

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Smith X740

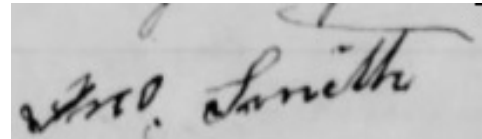
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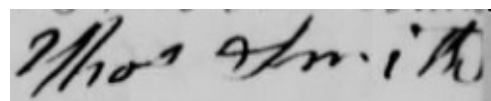
[The designation on this file jacket is “S—”; the number X740 was assigned by HeritageQuest. The following note on the file jacket explains the incomplete file number: “ The papers of John Smith (S—) of Charlotte Co., Va., and Green Co. Ky. were found consolidated with John Smith, widow, Elizabeth (W8741) of Montgomery Co. Md. & Clark Co. Ky, and have this date been separated. Elizabeth’s papers have been placed with Jno Smith (S1255 see inside W8741) May 13, 1935 M.C.S.”]

State of Kentucky Green county Sct.

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Green Circuit court, for the county and state aforesaid John Smith a resident of the county and state aforesaid, aged about 73 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 provision made by the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. That he enlisted in the county of Charlotte in the state of Virginia as a soldier of the revolution in the army of the United States in the year 1776 the time of the year not recollected certainly, it was tho he thinks about the last of August or the first of September of that year; he enlisted under Captain John Brunt [sic: John Brent VAS2630], and served in his company attached to the fourth Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Lawson [VAS850], that while in the company he made an exchange of the time of service for which he had enlisted, which was for three years with William Ketcherson, who had enlisted for two years which time he served out fully and was discharged at the Valley forge in Pennsylvania in 1778 about the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, his discharge which he then obtained he has lost. He also enlisted and served in the first troop of horse of Nelsons Core [Maj. John Nelson (W5414) Regiment of Virginia State Cavalry], under Captain Edmond Reed [sic: Edmund Read W8084] and served about six months as sargent of the troop – and was discharged at the Albemarle Barracks in Virginia in the year 1780, by furnishing a substitute in his place. He was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and Germantown [4 Oct 1777] – and was one of guard or forlorn party to bring on the Brandywine Battle. He passed through Pennsylvania, New Jersey & New York in his marches – he likewise served two tours in the militia – before Gates defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], at which time he was drafted to serve, but furnished a substitute. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any states. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

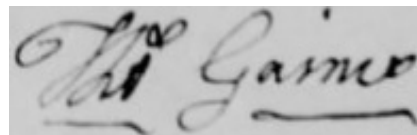
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On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1832 Thomas Smith [S11430] came into the Green circuit court for the county of Green, and State of Kentucky, and being sworn as a witness, according to law, states that he knew of his brother John Smith’s enlisting with Captain Brunt, and that he went off with him to serve in the army at the time stated in the above declaration of the said John Smith, that about the expiration of the two years his said brother returned home. He saw him while serving in the troop of horse under Nelson, and frequently, he was himself a soldier in the same regiment & served at the same time.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas Smith".

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1832 Thomas Gaines [W11048] personally appeared before the Judge of the Green Circuit Court in open court holden for Green County Kentucky a resident Citizen of Green County Kentucky who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following statement in relation to the service of the applicant John Smith, that he lived in the same neighbourhood with said John Smith that he was well acquainted with said Smith he states that in the year 1776 in the month of July or August he was present in Charlott county Virginia at a muster, when he saw said John Smith inlist as a soldier in the revolution for two years in the company of continental soldiers commanded by Capt Brent, that he saw John Smith march from Charlott county to the north, and remained absent for two years and at the expiration of the two years for which he enlisted the said John Smith returned home to charlott county that the said Thomas Gaines frequently saw said Smith after his return and verily believes he served the time for which he enlisted.

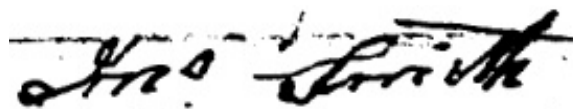
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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Kentucky Green County to wit}

This day [24 Sep 1824] John Smith personally appeared before me Adam Campbell A Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he Enlisted in Virginia in the year 1776 for three years in Capt John Brent's Company in fourth Virginia Regiment on the continental line commanded by Col Isaac Read [VAS4183] and that when he was discharged Col Robert Lawson commanded said Regiment and that he was honourably Discharged from said service at the expiration of said term of Enlistment at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania and through the course of time he has lost his discharge and he never has received his land Warrant for said service and that his Brother Robert Smith Enlisted in the same Company and Regiment as aforesaid and for the same term and at the same time and that his Brother Robert Smith died in the year 1777 while he was in the service of the united states as aforesaid and that a warrant has never Issued to his heirs for said service

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