

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Nathan Smith W8730

Ann J. Smith MD VA

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Boone County and State of Kentucky I Nathan Smith do solemnly declare That I was born in Harford County in the State of Maryland on the eighth day of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty four — That I am upwards of sixty three years of age — That in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six I entered the service of the U. S. as a private continued in Capt Bennett Bussey's company in the Regiment commanded by Colo. [Josiah Carvel] Hall it being part of the troops composing the flying camp — That in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine I was appointed an Ensign in the 4<sup>th</sup> Reg't. of the Maryland Line on continental establishment commanded by Colo Hall first placed in Capt'n [Edward] Spurrier's then Reveley [Francis Reveley BLWt261-300] and when in 1780 the Regm'ts were reduced in Capt'n. [Edward] Oldham's company – that I was promoted to a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut'nt in 1780, in April of that year I went under the command of the Barron de Kalb [sic: Baron de Kalb] for South carolina – after under Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates, was with him when defeated near camden on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Aug't 1780 [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] – then under Gen'l. [Nathanael] Greene was with him throughout his southern campaigns untill the British had been driven from all their posts in that state but Charleston and its visinity [September 1781]

Being worn down by continual hardship in sd active service I resigned my commission in the line and obtained an appointment in the medical staff with out leaving the army and continued in that department untill August 1783 when peace took place — that I was at that time an assistant surgeon in Colo. Poseys [Thomas Posey's] detachment of the Virginia line of U S troops, That I was then aug't 1783 sent with the troops of Maryland & Virginia & shiped to Hamton [sic: Hampton] in Virginia and furlough'd untill called for from thence in a shallop to the head of the chesapeak [sic: Chesapeake] Bay to my place of residence in a bad state of health which I did not recover for more than seven years

That I have never received any pension of any kind or Bounty from the united States — That I did not receive the commutation of half pay altho I have Petitioned the U S for it.

That I am now old and pass'd labour and by this act claim the provision lately provided for the Revolution Veteran — I have been thus circumstantial having no person to vouch for me my compatriots in arms are all gone to the world of spirits or if any remain they are dispersed and disstant from me, shortly I myself will be down and the curtain will forever drop —

Should this be not sufficient to satisfie the department of War that I am entitled to the provisions of the act he will please inform me what will  
[undated and unsigned]

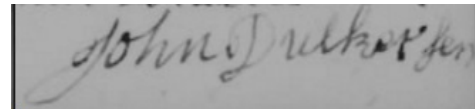
The State of Ohio } SS  
Hamilton County }

Before me John Mahard a Justice of the peace in and for the said County personally appeared Thomas D. Foulke of lawful age who being duly Affirmed Saith that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of Nathan Smith having often seen him write and that he well knows the the above and foregoing on this half sheet to be the hand writing of the said Nathan Smith  
Sworn and Subscribed Before me the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1822

[signed] Thomas D Foulke

The Deposition of John Ducker [pension application S15409] of lawful age taken at the house of Dr. Jno. Bennett in the town of Falinsuth[?] on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 1822 after first being duly sworn deposeth & says That about 1<sup>st</sup> of September 1782 whle in the service of the United States he was attacked with a fever on the savannah River about a mile from the Town of Savannah from thence he was Conveyed up the River to Pughesburgh [sic: Purysburg] South Carolina from thence to the larg[?] Swamp Hospital at

this Hospital he was placed under the Care of Doctor Brumfield [probably Robert Brownfield BLWt306-300] he the became acquainted with with Nathan Smith who was surgeons mate to Doct Brumfield that both Doctors Brumfield & smith waited on him during his indisposition Doct Smith informed this deponent that he came from Hartford Cty in the state of Maryland – he further states that he knew no other Nathan Smith in the army & that he left the above hospital in month of October at which time he left Doct Smith performing the duties of surgeons mate as said Hospitale, said Ducker further states that he has reason to believe and does verily believe that the said Nathan Smith was at the time aforesaid [undeciphered word] in the year 1782 a surgeons mate, in the regular army of the United states on the continental establishment John Ducker sen



State of Kentucky  
Jefferson County Sct.

