

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Smith (Smyth)¹ W9301 Hannah f50VA
Transcribed by Will Graves rev'd 3/13/12

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[f p. 8]

Virginia, Washington County

On this 27th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the court of Washington County now sitting Edward Smyth at this time a resident of the County of Lee but formerly of this County in the seventy second year of his age, who being 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.

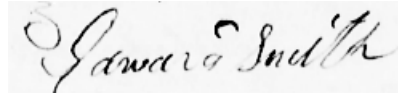
He states that he entered the service as a volunteer in the spring of the year 1775 under Captain James Dysart by order of Col Arthur Campbell who was the Col. Commandant of Washington County, and was continued in this service to guard the frontier inhabitants of the said County against the Indians for six months and was then discharged by the said Captain Dysart. In the spring or early part of the summer of 1776 he again volunteered and was placed under the same Captain and served another six months in the same service and was again honorably discharged by the same officer. In the year 1777 he volunteered & performed a six weeks tour of service under Ensign Andrew Kincannon in pursuit of Tories in that part of the country bordering on New River and was after the performance of said service honorably discharged. In 1778 he volunteered under Captain James Dysart and marched to the Rocky Station in Powell's Valley. There they joined Captain Martin and served two months when he was honorably discharged. In the fall of the year 1780 he again volunteered under Captain Andrew Colville on the expedition under Col. William Campbell to the South which terminated in the capture of Major Furguson [sic, Patrick Ferguson] at King's Mountain in South Carolina and that he was in that battle [October 7, 1780]. After the capture of Ferguson he the said Edward and William Snodgrass² were sent by Col Campbell to meet that part of the militia who were following on foot and to direct them to halt which service we performed. We were then permitted to pass down the Catawba [River] and approach the lines of Cornwallis. In this service we were near being taken by Tarlton's [sic, Banastre Tarleton's] horse – After surmounting many difficulties we joined the troops under the command of General Davis [sic, William Richardson Davie?] and Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and they sent us as an express to Col Campbell whom we came up with at the Moravian towns – we remained with him some time and were then permitted to return home and on this tour he faithfully served four months. The said Edward Smyth performed other small tours of duty which he will not name. All his discharges were verbal ones. He hereby declares that he faithfully served the foregoing terms of service making nineteen and a half months. 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 and year aforesaid.

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² See William Snodgrass' application for a pension at [William Snodgrass X927](#)

S/ Edward Smith



[f p. 30: Abraham Crabtree, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit dated August 20, 1833.]

[f p. 33]

Washington County to wit

This day Jonas Smyth³ an old Revolutionary soldier came before me John N. Harnes a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath that he has heard the declaration of Edward Smyth as to Smyth served as he states in the year 1775 & 1776 & he also knows of his services in the expedition to Kings Mountain and he knows that he went on the other tours in 1777 & 1778.

Sworn to and subscribed the 27th August 1833

S/ Jonas Smith



[f p. 35]

Virginia, Lee County, to wit:

This day Jacob Crabtree Senior⁴ personally appeared before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County, and made oath, that he was raised in Washington County in the State of Virginia in the same neighborhood with Edward Smith, who is an applicant for a pension, and was well acquainted with the said Smith before, and through the time of the Revolutionary war, and to the present time: that he was not in service with said Smith at the times mentioned by him in the militia were embodied for protection against the Indians, but he distinctly remembers, that it was generally said at that time and believed, that he has no doubt of the fact, that the said Smith was in service under Lieutenant Kincannon in the year 1776 as stated in his declaration, and also that he was in service against the Tories under the command of Colonel (afterwards General) William Campbell in the neighborhood of New River in the year 1780; this affiant does not know the length of either of said terms of service; That this affiant was in service on the expedition to Kings Mountain and in the battle at that place in the fall of 1780, and that he often saw the said Smith with the troops as one of them, serving as a horseman; this affiant did not see him in the battle, but he has no doubt whatever that he was present, and he knows that the applicant was always reputed to have been there; of the length of the said Smith's term of service upon the last mentioned occasion this affiant has no knowledge; – This affiant can also state that the said Smith was all his life been esteemed and reputed to have be a man of probity and truth, and is still considered to be so. Given under my hand this 19th day of August 1833

S/ John Fulkerson [JP]

[f p. 42]

I do hereby Certify that I have been acquainted with Jonas Smith and Edward Smith between fifty and sixty years and that they have always supported a good character as to their veracity I never heard it doubted by any person I know of their being in service in the years 1775 and 1776 as we were stationed in forts within two miles of each other and continued in service from the time the leaves came out in the spring until they fell in the fall I also know that James Dysart was Captain of the Militia Company and Andrew Kincanon was Lieutenant and commanded in the Fort where said Smiths were

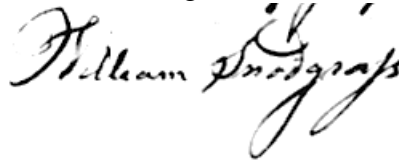
³ [Jonas Smith \(Smyth\) S7565](#)

⁴ [Jacob Crabtree R2420](#)

stationed. I also was with said Smiths on the tour to King's Mountain in the year 1780 and knows the statement made by Edward Smith to be Correct as we were together the whole tour as to Jonas Smith I was not with the Army when he was discharged but from the place stated where he was discharged I have no doubt but his statement is Correct the tours on Clinch and New Rivers out was not in company with the said Smiths but have no doubt of their statements as I lived in the same Company and no that men were regularly called out in rotation.

Sworn and subscribed to the 31st of July 1833

S/ William Snodgrass⁵

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Snodgrass". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

[f p. 12: On November 29, 1853 in Owsley County Kentucky, Hannah Smith, 86, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Edward Smith, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him September 6, 1787 and that her husband died December 6, 1852. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 15: On May one, 1856 in Estill County Kentucky, the widow, 88, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Edward Smith; in this document she adds that she was married by one ___ Woolsey, a Minister of the gospel; that her name prior to her marriage was Hannah Crabtree & that her husband died in Owsley County Kentucky.]

[p. f. 6: copy of a marriage bond issued to Edward Smith and Ezekiel Kelly in Washington County Virginia on August 30, 1787 conditioned upon the marriage of Edward Smith and Hannah Crabtree.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

⁵ [William Snodgrass X927](#)