Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Edward Smith S7566

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The State of Ohio } On this ninth day of August AD 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Edward Smith a resident of Morgan County } Manchester township in the County of Morgan & State of Ohio aforesaid aged Seventy four years six months and [blank] days, 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 7^{th} 1832. I entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served herein stated. The first tour that I performed was in a company commanded by Francis Berry Captain in a regiment commanded by Elias Edman [sic: Elias Edmunds] Colonel in the Brigade under General Mulenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] the command Major General LaFayette, in the Virginia Troops. I entered the service in the month of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one we rendevouzed at Winchester and march from thence to Richmond & from thence we retreated to Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County where we met General Wayne [Anthony Wayne at Raccoon Ford on Rapidan River, 10 June] & then we turned & drove the British that had been pursueing us to York. The British were commanded by Lord Cornwallis. I was out three months at this time from the time I went out until I returned I was called out in the month of December following for the purpose of gaurding some prisoners and we went to Winchester Barracks and gaurded them till they were removed & we went with them till they were put across the Potomac & delivered over to the Marylan [illegible word]: we were discharged & got home some time in February following, we were engaged at this time three months. I was in the Company commanded by Captain Samuel Glass. The Colonel was named Holmes. the Christian name not remembered. I was both times drafted. I do not recollect the names of any of the regular officers with whom we served except Gen La Fayette, at the time I entered the service each time I was living within seven miles of Winchester in Frederick County in the State of Virginia. the above tours are all the time I was out except about a week in the years 1778 or 1779 as a gaurd of some prisoners at the town of Winchester, and as we were all classed and each class was to send a man for eighteen months, and if any person took a deserter & returned him to the company from whence he had deserted cleared the class, and I with Daniel Smith & Helms & Nichols, and our class was cleared. the deserter we took was John Derry. We took him to Winchester. I have no documentary evedence, and I know of no person whose testimony I can procure by whom I can prove my service I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Questions put the Court

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born. Ans I was born 27th January 1759 in Baltimore County in the State of Maryland

2nd Question Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Answer I have in my family bible now here shown to the Court.

3rd Question Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war & where do you now live. Answer I was living in Frederick County Virginia when called into service. I lived in Frederick County Va for about fifteen years and from thence I moved into Allegheny County Pennsylvania where I lived about twelve years and from thence I moved into the state of Ohio in Muskingum County from thence into Morgan County my present residence about three years since. 4th Question How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if so for whom Answer. I was drafted.

5th State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served such

Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service Answer I cannot recollect any except as above stated.

6th Question Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

Answer I never received any

7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & good behaviour your services a soldier of the Revolution

Answer I am acquainted with Robert Jackson Esqr John Shuster John Gragg Esqr Archibald Gragg John Witmore Nathan Essex John Fillis John Hilp John Palmer and Daniel Smith I know of no one by whom I can prove my services

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