

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Smith W6117

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State of Virginia } Sct

County of Pendleton }

On this 8th day of May 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County court of said County John Smith, a resident of the county of Pendleton in the state of Virginia, aged Seventy three 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as is herein stated.

Sometime in the months of June, July or August in the year 1776 I enlisted as a private in Colonel [William] Smallwood's Regiment of Maryland Regulars, I being at that time a resident of Frederick County Maryland, and enlisted into the Company of Captain ___ Price, to serve for the term of three years. The Regiment to which I belonged was marched to the Jerseys – at Valley Forge Captain Price, under whom I enlisted became sick, and returned home. I then was placed under the command of Captain Charles Battzell from Frederick Town Maryland, in whose company I continued to serve until the latter part of the year 1778. I was in the Battle at German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] under the command of Capt Battzell and General Smallwood; sometime near the close of the year 1778 when my Regiment was about going into Winter quarters, I together with other men of my company, among whom were John Ritenour, Valentine [Valentine Shryock] and Daniel Shryock, obtained furloughs at Lancaster Pennsylvania with permission to return home to our residences in Frederick Cty. Maryland. At this time I had faithfully served two years and three months of my engagement, and there remained nine months yet unexpired. I returned home to the residence of my father in Frederick County Maryland, where I remained until the spring of 1779, when my father being unwilling that I should return into the service, hired as a substitute in my place a certain Conrad Temple, and took him to the head quarters where my company was then stationed and where as I understood the said Temple was accepted, as a substitute in my room, and served out the remaining nine months of my enlistment.

My father soon afterward removed with his family to Shenandoah County Virginia, and in the month of December 1780 I was drafted as a private, and served a tour of three months in the Virginia Militia in a Company of the County of Shenandoah, under the command of Captain Emanuel Downey, Lieut Stephen Odell and ensign — I was marched to the neighbourhood of Richmond Virginia, a short time after the British had been there [probably raid under Gen. Benedict Arnold and Lt. Col. John Graves Simcoe, 5 - 7 Jan 1781]; and at a place called Bowling Green (in Hanover County I believe [Caroline County]) I was engaged in a skirmish with some of the enemy. During this Tour I was under the command of a Colonel Marywether, or Merrrywether [sic: Meriwether]. After I had served out my three months term of service, I was marched back to Shenandoah County and discharged by Captain Downey.

In the month of August 1781 I was drafted and served a second tour of three months as a private in a company of Militia of the County of Shenandoah commanded by Captain William Noll (or Knoll) Lieut George Parker and Ensign Brannum. During this tour I was marched from Shenandoah County directly to Yorktown, and placed under the command of Colonel William Dark [William Darke], & Lafayette & Gen'l Washington, and continued there until after the capture of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], when I was sent to assist in guarding a part of our prisoners to Noland's Ferry in Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County Va at which place they were given up to the Militia of the State of Maryland, and I was discharged sometime in the month of November 1781, and got home about the last of that month. Afterwards in the month of December in the same year I was drafted and served a third tour, in a

company of Militia of Shenandoah County, commanded by Captain Benjamin Fry & Leut John Dunbar. During this term of service I was marched to Winchester to Guard some of the prisoners taken at Yorktown, and served two months, under command of Colonels [Joseph] Holmes and [illegible] and marched the prisoners to ShepherdsTown Va and gave them up to the Maryland Troops, when I was discharged.

I have no documentary evidence of my services, my furlough and discharges having been destroyed by the burning of my father's house, and I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service, nor any other proof which I can procure unless my name can be found on the Rolls at Annapolis, of Col Smallwoods Regmt of Maryland Regulars.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid John hisXmark Smith
[William Eagle, pension application S39480, deposed that John Smith was at Malvern Hill in Henrico County VA in 1781. Jeremiah Odell, S8905, deposed that Smith was drafted three times in the Shenandoah County Militia.]

NOTE: On 9 Nov 1845 Susan Smith, 79, applied for a pension stating that as Susan Hawn she was married to John Smith by Elder James Ireland on 4 Oct 1778, and her husband died 4 May 1839. Jacob Smith of Shenandoah County, aged 74 in June 1843, deposed that John Smith brought his bride to his father's home a few days after the marriage, and that at the time John Smith marched to Yorktown he had one or two children.