I hereby certify that Nathan Smith joined the American Army as Ensign in the Winter of 1778 or 9 from Maryland and went to the North. I went with him one stage on the road, he some time after wards was sent to the South under General Gates and was in the Battle of Camden and was with General Green when he took the Command of the Southern Army. I corresponded with him during the whole time until the end of the war. He informed me sometime after he was with General Green that he was promoted to a Lieutenancy but the number of fataguing marches that he had to undergo, injured his health and was about quitting the service but Gen'l. Green would not consent to it, and as he had studied physick he was appointed Surgeons mate and in that capacity continued in the service during the war, the Surgeon he was under lived on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and he informed me he died some time after he came home which prevented him from getting his certificate, he likewise informed me that he got Doctor Archer a member of Congress from the State of Maryland to get his claim adjusted, But he informed me Doct. Archer never got it done. I also Certify that William Smith, Benjamin Smith, Francis Smith, Casandra Smith, Nathan Smith, Ann Smith, Koscouizka Smith [probably Kosciuszko Smith] & Pulauski Smith [sic: Pulaski Smith] are known to me as the Children of Nathan Smith Deceased a Surgeons Mate in the Army of the United States in the revolutionary war and that they are the only legal heirs of said Deceased. Given under my hand this Second day of March 1822 [signed] John Smith

State of Ohio Hamilton County to wit

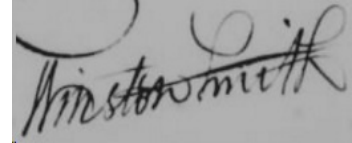
The deposition of Winston Smith formerly of Harford County & State of Maryland, but now of Boon County in the State of Kentucky, who being of Lawful Age & duly Sworn, deposeth & saith that his late Brother Nathan Smith Entered into the Service of the United States in the year seventeen hundred & seventy six and continued in the service untill the end of the revolutionary war. That at the time of his Leaving the Army he was Surgeon's Mate & had acted in that Capacity for some time before the war Ended, and that the foregoing or annexed Instrument of writing is in the proper hand writing of the said Nathan Smith & that the history or narative of facts as therein stated are Justly & truly set forth according to the best of the knowledge & belief of this deponent.

This deponent further states that about two or three years after the said Nathan Smith left the Army & Returned home, he married a Certain Ann Chew of Cecil County State of Maryland by whom he had the following named children, towit William, Benjamin, Francis, Cassandra, Nathan, Ann Koskiowski & Pulauski, which are the only Surviving children of the said Nathan Smith a Surgeons Mate as aforesaid.

This deponent further states that the said Nathan Smith died some time last September & that his widow is still Living

This deponent further states that he this deponent his now in the seventy second year of his age & that he served one campaign in the flying Camp with the said Nathan Smith And this deponent further saith not

Sworn and Subscribed Before me the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1822  
John Mahard J.P.



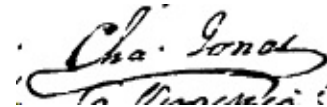
Land Office, Annapolis, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 1840,  
Sir [James L. Edwards, Pension Commissioner], Your's of the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst't, in relation to the services of  
Nathan Smith, a Lieutenant during the Revolutionary War, was received,–  
By the Muster rolls of the Revolution in this office, Nathan Smith was appointed an Ensign, in the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Maryland Regiment, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1779, and on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 1779 was  
promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and By a paper on file also in this office, endo[page torn]  
“Arrangement of the five Maryland Regiments 1<sup>st</sup> January 1783, with the promotions up to that period,”  
the name of Nathan Smith appears upon said paper to have resigned on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1781,  
Ver respectfully/ yr ob't s't/ G. G. Brewer

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Richmond 18 April 1784

This Certifys that Nathan Smith was appointed Surgeons Mate to Doct'r. George Monro [sic: George  
Monroe BLWt1523-400] of the Virginia Line in which capacity he acted from sometime early in 1782 to  
the Close of the war

[Charles Jones BLWt1169-200] Lieut  
6 Virginia Regim't.



