

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Arrowsmith (James Arrow Smith) W5643 Levina Arrowsmith VA
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James Arrow Smith of the county of Fauquier and State of Virginia in order to obtain the benefit of 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" He the said James A. Smith appeared in the court of the said county and made oath that he enlisted under Capt. William Washington of the United States army for the service of two years either in the county of Fauquier or Stafford Virginia, that the said company in which he enlisted was attached to the third Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Marshal [sic: Thomas Marshall]. that he served his said two years tour as a revolutionary soldier and then entered the service of the United States for eighteen months under a capt. Willis attached to the fifth regiment; but does not recollect the commanders name having at the last mentioned time completed a service as a Soldier of the United States of three years and six months in the revolutionary war. that he served as a soldier of the continental army at the battle at Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] at which place he received a wound in his ancle – that he was in a battle at the white plains [28 Oct 1776] and that he was in another engagement to the north (but does not recollect the place particularly) under Major [John] Green. that he is in reduced circumstances and requires the aid of his country for support he having his discharges hereunto annexed Ap'l. 28th 1818.
James Arrow his Xmark Smith

James Arrow Smith Having serv'd his time for which he inlisted in the Virginia Line Continental Army he is Hearby Discharg'd

Given under my hand at Cum'd. old Courthouse 26th October 1782 Cha's. Scott B.G.
[Charles Scott, Brigadier General]

James Arrow Smith served as a soldier in the Eighteen months service. I Recollect him very well, and am satisfied that he is Intitled to the Emoulements of a soldier. I was Major to the Regt. he has a Discharge form General Scott which Discharged is Lodged in the War Office Given under my hand at Richmond Nov'r 22 1792
John W. Willis Late Major to the 5th Va Regt

Fauquier County State and District of Virginia

On this 23 day of Oct 1826 personally appeared in open Court in the County of Fauquier Virginia being a court of Record made so by Act of Assembly invested with the Common Law and Chancery Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and with the power of fine and imprisonment keeping also a Record of its proceedings James A Smith aged seventy two years resident in the said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: that he inlisted in Stafford County Va for the term of Two years under Capt William Washington who inlisted a Company of foot soldiers and marched to the north that after he served Two years to the north and was discharged, he returned home where he was drafted for eighteen months and served Capt John Willis and served the eighteen months under Capt John Willis to the South and was discharged at Cumberland old Court House in the State of Virginia by General Scott that the annexed is his Certificate of pension numbered 3590 that he has received his pension under it up to the 4th of March 1820.

I James A Smith 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 that is to say

one Horse eleven or twelve years old two Cows one Calf and three yearlings three Small sows and seven pigs two old ploughs two Axes four old Hoes one grubbing hoe one old pair plough gear some few old Irons &c belonging to an old waggon two very indifferent beds one old table three old chairs debts due to me doubtfull as to solvency amounting to eighty five dollars that I live on poor land rented from year to year that I am scarcely able to do any work myself from the weakness and infirmities of age and from a wound received in my right ancle which causes a weakness and lameness that my family consists of myself and wife Levinia aged fifty six years that all my property in the aggregate including the eighty five dollars in doubtfull debts amounts to about one hundred and fifty three dollars and seventy sents that my circumstances require the aid of my country for my support

James hisXmark A Smith

State of Virginia } SS:

Fauquier County }

On this 3^d day of October 1836, personally appeared before the subscriber, Judge of the Sixth Circuit of the Superior Court of Law and Chancery of the State of Virginia, Levina Arrowsmith, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on her Oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress, passed July 4, 1836: That she is the widow of James Arrowsmith, who was a private in the third Virginia Regiment during the Revolutionary War, and who received a pension from the United States from the year 1821 up to the 4th of September 1828, That she had frequently heard her said husband, speak of his being in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and others; She further declares that she was engaged to be married to the said James Arrowsmith, previous to his enlistment, and was married to him on the 7th day of February 1782; when he came home on Furlough; That her husband, the aforesaid James Arrowsmith, died on the night of the 28th of January 1829; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof annexed.

Levina herXmark Arrowsmith

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). Other online images are illegible.]

Fauq'r County Virginia Dec'r 4th 1837

To the Govenor of the State of Virginia

The undersigned, Charles Arrowsmith, Thomas Arrowsmith, Aldridge James assigne of James Arrowsmith, Sally Groves formerly Sally Arrowsmith, Milly Day formerly Milly Arrowsmith, Betsy Edwards, formerly Betsy Arrowsmith, heirs and distributees of James a Smith alias Arrowsmith dec'd a soldier of the revolution, ask leave to represent to your Excellency that the s'd James A Smith alias Arrowsmith, inlisted under Capt'n [blank] of the infantry in the yer 1776, and served to the close of the revolution. The s'd James A Smith alias Arrowsmith lived in Stafford County Virginia when he enlisted and when he returned, he moved to Fauquier County where he resided till his death in 1825. We are all residents of Fauquier Va. and truly believe that the s'd James A Smith alias Arrowsmith, dec'd never received the bounty in land due from Virginia for his services aforesaid nor did he ever transfer his claim to any person for the same; therefore we [several undeciphered words] your Excellency to grant to us the bounty in land due to us for the revolutionary services of James A Smith alias Arrowsmith, & in duty bound &c Charles hisXmark Arrowsmith/ Sally herXmark Groves/ Milly herXmark Day Betsy herXmark Edwards

NOTE: On 8 Oct 1836 John Heflin, Sr., 84, stated that James Arrowsmith was "always called James A Smith on parade as he informed this deponent," and that after the surrender of Cornwallis on 19 Oct 1781 he came home on furlough and was married to deponent's sister, Lavina Heflin, in Stafford County. George Eastham, 55, stated that he had frequently heard William Stribling (pension application S41204) say "that he was in service at the time, that the said Arrowsmith obtained a furlow and returned home, and

was married, and that the s'd. Arrowsmith did not return to Camp when his furlow was out, and that the s'd. Stribling as he informed him, being a non commissioned officer at that time, and in service, had to go or send after him, and brought him to Camp." Dr. William Thompson, 55, the family physician, also deposed that Arrowsmith had been known as James A. Smith while in service, that he had heard that he had been married by a Parson Buchan, and that William Stribling while a Sergeant had sent word to Arrowsmith after the marriage "that if he did not immediately return to camp, he would send a sergeant and men after him."