Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Michael Smith S40448

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State of Ohio }
Hamilton County SS }

Michael Smith aged fifty seven years being duely sworn deposeth and saith that he enlisted as a private Soldier for dureing the war in a Company commanded by Capt Huriah Springer [sic: Uriah Springer] at Pittsburgh [then thought to be in Virginia] in the year 1777 and served in a Regiment commanded by Col. John Gibson in the Virginia line on the Continental establishment. That he served six years and six months, and was discharged at Pittsburgh in July 1783 and that he has lost his discharge a long time ago, and has it not. That he now lives in Miami Township Hamilton County and State of Ohio and from reduced circumstances needs the assistance of his Country for support sworn & subscribed before me this 5th day of Nov'r 1819

Michael hisXmark Smith

STATE OF OHIO } SS. Hamilton, Common Pleas }

ON this 28th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said County Michael Smith aged Fifty Seven years resident in said County who, being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, that he the said Michael Smith enlisted for the term of three years in the month of February in the year 1777 in the state of Pennsylvania in the company commanded by Captain U. Springer in the regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson in the line of the state of Pennsylvania [sic] on the continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said corps until the month of June 1783 when he was discharged from the service in Pittsburgh in the state of Pennsylvania that his original declaration was dated on the 5th day of November 1819 that he has received a pension certificate, given at the War Office of the United States on the 7th day of February 1820 which said certificate is numbered 16457 — And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May, 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. And I further declare under oath, that I am by occupation a Labourer that I have a wife and three Children living with me namely Elizabeth aged 18 years, Hugh aged 13 years who is of a feeble and sickly Constitution and Mary aged 11 years, & declare that Hugh and Mary are not able to support themselves by their Labour my wife who is sixty one years of age is of a weak and sickly constitution and her health has been so bad for five or six years past that she is entirely unable to support herself or do any thing of Consequence towards maintaining the family. I am greatly disabled from following of my occupation to advantage by the total loss of sight in my left eye of which I have been deprived for more than ten years and by weakness and a gradual failure of sight in the other so much so that on dark and cloudy days there are many kinds of labour which I cannot persue in consequence of it; for instance my sight is so defective that early in the morning on cloudy days when corn is young (before it is six or seven inches high) I cannot sufficiently distinguish it to work among it either with the Plough or hoe and further I declare not.

Michael hisXmark Smith

Schedule of Property belonging to Michael Smith a U. States Pensioner on the Ohio agency made sworn to and subscribed this this 28^{th} day of August 1820 namely

1 Horse 12 or 13 years of age \$25.00
2 Cows a small size
3 Calves7.50
6 Hogs12.00
1 Yearling Heifer
10 Sucking Pigs
4 head of Sheep
2 hogs \$1. – 1.25 — 1 ax \$2.003.25
Some well worn kitchen furniture worth5.00
3 bushels of wheat owing to me at 50 cts 1.50
An old Plough <u>4.00</u>
\$111.25
I owe on a Judgment obtained against me
this sum \$26.40

Michael hisXmark Smith