

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Smith W19052 Winna Smith VA
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On this 28th Sept. 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia for the said state personally appeared Jacob Smith aged 59 years, resident in the County of Rockingham state aforesaid, who being first duly sworn by me, 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 Jacob Smith enlisted in the fall of 1776 at Rockingham in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt. Gabriel Long [VAS970] 11th Virg'a Regiment of the state aforesaid that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the Service of the United States untill the fall of 1780 when he was discharged from service in schorarry [Schoharie?] then state of New York that he was in the Battle of Saratoga [Battle of Freeman's Farm 19 Sep 1777 and/or Battle of Bemis Heights 7 Oct 1777] and various skirmishes

and that he is reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support; and that he has not other evidence now in his power of his said services except that now enclosed

Virginia Culpeper County to wit

Gabriel Long of the said County formerly a Captain in the Eleventh Virginia Continental Regiment this day personally appeared before me Philip Slaughter a Justice of the peace for the aforesaid County & made oath that in or about the month of August or September Seventeen hundred & Seventy Six Jacob Smith of the County of Rockinghame & State aforesaid Inlisted as a Soldier in his Company for three years, which Company was intended to join a Rifle Regiment then raising, a part from the State of Virginia & a part from Maryland to be Commanded by Colo. Hugh Stephenson from Virg'a. & Lt. Colo. Rawlins [sic: Moses Rawlings] & Major Otho Williams from Maryland that he the said Gabriel Long marched his men to the North in the fall of seventeen hundred & seventy six that he was in the Action at Trenton in December 1776 [26 Dec 1776] & in Princetown in Jan'y 1777 [Princeton 3 Jan 1777]. It being so long ago he does not particularly recollect whether the said Jacob Smith was with him in those Actions or not, but thinks it probable he was & he believes that the said Jacob Smith was in several other Actions with him. That in the Spring of seventeen hundred & seventy seven the said Longs Company was ordered to join the Eleventh Virginia Continental Regiment Commanded by Colo. Daniel Morgan & that they did join said Regiment as a part thereof – that the said Jacob Smith served his time of Inlistment for three years faithfully & was Discharged at the Expiration of his term, in one of the Northern States. Given under my hand this twenty fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & nineteen

Virginia, to wit:

Jacob Smith of the county of Rockingham, came into court, and made the following written Declaration, to wit;

“Rockingham County Superior Court

Be it Remembered that on the 22nd day of May 1822 personally appeared in Open Court, being a court of Record for said County, Jacob Smith aged sixty five years, resident on the Shenandoah River in said County, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows; That he the said Jacob Smith enlisted in Captain Gabriel Longs company of the 11th Regiment of the Virginia line and that he the said Jacob Smith made his original declaration of such, before the Honorable Judge Holmes, then Judge of the said Superior Court of Rockingham County on the 28th day of September 1818. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, to wit:

2 Horses

6 Head of Cattle

6 Ditto of Sheep

14 Ditto Hogs

Signed Jacob hisXmark Smith

The Declarant also states, that he has no particular trade or occupation, except a partial knowledge of farming, but from his advanced age and bodily infirmity is not able to support himself in that, or any other vocation; he moreover states that his wife on account of her advanced age (of sixty two years) and imbecility of frame) is not able to render him or her any corporal assistance, he further states that he has a son about Eighteen years of age named Gabriel Smith, whose residence with him is but transitory, and barely able to support himself; and is therefore not capable of rendering him any assistance. And all this he solemnly Swears to be a true statement

Jacob hisXmark Smith

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The Bearer Jacob Smith a Soldier in Captain Longs Copany of Riffle men having served the full time for which he was enlisted is hereby Discharg’d from the Service

Given under my hand this 25 Day of Aug. 1779

Wm. Woodford [William Woodford] Brig’d Gen’l

I Do Cirtify that Jacob Smith Was Enlisted in my Company the 20th Day of Aug’t 1776 to serve three Years in the Continental Army

Given Under my hand this 21st Day Aug’t 1783
(Copy) B Stark

Gabriel Long formely Capt of
the Eleventh Reg’t

NOTE: On 23 Oct 1839 Winna Smith, 75, of Page County VA, applied for a pension stating that she was married in Rockingham County VA by a Presbyterian preacher to Jacob Smith in 1782, and Smith died 18 Aug 1836. Absalom Roach [pension application S7404] stated that he had been present at the wedding, which occurred in late summer or early fall of 1782, and that he was married in the latter part of 1782 to a sister of Winna Smith. Henry Hammer [W7652] certified that he had known Jacob and Winna Smith. As proof of the marriage Winna Smith

submitted a family register from her Bible, certified by son Gabriel Smith and transcribed below.

BIRTHS

The ages of Jacob Smith & Winny his wife's Children

James the first born son was born Oct the 26th 1783

William the second born April the 1st 1785

Elijah the third born march the 10th 1787

Mary the 3 4rd born April the 25th 1789

Benjamin the 5th born Feb. the 7th 1791

Gabriel the 6th born July the 2nd 1803

DEATHS

Elijah died Oct 1789

James died April 1828

[signed] Gabriel Smith