Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Smith S3920 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of OhioOn this twenty first day of September AD 1832 personally appeared in openMonroe CountyCourt before the Honourable the Judges of the court of common pleas of Monroe
County and State of Ohio now sitting William Smith a resident of the County and

State aforesaid aged seventy one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benifit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 That he entered the service of the United States in the following maner under the following named officers and served as herein after stated he enlisted in Martinsburg Virginia under Captain John Mellon of the Virginia state troops some time in the fall of the year 1779 the day not recollected for two years the time commence on the 22nd day of November 1779 he served two years and was honourably discharged December 1781. he served under lieutenant John Karney [probably Capt. John Kearney] and under Captain John Mellon ontill he resigned his Major was George Walls collonel Joseph Crocket [sic: Joseph Crockett] and General was George R Clark [George Rogers Clark] he was marched from Martinsburg where he enlisted to Albemarle barracks which he believes was in Albemarl County Virginia he was there employed in guarding Burgoins prisoners [sic: troops surrendered by Burgoyne at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777] for 7 or 8 months to the best of his recollection untill orders came to remove the prisoners for fear of Cornwallis when they were marched to the town of Frederick in Frederick County Maryland where they left the prisoners and he was marched to Shepherdstown Virginia where he was billeted a few weaks he was then marched to Elizabethtown on the the Monongahala river [sic: Monongahela River] then called the new store in Pennsylvania where he remained for duty from some time in May untill August 1781 they were engaged during that time in collecting flour and takeing it to Pittsburg [Pittsburgh] he was then taken from Elizabethtown by way of Pittsburg to the falls of Ohio on the Ohio River [at present Louisville KY] accompaning the aforesaid flour from thence he with two others was sent to Fort St Vincent at time called the Oak Post from thence he returned to falls of Ohio where he was discharged by General George R Clark he had a little brush with the Indians at the falls of Ohio the contry through which he marched is mention in the preceeding he was in company with major [George] Slaughter who commanded at the falls he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service; he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State in answer to the several questions he answers as follows viz -

- 1st he was born in York County Pennsylvania near McCalls ferry on the Susquehana [sic: Susquehanna River] in the year 1761
- 2nd he has a record of his age taken by himself from a record kept by his Father his record is at his dwelling
- 3rd he was living in Martinsberg in Virginia when he entered the service since the Revolutionary war he lived in Berkley [sic: Berkeley] county Virginia five or six years after that lived in Washington County Pa five years after that he lived about 16 years & on the [illegible word] from which he moved to the State of Ohio where he has lived to the present time; he now lives in Unio township Monroe County
- 4^{th} he enlisted in the State troops of Virginia as before stated
- 5 there was no continental and militia regiments in company that he recollects of nor regular officers, they were all state troops as he believes
- 6th he received a discharge from General George R Clark from the service and which he lost he cannot tell what has become of it
- 7th he is known in his present neighbourhood to Isaac Parrish Esqr Samuel Powel Silas Metheina Cary

Headley Dr David Megary who he believes can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of revolution – he is not particularly acquainted with any Clergyman in his neighbourhood who he can get to testify to his character – Wm hisXmark Smyth