

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Isaac Smith W4338

Ann R. Smith

VA

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State of South Carolina

DISTRICT OF Camden

On this eighth day of February 1820, before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Equity of the said State personally appeared Mr. Isaac Smith aged sixty one years, resident in the Town of Camden in the said district, 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 personas engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:” That he, the said Isaac Smith enlisted for the term of three years on the [blank] day of July or Aug’t. in the year 1776 (as a Serjeant) in Williamsburgh in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Charles Pelham [W3034] of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Isaac Reed [sic: Isaac Read VAS4183] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States, until the [blank] day of August 1779, when he was discharged from service in Goshen state of New York, that he was in the battles of White Plains [28 Oct 1776] – Trenton [26 Dec 1776] – Princeton [3 Jan 1777] – Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] – and Germantown [4 Oct 1777] – In the Reserves of Gen’l. [Anthony] Wayne when he took Stony point [16 Jul 1779]. And after his discharge was at the capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] as a Virginia Militiaman.

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. My discharge was sent to the land office in Virginia where I believe it now is

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

Henry Wm. DeSaussure

State of Georgia } Ss.

County of Monroe }

On this the twenty second day of October in the year eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me Christopher B. Strong Judge of the Superior Court of said County of Monroe in open Court in term time, Isaac Smith a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy four 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was born in New Kent County in the State of Virginia and resided there at the time of his enlistments hereinafter stated; that he enlisted in the state troops of Virginia in the latter part of the year 1775 in the town of Williamsburg, under Captain Robert Ballard for one year – in a few days was ordered below Norfolk. He was there when the town was burnt [1 Jan 1776]; Sometime after was with a small scouting party and fell in with the enemy on the River Bank – fired on them and received a fire in return. That he was wounded in this skirmish by a ball in his forehead which glanced and has left a scar. the Regiment in which he performed this tour was intended to be commanded by the celebrated Patrick Henry; this deponent did not enter the Regiment until sometime after its first formation. During the time he was in the Regiment Patrick Henry was never in the actual command of it, nor does this deponent believe he ever at any time was in the actual command [see endnote].

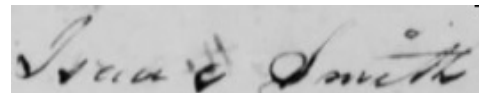
In July 1776 in the town of Williamsburg Virginia on the day on which the Declaration of Independence was read to the Troops – the deponent enlisted under Captain Charles Pelham as a Serjeant in the First Virginia Regiment, which was to have been commanded by Col. Isaac Reed, for three years. Col. Reed, and afterwards the Regiment was commanded by Col. Richard Parker [BLWt525-500]. During the time he was in the Regiment, Major Anderson [Richard Clough Anderson W1356] and Major Dickenson [sic: Edmund B. Dickinson BLWt523-400] were officers in it under whom he served. This

regiment was attached to the Continental Army, and during the whole period of his service in this regiment this deponent was in the Continental Service. Immediately after deponent's joining said Regiment he proceeded along with it to the Army of the North under General Washington and arrived at the Encampment of the Army near Fort Washington in the neighborhood of the City of New York in the month of September 1776 not long after the Battle of Long Island [27 Aug 1776]. He continued with General Washington from that time until August 1779 and was during said period in the following battles, to wit At the White Plains, at the taking of the Hessians at Trenton, the Battle of Princeton, the Battle of Brandywine, of Germantown and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]. He was in Fort Mifflin when the Hessians under County Donop attacked Red Bank Fort [22 Oct 1777]; and after the action ceased went with a company of volunteers to ascertain the fate of the Fort; finding the enemy repused [repulsed?] we returned next morning and saw that day the burning and blowing up of the Augusta sixty four gun ship which struck in attempting to come up the river, and was said to be set on fire by red hot shot from our Batteries [see endnote]. Deponent was at Stoney Poin when taken by General Wayne – belonged to a reserve and was not in the action.

He was discharged in August 1779 in the State of New York at a place called Goshen by Genl. Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850]. The discharge was sent to the land office in Richmond Virginia. Afterwards the deponent joined the Militia from New Kent County Virginia and was with said Militia at the Siege of York and Surrender of Cornwallis. this was his last tour of Military duty.

