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Pension Application of Thomas Smith W4074

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State of North Carolina } On this 22^d day of October 1833 personally appeared in Open Court
Rutherford County } before the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions now setting
Thomas Smith a Resident of the United States in the County of Rutherford and state aforesaid aged
Seventy six years being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following Statement
in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 That he Entered the
Services of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated
Sayeth that he was living in the State of Virginia Brunswick County the Militia was all numbered I believe
in the year 1778 was the first service under Captain Thomas Threadgill we was marched on as far as to
Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough] in North Carolina where we was stationed for somtime This was a Tower of
three months This term of service ended about the time we got back to Brunswick C House where we set
out from, some time after my Return I was Called on again under Captain William Watson Joined Col'n
William Skeppeth [probably Henry Skipwith] Redgmt and commanded by Gen'l. [Robert] Lawson was
in the hottes part of the Battle at Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] Rendevoised at
Troublesome Iron Works after Burying the slain and persued the British as far as Ramsey's Mills of Deep
River from that place Gen'l. Lawson marched the Virginia Militia as far as Harrisburg Virginia where we
was Discharged and Returned home this was a Service of three months my next service I was Called out
by Captain Laurence House [Lawrence House] under the command of Col'n Jones we was stationed at
Brunswick Court House at Dunwoody [sic: Dinwiddie County] and Amelia nothing of any note took
place during this Service of Three months my next Service was under Captain William Goodrich a Tower
to little York on our march to that place we joined the 1st Virginia Redgmt under Col'n [Charles]
Dabney soon after meeting with them I enlisted under him for six months as soon as we Arrived at little
York we was marched on the Batteries where we was kept during the whole Seige [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] I
was in the lines where Corn Wallis [sic: Cornwallis's army] marched out and surrendered his Arms to
Gen'l Washington from that place we was marched on to portsmoth [sic: Portsmouth] where we was
stationed untill my six months had expired and I was Discharged This makes my service fifteen months
that I served during the Revolutionary War and for which service I claim a pension I hereby Relinquish
every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the Agency of
the pension Roll of any state whatsoever

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Question by the Court} 1 Where and in what year was you born?

Answer} From Information I was born in Sussex County state of Virginia in the year 1756 or 7.

Question 2nd. } have you any Record of your age and if so where is it

Answer} I have none except from circumstances of some of my Relatives handed to me.

Question} 3rd. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the
Revolutionary War and where do you now lived

Answer} I was living in Brunswick County state of Virginia when called into service where I called my
home for sometime after peace was made from that place I came to Rutherford County N Carolina where
I have Resided to the present day

Question} 4th. How were you called into service were you Drafted did you Volunteer or were you a
substitute and if a substitute for whom

Answer} my first Three Towers I was called agreeable to my number as I was Informed and served three
months in each my fourth Tower as I was Informed was my turn again and whilst on my march I enlisted
for six months

Question} 5 State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where you served such Continel and Militia Ridgment as you can Recollect and the General Circumstances as you can Recollect

Answer} I have given as full a Detail of the history of my service above as my memory will Justify

Question 6th} Did you ever Receive a Discharge and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Answer} I well Remember of Receiving several Discharges my last was signed by Col'n Dabney the others I am not able to say my being entirely Illiterate shortly after my mooving to Rutherford County N Carolina I placed all my papers in the hands of Jonathan Hampton Esq'r for some purpose and amongst them was my Discharges since that time I have not seen them and tell me that they are misplaced so that he cannot find them

Question 7th} State the names of some persons in your present neighbourhood to whom your are known who can Testify as to your Charactor for Veracity and there belief as to your service as a Soldier of the Revolution. Jonathan Hampton and Alfred Webb
Thomas hisXmark Smith

NOTE: On 16 Apr 1844 Judy Smith, about 77, applied for a pension stating that she married Thomas Smith in Rutherford County in Aug 1789, and he died 16 June 1843. Her statement was supported by a Nancy Smith and by Henry Keeter, 83, both of Rutherford County. Keeter stated that while he was absent from Rutherford County Thomas Smith married Judy Keeter. Judy Smith also applied under later pension acts, the last time being 19 July 1848.