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
Honblle John F Ross President Judge of the 2nd 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 7th 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 13th Virginia Regiment but afterwards by dispersion and loss of
men & filling of companies he belonged to the 7th 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 13th Regiment
when he Belonged to it. John Gibson was Col. of the 7th 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
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 Sevinth Virg’a. Reg’t. to Tender him his Dishcharge for service
Render’d in in the United States army Given under my hand & Seal this 19th day of Apreil 1830
[written and signed by] Jacob Colman  {Seal}
late Adjudant of the 7th Virg’a Reg’t in the Revolutionery
army of the United States of America

I do hereby Certify that Reuben Smith was a Soldier in the army of the United States under Continant
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
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[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 24th 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.