

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Smith W3466

Ann Smith VA

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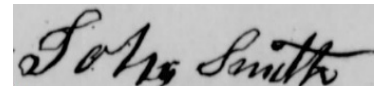
State of Virginia Chesterfield county towit,

On this 14th day of August anno Domini 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the county court of Chesterfield county now sitting, John Smith a resident of the said county of Chesterfield and state of Virginia aged Seventy 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 entitled "An act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution" — That he entered the service of the Unites states under the following named officers, and served as herein state, Towit, that he engaged as a substitute for his father, in a tour to the south, in the month of June in the year 1780, belonged to a company commanded by Captain Archibald Walthall, which was part of the Regiment commanded by Colo Ralph Faulkner [Ralph Falkner], and was attached to the army commanded by General [Horatio] Gates; he was in the battle at Campden [sic: Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], served about four months, and was discharged in the month of October.

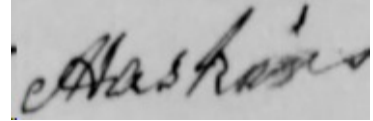
That in the latter part of the same year 1780, he went as a volunteer in a detachment of militia commanded by Colo. James Monroe; Geo. Markham [George Markham] was Captain and Wm Hill [William Hill] lieutenant of the company to which he belonged; they marched from Chesterfield county through the several counties between that & Nansemond county in Virginia, served a tour of about five weeks and were discharged. — That during [Benedict] Arnold's invasion, in the month of January in the year 1781, he was called out as a militia man in a company commanded by Captn Richard Baugh, which was attached to the troops under the command of Baron [von] Steuben; marched down to Mackey's mills in Nansemond county, and after serving a tour of three or four weeks was discharged: — That during [Gen. William] Philip's invasion in April 1781, he was called out in a company of militia of which Edward Mosely was Captain, marched through several of the counties above and below the city of Richmond, and having served a tour of about ten weeks, was discharged at Wilton in Henrico county: — That in the month of September 1781, he went in a company of militia commanded by Cap'n David Patteson [David Patterson], as a substitute for one Christopher Branch of Chesterfield county, and Joined the American army, beseiging the British army at York town; that he remained in service till the surrender of the British army [19 Oct 1781], say about four weeks, and was then discharged: — He thinks he was in military service, during the five tours above mentioned, all put together, between nine and ten months; he was each time regularly and honorably discharged, but never received a discharge in writing. He thinks there are several revolutionary soldiers now living in Chesterfield county, who served a part of the time with him in some of the tours above mentioned, who could substantiate some of the facts, as to his military service, set forth in the above declaration, but owing to their age and infirmity, it would be attended with considerable trouble and difficulty to get them to come before a court of record to testify.

The applicant further declares, that he was born in Chesterfield county in the state of Virginia, on the 14th day of January in the year 1762, his birth is recorded in a family bible now in his possession, he has resided in Chesterfield county from the time of his birth till this period, is well known in the neighborhood by many persons, who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, as will appear by the annexed affidavit of two of those persons. — 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 day and year herein first written.

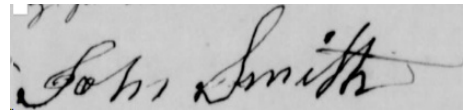
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I Aaron Haskins [pension application S18437] of Chesterfield county being first sworn, do depose and certify that, I served with the above named applicant John Smith in the tour mentioned in the foregoing declaration which he served under Capt'n. Edward Moseley, from which he was discharged at Wilton; I acted as orderly sergeant during the tour & recollect the said applicant served as a private in said company during that tour, his name appears on a muster roll of that day now in my possession: Sworn to and subscribed in open court on the day & year aforesaid.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Haskins".

Virginia, Chesterfield county to wit, [10 Dec 1832]

Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid John Smith of the county aforesaid, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service for the United States in the Revolutionary War, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades, Viz: for Nine months in the Militia of the United States, as a private.

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NOTE: On 12 June 1843 Ann Smith, 78, applied for a pension stating that she married John Smith on 14 Jan 1793, and he died 8 May 1840. A report quoting the minister's return gives her maiden name as Ann Chalkley.