[The following is from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The memorial of Ann Smith widow & heir of Surgeon's Mate Nathan Smith respectfully states.

That 3666 $\frac{2}{3}$  acres of land have been rec[part of online image missing here and below at \*] for N.  
Smith's services, whereas his heirs were entitled to 400[\*] acres.

The act of assembly gave the same proportion of [\*] land bounty to surgeons mates as was given to  
officers of the lin[\*] receiving the same pay & rations see Hen: Stat. at large [Hening's Statutes at Large]  
page.

Captains of infantry rec'd. \$40 pr month – so did [\*] Surgeons mates. This point was made with  
the Executive in 1830, [\*] since then the uniform allowance to all Surgeons Mates has been 4000 acres  
But as the receipt of the 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$  was many years ago, the Register [of the Land Office] declines to issue  
the remaining 1333 $\frac{1}{3}$  acres without some suggestion from the Executive – which [\*] now prayed to be  
given – for, whether it be excurat[?; \*] vigilence in that office of no, so to require – yet [\*] the injury is the  
same to your petitioner, she hopes the difficulty will be removed by an order from your Excellency  
all of which is respectfully submitted by/ Tho's Green/ atto f[\*] Ann Smith

P.S. I am the attorney for the heirs of Surgeons Mates Joseph Savage [BLWt2088-300], Miles King  
[VAS1087] & Joseph McAdams [Joseph McAdam, Jr. VAS547] – all three standing precisely on the  
same footing with Nathan Smith If one order could be made to extend to all of them, trouble would be  
save the Executive, & my duty in making the application would be performed./ Thomas Green  
Reg'd. 19<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1838

This claim was properly allowed in 1784 as surgeons mate The quantity of land is determined by the  
Register [of the Land Office] – Rejected [signed] DC [Gov. David Campbell]  
March 18 1840.

NOTES:

The file contains an account of Nathan Smith's pay for services in the Revolutionary War.

The file contains a record of the license obtained in Cecil County MD on 3 July 1784 for the marriage of Nathan Smith and Ann Chew.

On 12 March 1823 the following children of Nathan Smith of Boone County KY, deceased, assigned power of attorney to obtain bounty land for their father's service: William C. Smith, Benjamin Smith, Francis Smith, Cassandra Foulke (wife of Thomas D. Foulke), Nathan C. Smith, Ann M. Smith, Koscouizki Smith, and Pulaski Smith, all over age 21 except Pulaski Smith.

On 6 July 1840 Pulaski Smith of Boone County KY applied for a pension as executor of the estate of his late mother, Ann J. Smith, widow of Nathan Smith, who died on 27 Sep 1821. He stated that Ann J. Smith had intended to apply for a pension but became ill three or four weeks before she died on 1 Oct 1838, leaving the following children: William C. Smith, Benjamin C. Smith, Francis D. Smith, Nathan C. Smith, Ann M. Foulke, and Pulaski Smith.

On 18 Sep 1854 Ann Eliza Barbour, 35, of Hamilton County OH, formerly Ann Eliza Foulke, applied for bounty land as the only child of Cassandra M. Foulke, deceased. She stated that her mother died in Boone County on 9 Sep 1825, that her father, Thomas D. Foulke, died on 17 Nov 1831, and that her grandfather, Nathan Smith, died on 21 Sep 1821.

On 21 Oct 1854 S. C. Smith, 24, Amanda F. Smith, 28, Louisa T. Smith, 19, and Pulaski Smith, 21, applied for bounty land as children of Francis D. Smith, who died on 25 May 1840 in LaFayette, Tippecanoe County, IN.

A typed summary states that Thomas D. Smith died on 17 Nov 1832.