Pension Application of Thomas Smith R9867
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State of Kentucky  }  Sct
Henry County  }  On this 4th day of April 1834 Personally appeared before me David
Adams a Justice of The peace in and for Henry County & one of
the Judges of the County Court of said County Thomas Smith aged 71 years and after being duly
sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the
benefit of the provisions of an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832

This declarant states that was residing in Pittsylvania County State of Virginia when he
entered the services of the United States and served as herein stated & under the following
named officers that in the month of February in the year of 1781 he joined Captain William
Dicks [sic: William Dix's] Company of volunteers and rendezvoused at one John Piggs mill in said
County of Pittsylvania on Bannister [sic Bannister] river and was marched from said place of
rendezvous under the command of Collonel Camel [sic: William Campbell] & Major Anthony
Crocket & Captain william dicks across Dann [sic: Dan] River at Perkinses ferry [Perkins Ferry]
from thence states he marched to Salem in the State of North Carolina [sic: North Carolina]
and from thence on towards the Shallow ford of the Yadkin river where he states they met with
General green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and joined in with his army near the Shallow ford and
from thence states they marched with General Greens army on towards Guilford Courthouse
where he states they encamped a few days when they was attacked by Cornwallis [see note
below] and after a conflict of some hours Engagement that General greens army had to give the
ground with the Loss of a considerable Number of brave men however we made a retreat to
Speedwells Ironworks [on Troublesome Creek in present Rockingham County] and in a few days
Lord Cornwallis marched on towards Willmington [sic: Wilmington] Low down in north Carolina
by this time General Green had been considerably reinforce by some other militia forces and
pursued on after Wallis down through the lower parts of north Carolina where we encamped
near nuse [sic: Neuse] river for some time near to where wallis had encamped at a little town
that was called harberd [see note below] and he states he was taken sick and sent up to a town
called Hillsborough and put in the hospital where he remained untill he was discharged in
writing by his Captain Dicks and went home in the month of August 1781 it would be proper for
me to remark that he states that hillsborough was on the rout that Captain dicks company went
home and it was when Captain dicks was on his way home that he gave him his writen discharge
and for this service he claims a pension he states he has no documentary evidence of his survis
nor knows of no living witness by whom he can prove said survis he states that from old age
and bodily infirmity that he is unable to appear in open Court to make his declaration he
thereby relinquishess evry claim whatever to pension or annuity except the present and declares
that his name is not on the pension roll in the agency of any State or terratory.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 4 day of April 1834  David Adams JPHC

I was Born in Pittsylvania County [formed from Halifax County in 1767] State of Virginia in the
year of 1763 and I have a record of my age as was left in my farthers Bible and when I went into
the servis I was living in Pittsylvania County State of Virginia where I lived untill untill the year
1790 when I moved to Washington County State of Tennessee where I remained untill the year
of 1800 when I removed to fiatte [sic: Fayette] State of Kentucky where I lived about two years
when I removed to henry County in Kentucky where I have lived pretty much ever since and
where I now live and I volunteered under Captain william dicks for six months and there was
Washington Colonel [Richard] Caswell Major Anthony Crockett Captain William dicks and one
Captain Smith and I was seldom stationed long at any one place and I received a writen
discharge from Captain dicks which I have lost many years since
and I will state the names of John Razor and Stephen Shaw who can testify to my character for
veracity and there belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution

NOTE: Greene’s army crossed the Shallow Ford of Yadkin River early in Feb 1781, then continued
past Guilford Courthouse in a race to the safety of Pittsylvania County across the Dan River with
Cornwallis in close pursuit. Greene’s army crossed the Dan just head of Cornwallis on 14 Feb.
The Battle of Guilford Courthouse occurred on 15 March. After the battle and brief encampment
at Speedwell’s Iron Works, Greene pursued Cornwallis as far as Ramsey’s Mill on Deep River in
Chatham County in early April.