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Pension Application of John Smith W19051

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Virginia

On this 25 day of May 1818 Before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the general Court of Virginia, personally appeared John Smith aged 87 years resident in the County of Shenandoah state afor'd., who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," that he the said John Smith enlisted in 1776 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain [Jonathan] Langdon 12<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Regt Colo [James] Wood of the state aforesaid that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States untill the year 1780 when he was discharged from service in Charlotte state of South Carolina [sic: North Carolina] that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the affidavit now enclosed. Sworn to and declared before me the day and year first aforesaid H. Holmes

NOTE: On 8 May 1841 Nancy Smith, 95, of Rockingham County VA, applied for a pension stating that as Nancy Pickypile she married John Smith in 1777 or 1778 in Baltimore County MD, and he died 13 Oct 1819. On 25 Aug 1841 Nancy Smith added the following: "she believes he served under a Capt. Langdon, and she declares that she has often heard her husband the said John Smith state that he was enlisted into the Service in Stevenstown in the County of Shenandoah in the State of Virginia... her husband the said John Smith was wounded in the battle of Brandywine, and declarant was married to him before his wound was entirely well [when he] was aged about 45 or 46 years [and he] was aged about 87 years at the time of his death." John Purkeypile, about 80, deposed that he had witnessed the marriage of John Smith and Nancy Purkeypile, and that they had moved from Maryland to Shenandoah County about 45 years previously.