

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Smith W6091 Elizabeth Smith VA
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Virginia Franklin County Sct. On this 5 Day of Nov 1832 personally appeared in Open court before the County Court of Franklin now sitting Henry Smith resident of Franklin County Virginia age according to his family register 71 years the 13th of August last 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

That he entered the service of the United States and served as is here stated under the officers hereafter named. He was born in Caroline County Va lived during the revolutionary war in Henry Va and now Franklin Virginia that in March 1781 was drafted into a company that marched from Henry County to North Carolina – that the regiment he belonged to was commanded by Colo [Abram] Penn and was attached to Gen'l [Robert] Lawson's brigade that he remained attached to Gen'l Green's [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army and Lawson's brigade till his tour of three months expired when he was discharged. That on returning home not long afterward he was Drafted & marched from said County in a company commanded by the late Capt Swinfield Hill to the lower part of Virginia and joined the American Army commanded by Gen'l Washington in Person. that he was at the siege of York and Capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] and was not discharged till he had been in service near Six months. this applicant offers as proof of his services the affidavit of Burwell Law a respectable man and known to the court for his character for patriotism & veracity this applicant refers to all who know him; he has lived in this vicinity from the revolution to this time his discharges he has lost and he has no documentary evidence. He hereby relinquishes all 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 & year aforesaid Henry hisXmark Smith

Franklin County State of Virginia

this day [1 Oct 1832] Burwell Law came before me and made oath that he was and is well acquainted with Henry Smith who is an applicant for a pention and that the said Henry Smith stated to the Battle of Gilferd [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and was gon sum time also that the said Henry Smith started to the Siege of York and was gon sum time as this deponant beleaves in the service of his Cuntry
Burwell Law

NOTE: In Franklin County on 21 April 1843 Elizabeth Smith, about 73, applied for a pension stating that as Elizabeth Powell she married Henry Smith on 11 May 1790 and that he died 29 Nov 1835. This application was witnessed by Robert Smith and Sarah J. Ashworth. The file contains a copy of a bond signed in May 1790 by Henry Smith and John Smith for the marriage of Henry Smith to Elizabeth Powell. On an application for bounty land dated 4 April 1855 Elizabeth Smith was said to be 84.