

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Reuben Smith W9659

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State of Indiana }

Floyd County Sct } On this Twenty third day of October 1833 personally appeared before the Honlble John F Ross President Judge of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit in the said State and John Conner & Patrick Shields his associates Now sitting in New Albany in said County in open Court Reuben Smith a resident of the said County of Floyd and State aforesaid aged seventy five 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted into army of the United States in the fall of the year 1777 near what is now Brownsville in the State of Pennsylvania [then Fort Redstone in VA] under a Proclamation of the Government of the State of Virginia that Soldiers enlisting for three years unless sooner discharged should receive one hundred acres of land and twenty dollars in money as bounty and eight dollars per month & regular rations. declarant enlisted for the Term of three years unless sooner discharged and was first attached to the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment but afterwards by dispersion and loss of men & filling of companies he belonged to the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia regiment Declarnt's Capt. was one Steele [David Steele, company raised in Yohogania County] William Williams his Lieutenant & David Williams (Brother of the Preceeding was his Ensign He dose not recollect who Commanded the 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment when he Belonged to it. John Gibson was Col. of the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment whilst declarant was attached to it & Jacob Coleman was adjutant declarant was stationed at Fort Pitt now Pittsburgh during his enlistment though he was occasionally sent out on short tours of duty while he was at Fort Pitt the artillery of Gen'l Burgoins army [sic: John Burgoyne's army captured at Saratoga NY 17 Sep 1777] was brought there to be guarded he believes there was thirteen guns of it. declarant presumes that his name is recorded upon the Roll as a Corporal or other noncommissioned officer. declarant served out his term of enlistment and received from Col. Gibson a written discharge but has lost it. declarant has procured the certificat of Jacob Coleman [pension application S35848] who was his adjutant who Certifies that he declarant was discharged at Pittsburgh declarant was in no Battle nor was he marched through any of the Country during said Term except as he was sent out in Threshing and foraging parties which did not go out of the Territory in dispute between Virginia and Pennsylvania Declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and hereby declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state in the union —

Reuben hisRmark Smith

I do hereby Certify that Reuben Smith was a Soldier in the army of the United states under Continant [page torn] Establishment, the length of Time in Service I do not Recoleck, but do Certify that he was disch'd. at Pittsburgh, & that I was directed by Colonel John Gibson who was the Commanding officer of the Reg't. which was at that Time the Sevynth Virg'a. Reg't. to Tender him his Dishcharge for service Render'd in the United States army Given under my hand & Seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Apreil 1830

[written and signed by] Jacob Colman {Seal}  
late Adjutant of the 7<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Reg't in the Revolutionery  
army of the United States of America

[Joseph Smith, a minister of the gospel residing in Hardin County KY, certified that Reuben Smith was absent for the term of his enlistment "except for the last few months of the time for which he said Reuben hired a substitute."]

NOTE: On 28 Apr 1845 Mary Smith, 76, applied for a pension stating that she married Reuben Smith near

Lexington KY about 25 Oct 1785, and he died on 22 Nov 1843. She stated that her first two children died very young, but the third was still living in Floyd County at age 53. Joseph Smith of Hardin County KY certified that the marriage occurred before 1790 from the fact that he "landed at Maysvill on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 1788 and in October 1788 my Brother Reubin was married. He listed their children as follows: Hannah, who died at about age two; Morgan, who died at about 18 months; and John, who was about the age of his eldest daughter, who would be 53 on 3 Aug 1845. Mary Smith's sister, Hannah Hazlerigg of Shelby County KY, also certified the marriage.