

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonas Smyth (Smyth) S7565

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Virginia, Washington County

On this 27th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the court of Washington County now sitting Jonas Smyth a resident of the said County in the Eighty fourth year of his age, 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, 1832.

The said Jonas Smyth states that he entered the service as a volunteer in the spring of the year 1775 for the term of six months under Captain James Dysart by order of Colonel Arthur Campbell to guard the frontier inhabitants of Washington County against the Indians and after performing said service was honorably discharged by the said Captain Dysart. In the spring of the year 1776 he again volunteered and served six months under the same Captain in guarding the frontiers and was honorably discharged. In the year 1777 he volunteered under Captain William Edmondson Senior and served two months in guarding the frontiers. During this service he was marched to Castles Woods on the waters of Clinch River and from there to the Sandy River in search of Indians and at the end of said service he was honorably discharged by the said Captain Edmondson. In the year 1778 he volunteered under Captain James Dysart and Lieutenant Andrew Kincanon was marched to Clinch [River] and served two months in defending that frontier against the Indians and was honorably discharged. In the fall of the year 1780 he volunteered under Captain Andrew Colvill [Andrew Colville?] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Campbell and marched to the South and was in the battle of King's Mountain in October. In this service he served one and one half months and was honorably discharged, his discharges being all verbal ones. The said Jonas Smyth therefore says that he faithfully served his country according to the foregoing statement fifteen and one half months. He hereby relinquishes all 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 27th day of August 1833.

S/ Jonas Smith



[Certificate of veracity, etc. given by George Crawford, clergyman, and Thomas Talbert, Sr.]

Washington County to wit

This day Edward Smyth¹ an old Revolutionary soldier came personally before me John N. Harnes a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath that he knows that Jonas Smyth performed service as a volunteer militia soldier during the revolutionary War in the years 1775 and 1776 as he states in his declaration this affiant having served in the same company with him. This

¹ [Edward Smith W9301](#)

affiant also knows that the said Jonas volunteered to perform the tours of service which he states in the years 1777 & 1778 and he knows that he performed the service in 1780 on the expedition to Kings Mountain and further saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed this 27th of August 1833

S/ Edward Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Smith". The ink is black and the signature is centered on the page.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$51.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 1/2 months in the Virginia militia.]