In the year 1820, he believes in February or March, the deponent received a certificate from the War Department granting a pension of eight dollars a month to be paid in Charleston S.Ca [under the act of 18 Mar 1818]. Before payment became due, Congress passed another act [1 May 1820] that prevented Deponent's receiving any thing as he could not comply with its requisitions. He sent on the Certificate which he received from the War Department from the State of Mississippi to Judge Ellis a Senator from that State that he might do something for the deponent – but deponent left the State of Mississippi and has not since heard from Judge Ellis on the subject. This deponent has never received a cent from the Government since he left the army.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he hereby declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State unless it may have been put on the Pension Roll in 1820, in the manner above stated, and which availed nothing to this deponent. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written



[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

This is to Certify that Isaac Smith Serjeant of the first Virginia Regiment has faithfully served the full time of his Inlistment in the Army of the United States, which commenced on the first day of Aug't 1776 and Ended on the first day of Aug't 1779 being three years service, Given Under my hand the first day of Aug't. Anno Domini 1779.

P. Mhulinberg B. G

(Copy)

The original is lodged in the Auditors office B Stark

#### NOTES:

Patrick Henry was appointed Colonel of the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment on 6 Aug 1775, and he resigned the command on 6 July 1776 to become Governor of the state.

On 23 Oct 1777 the British vessels *Augusta* with 18 guns and *Merlin* with 64 guns both ran aground at Hog Island in Delaware River on their way to attack Fort Mifflin on Mud Island.

On 19 Nov 1840 Ann R. Smith applied for a pension stating that she married Isaac Smith in South Carolina on 3 Feb 1793, and he died 20 Jul 1834. She stated that the family record kept by Isaac Smith in

his Bible had been lost, but it was provided by her daughter, Mary R. Lenoir, and is transcribed below. The application of Ann R. Smith was supported by son-in-law Whitman C. Hill, and also by Rev. Osborn Rogers, who stated that "Rev'd. Isaac Smith... and Ann R. Smith were persons of great respectability in South Carolina." Lewis Myers stated that he knew "the Rev Isaac Smith in the Charleston District South Carolina." James Dwyer of Sumter District SC deposed that he had been at the marriage of Isaac Smith and Nancy R. Gilman. An accompanying letter refers to Capt. James Rembert.

#### BIRTHS

Mary R. Smith Daughter of Isaac and Ann R. his wife was born April 20 1793, Saturday morning 9 OC  
Elizabeth Smith Daughter of Isaac and Ann R. his wife was born Octo. 9<sup>th</sup> 1796 Sunday night 9 OC She departed this life Octob'r 13 1804

Jane Smith Daughter of Isaac and Ann R. his wife was born Nov'r. the 4<sup>th</sup> 1798. Sunday about 2 OClock after noon

Ann R. Smith Daughter of Isaac and Ann R. his wife was born January 18<sup>th</sup> 1800 Saturday about 2 OC. after noon. She departed this life August 21<sup>st</sup> 1802

Isaac H. Smith Son of Isaac and Ann R. his wife was born on Thursday night the 23<sup>rd</sup> Decemb'r. 1802

George G. Smith Son of Isaac Smith and A. R. his wife was born on Wednesday Dec'r. 19<sup>th</sup> 1804 between 8 & 9 OClock in the morning

Margaret Dwyer Smith Daughter of Isaac and A R. his wife was born Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1809. 10 OC at night She died 18 Ap'l. 1816

James Rembert Smith Son of Isaac and Ann R his wife was born Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> 1811. about 6 O.C. in the morning

Elesabeth Ann Daughter of Isaac and Ann Rebecca was born July 26<sup>th</sup> one OC in the morning 1813. She died 3 Nov'r 1820

William Joseph Son of Isaac and Ann Rebecka Smith was born Saturday 3 O.C. the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 1817 He departed this life the 16 of May 1819

#### MARRIAGES

Isaac Smith and Ann R. Gilman was Married Feb'y. 2<sup>d</sup> 1792 by the Rev'd. Reuben Ellis

Mary R. Smith was united to Hosse H Lenoir the 20<sup>th</sup> Dec'r. 1810

Jane P. Smith was united to Whitman C. Hill, January 11: 1816