Pension Application of William Smith S40465
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William Smith of Lawful age being sworn testifies and says that on the first day of February A.D. 1777 he enlisted as a private Soldier into the Company commanded by Capt Uriah Springer in the Virginia line on the Continental establishment – at the time of his said enlistment he resided in Westmorland [sic: Westmoreland] County of Pennsylvania [then claimed by Virginia], and after his enlistment he joined the Second Virginia Regiment commanded by Col John Gibson and was honorably discharged at Pittsburgh on the 25 day of July 1783 – his discharge has been lost by time and accident and that he served in the United States service faithfully from the time of his enlistment until the time of his discharge aforesaid – and that now from reduced and indigent circumstances he stands in need of assistance from his Country for support. This Deponent further saith that he was sixty years of age on the 2nd day of October 1819 — Cincinnati 30th December 1819

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled “an act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the army of the Revolution” approved on the 15th of May 1828, I, William Smith of the County of Rush in the State of Indiana do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War and continued in its service until its termination; at which period I was a private in Capt. Uriah Springer’s Company of the second Regiment in the Virginia Line, on Continental Establishment, commanded by Colonel John Gibson And I also declare that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of Eighty Dollars; to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress of the 15th of May 1778.

And further I declare that I was not on the fifteenth day of May 1828 on the Pension List of the United States
Witness my hand this fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight

State of Ohio ] SS
City of Cincinnati ]

Before me Isaac G. Burnet Mayor of the City aforesaid, personally appeared this fifth day of September eighteen hundred and twenty eight Michael Smith and Henry Smith, both now of the County of Rush in the State of Indiana, but both recently, as well as the said William Smith of the County of Hamilton in the State of Ohio (the County in which Cincinnati is situate) who did severally, make oath that William Smith by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed is generally reputed and believed to have been a soldier in the Army of the Revolution in manner as therein stated.

NOTE: An 1838 letter to the Pension Commissioner inquires whether the final pension payment up to the date of William Smith’s death might be paid to Job Pugh of Rush County, guardian of two minor children of a son of William Smith.