

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Smith ¹ W9298 Elizabeth Smith f73VA
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[p 6]

State of Kentucky, Russell County and Circuit: SS

On this 2nd day of November 1832 personally appeared before the Honble John J Bridges sole Judge in and for the Circuit afsd now sitting William Smith a resident of the County of Russell State of Kentucky age 76 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 the 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United [States] under Capt Joshua Powel [sic, Joshua Powell?] as a drafted militia man in the month of ___ in the year 1780 in the County Amelia State of Virginia he was marched on to Richmond from there to North Carolina Scouting about after the Tories he was not attached to any regular troops during this tour they were occasionally Joined by other militia Companies But the time has been so long he does not Recollect their names he served faithfully three months being the time for which he was drafted he was then Honorably discharged and went Home, and after some time he was again Drafted for three months and again entered the service under the same Captain and was principally engaged after the Tories the first part of the tour being marched on to Carolina still under the Command of Capt. Powell after a part of the time he returned to Virginia and was attached to a part of General Lawson's [Robert Lawson's] Brigade he does not recollect the officer who Commanded but they were detached of [sic, off] and had a severe engagement near Charlotte Court House, this was the only Battle he was in he served out the full term of his engagement 3 months and was discharged he after being at home a short time was again drafted for three months and entered the service under the same Captain and was marched on and Joined General Washington's army near York where he remained until after the surrender of Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 17, 1781] he recollects of no important event other [than] the Siege of York the surrender of Cornwallis he was with the army from the time he first Joined until nearly the time his service ended he was marched on homeward & his Term expired and he was discharged his first tour was in the year 1780 he thinks about April, the second & third in the year 1781 But does not recollect the months which he so entered except the first he further states that he did not receive a written discharge for either of his tours his Captain was his neighbor and supposed from that circumstance It was thought unnecessary nor has he any documentary evidence of his service nor does he Know of any person at this time by whose testimony he can establish the same, he was

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born in Amelia County State of Virginia on the 5 day of May 1756 according to the statement of his parents tho he has no Register of his age But he doubts not the correctness of his parents' statement he remained in Amelia he does not recollect the precise time But moved from there to Hallifax [sic, Halifax] County Virginia where he remained until 1810 when he moved to Kentucky and settled in Cumberland County where he remained some time then moved to Pulaski same State and after many years resident there moved to Russell where he now lives he hereby Relinquishes Every Claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension Rolls of the agency of any State

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year afd.

S/ William Smith, X his mark

[John McCallie and Hickerson Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Cumberland County Court May Term 1833

On this 13th day of May 1833 William Smith a resident of the County of Cumberland State of Kentucky came into open Court before the worshipful Justices of said Court now sitting who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state that on the 2nd day of November last that he made and filed his declaration for a pension in the Russell Circuit Court State of Kentucky where he then lived he states that since that time he has moved to and settled in the County of Cumberland State of Kentucky where he now lives he states that he settled in a remote corner of the aforesaid County and that no Clergyman resides near to him nor has he become acquainted with any Clergyman in said County since he has become a citizen thereof nor does he know of any Clergyman in said County who has heard it reported that he was a soldier of the revolution not having been acquainted in this County for many years & never in the Section he now lives and he has only been living there for a few months he offers this as an amendment to his former declaration Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Smith, X his mark

[p 11: On March 26, 1839, Elizabeth Smith, widow aged about 67, applied for a widow's pension under the 1838 act saying she married William in Halifax County, Va. on the 8th day of November 1792 or 1793; that William died on the 15th day of April 1835. He signed her application with her mark. She was still a resident of Russell County, Ky when she re-applied on September 25, 1850.]

[p 47: On March 26, 1839 in Russell County Kentucky, Obadiah Smith, about 39 or 40 years old, gave testimony that he is the son of William Smith deceased and Elizabeth Smith his widow; that his father William Smith was a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that his father died April 15, 1835 and that his mother Elizabeth Smith remains a widow. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 20: Hickerson Smith gave an affidavit in support of Elizabeth's petition. His affidavit is dated November 3, 1850, filed in Russell County; he states he is the child of William and Elizabeth; that he is 55 years old as of Christmas Day; he makes reference to a brother but the name is blotted out by an ink blot; that he married Jane Cristian [?] in December 1828 in Pulaski County; that their oldest child is 21 years old as of 16th day of Oct. 1850.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hickerson Smith". To the right of the name is a circular flourish or seal. A closing bracket "]" is positioned to the right of the flourish.

[p 22: On November 9, 1850 in Russell County Kentucky, Obediah Smith also gave an affidavit saying he was a son of Wm and Elizabeth and that he has been “a man of family... For the last 27 “years.”

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Obediah Smith". A closing bracket "]" is positioned to the right of the signature.

[p 15: On June 12, 1855 in Russell County Kentucky, Elizabeth Smith, aged about 78 years, made application for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier. In this document she states that she married William Smith in Halifax County Virginia; that they were married by William Moore, a Baptist preacher and that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Viah [spelled Vier in other documents in this file]. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]