't of the Virginia State line during the War of the Revolution and enlisted for and during the war, and continued in service untill the end of the War. I certify that Charles Smith is worthy of credit, witness my hand and Seal this 30th day of Oct'r 1830

I Malachi Carroll [S8180] of the County of Princess Anne and State of Virginia do hereby declare that Charles Smith was a Soldier of Infantry Virginia State Line during the war of the Revolution and was in Service 3 years

Given under my hand this 25 day of Jan'y 1832

Malachi hisXmark Carroll

The affidavit of Malichi Carrol: [12 Sep 1833]

This affiant being duly sworn, saith that he is now in the seventy-ninth year of his age, and resides in the County of Princess Anne, in the State of Va. that he enlisted under Capt. Ballard, that he knew Charles Smith, now of Princess Ann State of Va. who was a soldier of the revolution that the said Smith was in the State line in Dabney's Regt. but was sent with others to the North to join Washington's Army – as this Affiant always understood, and this Affiant believes that the said Smith did not return fore some time after the Siege of York, to Princess Anne.

Malachi hisXmark Carrol

The Affidavit of Charles Smith: [10 Oct 1833]

This Affiant being duly sworn saith that he is now in the Eighty third year of his age and was born in the County of Princess Anne, State of Virginia. was a soldier in the revolution, that he enlisted in the Virginia State line under Capt. Hamilton, in Dabney's reg't. that he was transfered to Capt. Brown's company same reg't. that he served in the state line more than three years and to the close of the war. he was at the siege of york and discharged sometime after with the regt. in which he served.

Charles hisXmark Smith

The affidavit of John Brown: [19 Oct 1833]

This affiant being duly sworn, saith that he is now in the seventy fifth year of his age, and was born in Princess Anne County, State of Virginia, was a soldier in the Revolution, that he served some time after the siege of York, and was also at the siege of York – that this Affiant enlisted in Dabney's Regt. under Capt. Hamilton, and was transfered to Capt. Browns Company, same Regt. that he knew Charles Smith, that the said Smith enlisted in the same Regt. about the same time that this affiant enlisted, and served more than three years, & until the close of the War.

This affiant now on the pension list of the U. States.

John hisXmark Brown