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Pension Application of Nathaniel Smith W5175  
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State of Virginia     } SS  
Goochland County    }

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of Feby 1833 personally appeared in open court before the court of the county aforesaid, now sitting Nathaniel Smith a resident of the said County and state 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 7, 1832

That he was born in the county of Hanover and state of Virginia on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1763 and has the family register that the fall he was sixteen years old he was drafted into the militia of Virginia from his native county and marched as a private in the company from that county under Capt White as he thinks – marched to Richmond thence to Westover and thence to Wmburg [Williamsburg] where he remained for three months and does not recollect any officer, or any regular troops or any notable event – there was some militia but does not recollect particulars was thence marched in his own company to york and was immediately put into the regular Artillery and continued to serve three months in that branch as a private – and all this, was at least six months – recollects no officers or particular troops owing to the distance of the time and his youth, but distinctly remembers firing on a vessel that attempted to pass the station and bringing her too [sic: her to] – And was discharged –

That in the summer of the year '81 he was again drafted from the same county and marched in the company of militia from that county under Captain Richardson into the neighbourhood of Richmond, as a private – served some time in the same neighbourhood in opposing the enemy under Cornwallis. Marched up the country and was discharged at Goldmine Creek in Hanover having served three months – that the regiment was commanded by Major Selden and recollects the Marquis Lafayette – that he was in a skirmish below Richmond but was in no material battle. That he recollects no regular or militia troops having been very young at the time – that as soon as he returned he substituted himself for Saunders Burnet a private, in the company of militia from the same county under Captain Anderson, – marched into the lower country through the counties of King Wm King & Queen and Glocester [sic: King William, King and Queen, and Gloucester] – at Lowells old field was in an engagement with a party of the enemy whom they drove back and then encamped on the ground – was stationed at Lowell's old field during the rest of the tour and was discharged having served two months – Colo Ennis [sic: James Innes] was the commander of the regiment and Gen'l. Weden [sic: George Weedon] commanded – recollects the French horse and some French infantry – and when the British surrendered the horses were delivered to his company – that immediately on his return home he was drafted from the same County, and marched in the company of militia from Hanover under the same Captain Anderson as a private and was marched to Winchester to guard prisoners of War – served the tour in that occupation and was discharged and this tour was for two months – recollects no officers or troops, but there were many militia men – and he remembers no event of note – That he can prove some part of his service by Richard Burnet [Richard Burnett, pension application R1474], and to the rest he can procure no testimony. That he never had any written discharge and has no documentary evidence. And that he refers to the Rev'd Lewis Chandoin and James Thacker for his character and the reputation of his service

To the 1<sup>st</sup> Question he answers [He was born] in the County of Hanover in the year 1763

To the 2<sup>d</sup> I have a family Register

To the 3<sup>d</sup> In the County of Hanover

To the 4<sup>th</sup> When called into service I lived in Hanover – have since lived in Henrico & now live in Goochland I was twice drafted, & once a substitute

To the 5<sup>th</sup> Answered to the satisfaction of the Court

To the 6<sup>th</sup> Never [received a discharge]

To the 7<sup>th</sup> The Rev'd Louis Chandoin & James B Thacker

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 or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[signed] Nathaniel Smith

NOTE: On 21 Feb 1853 Lucy Smith, 65, applied for a pension stating that she married Nathaniel Smith on 1 Aug 1840, and he died in Goochland County on 18 Apr 1841. In an application for bounty land dated 29 Jun 1855 her maiden name is given as Lucy Thurman and the date of Nathaniel Smith's death as 5 Apr 1841. A copy of the minister's return states that Lewis Chandoin married Nathaniel Smith and Lucy Thurman in Goochland County on 1 Aug 1840. On 7 Nov 1870 at age 83 Lucy Smith applied for a restoration of her pension, which had been suspended during the Civil War, during which time she had depended on charity.