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Pension Application of John Smith R9771

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State of Missouri } SS.

On this twenty fifth day of August One thousand eight hundred County of Cape Girardeau } and thirty two personally appeared before the circuit court for the county of Cape Girardeau aforesaid John Smith, a resident of Wayne County in said State of Missouri, aged Eighty two 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 passed June the 7th 1832: That he enlisted the Army as a Lieutenant in Capt. James Pickets company, in the regiment commanded by Col'n. George Wilson, in the summer after what was called Dunmore's war [1774], in the Western parts of Pennsylvania. He continued about eighteen months in the service and then returned to his residence in Fayette County Pennsylvania. Soon after this he joined the rangers as a private under different Captains for four or five years: He was generally under the orders of Col David Williamson who commanded the rangers from Pittsburgh to the mouth of Kanhaway [sic: Kanawha River] on the Ohio river. After this said John Smith removed to Morgantown Virginia, and went on another Campaign as a private under Capt. John Evans who marched to [blank] on the little Kenhaway, and remained on the frontier from six to eight months, to the best of his recollection. He was born in the neighborhood of Lancaster Pennsylvania in the year seventeen hundred and fifty and now resided in Wayne County Missouri: He is unable to state now particularly the facts connected with his service in consequence of his bot sinking at the mouth of the Kentucky river on his removal to Missouri, when all his papers discharges &c. were lost.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency or state.

John Smith Sr.