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Pension Application of John Smith W8731

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Floyd County State of Kentucky

John Smith an old revolutionary soldier states that in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight he enlisted in the service of the united states against the common enemy under captain Richard Dorson [sic: Richard Dorsey of Maryland] of the first Virginia Artillery commanded by Col. Charles Harrison for during the war, and states that he was in the battel of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], and at the battle when Gates was defeated [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], the battel of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] the battel of Utaw springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], the battle of 96 [Siege of Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] & the battle of Monks Corner [probably the battle of Quinby Bridge and Shubrick's Plantation near Moncks Corner SC, 17 Jul 1781] and states that he continued in the service until the war ended at which time he was lying in the hospital at Charlestown [Charleston SC] with the bloody flux where he continued nine months, and states he then went to Col. Charles Harrison for his discharge who promised to get his pay and then give him his discharge neither of which he has ever gotten [interlined: "States that he was wounded in the Brast, ancle, head, and arm"], but states he got an honorable discharge from Capt. Richard Dorson a year after the war ended which has casually by time or accident been destroyed or misplaced and he states that he is feeble and debilitated in body and so reduced in his circumstances that he stands in great need of the assistance of his country under the act of congress passed the 18th of March 1818 and further he saith not
Sworn & Subscribed in open Court the 16th June 1818

John hisXmark Smith

State of Kentucky Floyd County to wit

At a court continued and held for Floyd county at the courthouse in Prestonsburg on Wednesday the 29th day of January 1823.

John Smith an old revolutionary soldier produced in open court a schedule of his property &c. which is as follows to wit. "State of Kentucky Floyd county Sct. This day personally appeared in open court this being made a court of record by the laws of this State being solemnly adjudged to be such by the other tribunals of this state with power to fine & imprison always keeping a record of its proceedings, John Smith an old revolutionary soldier about eighty two years of age a resident citizen of the county aforesaid and in persuance of an act of Congress passed on the 18th day of March 1818 entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the united States in the revolutionary war, and also in persuance of an act of congress approved on the first day of May 1820, entitled an act in addition to an act entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the united states in the revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818 upon his oath doth solemnly declare that he enlisted in the service of the united states against the common enemy in the year 1778 for and during the war that he was enlisted by and served in Capt. Richard Dorsons company of the first artilliary in a regiment commanded by Col. Charles Harrison in Virginia line on continental establishment and that he continued to serve in the army of the revolutionary war in the service of the united states untill the end of the war, at which time he seen Col. Harrison and asked him for a discharge and that Col. Harrison told him he would give him his discharge, when he received his last payment for his services, and that he never met with Col. Harrison any more, and that he was afterwards honorably discharged by Capt Richard Dorson the captain under whom he had served during the war, from the time of his enlistment which discharge he has either lost or mislaid. He further states that he was in the he was in the following battels. Viz. he was in the battle at Monmouth and at the battle where Gates was defeated. He was in the battle at Gilford, he was in the battle at Utaw Springs, in the battle at ninety six,

and at the battle at Monks corner, and that he was wounded at Gates defeat in the head and arm, he wounded at the battle of 96 in the breast he was wounded he was wounded at the battle at Gilford in the ankle all of which wounds are now and to the court shown that he has no other evidence of his service except the deposition of Thomas Lovelady [pension application W8065] and Isaac Fleetwood [S35942] which is herewith transmitted. He made his original declaration and application for a pension on the 16th day of June 1818 but has failed as yet to receive his pension certificate which declaration is here referred to & also transmitted marked A. that he never made any application to his country to be put on the pension list of the united on the account of his wounds and he also doth declare on oath 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 Viz One cow and calf worth \$15, and that my house & furniture a few years since all got burnt up, and that my family consists of my wife only named Susannah Smith aged about 60 years that they are both too old and infirm to work he is too old to persue his occupation which is that of a farmer, and are compelled to live upon the bounty of their friends for support sometimes with one & then with another

John hisXmark Smith

Thomas Lovelady aged about 63 years an old revolutionary soldier states upon oath that he is well acquainted with John Smith an old revolutionary who made his original declaration for a pension on the 16th day of June 1818 and who also makes his additional application of a pension under the act of congress of the 18th of March 1818. He states that he knew the said John Smith as an enlisted soldier of the revolutionary war for near two years, during which time this deponent served with him as a soldier in the service of the United States that he seen him wounded at the battle at Gilford and help carry him off of the battle ground, that he was also with him in Gate's defeat at the battle of 96 [see endnote]. he knew that this applicant was an enlisted soldier for during the war and served to the best of the knowledge of this deponant untill the end of the war under the command of Col Harrison in an artilliary company this deponant knows that the said Smith was honorably discharged at the end of the war. taken subscribed and sworn to in open court

Thomas hisXmark Lovelady

And at a court held for Floyd County at the court house in Prestonsburg on Monday the 24th day of February 1823

The affidavit of Isaac Fleetwood respecting John Smith an old soldier was sworn to in open court and is in the following words and figures to wit. State of Kentucky Floyd County Sct The deposition of Isaac Fleetwood an old revolutionary soldier about eighty two years of age states he is well acquainted with John Smith the present applicant an old revolutionary soldier he states that he knew him as an enlisted soldier in the revolutionary war he knew of his serving upwards of ten months during which time this deponent served with him, at which time they were parted and put on separate detachments he knew him in the battle of Monmouth

Isaac Fleetwood

State of Kentucky Floyd County Sct

this day [4 Jul 1823] Came Isaac Fleetwod an old Revolutionary Soldier before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he is well acquainted with John Smith the present applicant an old Revolutionary Soldier he states that he knew him as an enlisted soldier in the army of the Revolutionary War in Capt Dorsons Company of the first Artilery in Col Charles Harrisons Regement of the Virginia line upon Continental Establishment he thinks that it was about the year 1779 or

1780 when this deponent first got acquainted with the said John Smith that the said Smith told this deponent at that time that he was an Enlisted Soldier for or during the war and had been in the service then for near two years before that time that this deponent after he became acquainted with the said John Smith in the army served upwards of ten months with him in the army that this deponent and the said Smith were Both together in the Battle at monmouth, or malmort and afterwards they ware parted and put on sepperate detachments and this deponent never seen the said Smith any more untill the Close of the war after the war after he came home that this deponent always under stood that the said Smith was honourably discharged at the end of the war this deponent knows that the said Smith did Receive several wounds while in the service

[signed] Isaac Fleetwood

NOTES:

Thomas Lovelady did not mention being at either the Battle of Camden or the Siege of Ninety-Six in his lucid declaration to obtain his own pension.

On 16 June 1840 Susanna Smith, 70, of Greenup County KY, applied for a pension stating that she married John Smith in Bedford County VA in 1786, 1787, or 1788, and he died 1 Nov 1829. She referred to other children, names and ages not given, but a daughter, Elizabeth Briggs, 42, deposed that her mother's maiden name was Scarborough. A copy of the marriage record shows that John Smith and Susanna Scarborough were married 25 Mar 1787 by Rev. Jeremiah Hatcher.