

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Thomas Smith R9866

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State of Virginia } SS
Fauquier County }

On this 25 day of August 1834 appeared in open Court, before the court of Fauquier County now sitting, Thomas Smith, a resident of the county and state before mentioned, Aged seventy years on the 9 day of January next, who being 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 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. General Edward Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], Capt. William Mason of Fairfax county, son of [Chief Justice of Virginia] George Mason of Gunston, Lieuts William Dorrel, and James Nisbit, Ensign, Josias Adams, he entered the service at Alexandria (he thinks) in September the year before Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781], he well remembers that on his return home, sick & where he was stationed, he heard the Guns of the battle of Guilford Court-House [sic: Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]. I resided then in Fairfax County State of Virginia, & volunteered at Alexandria on the first muster after He was put on the Muster Roll, He was in no battles; He rendezvoused at Colchester & marched through Fredkb.g. [Fredericksburg] Richmond, Petersburg, to Roan Oak [probably Roanoke River], where He awaited orders, from thence He marched to Hillsborough, in North Carrolina, where He joined the Regim't. from thence He proceeded to the cheraw Hills, South Carolina [arrived 26 Dec 1780], at this place He was taken sick, & left in the Hospital with Michael Ashford of Capt Masons Company, where He remained some time, when convalescent, He attempted to get Home where he reached, say Fairfax County in the following August. about 11 months the time he was gone, partly owing to sickness, - no discharge, but Capt. Mason left a permit to pass him to his County of Fairfax, which paper he has long since lost. He remembers in the same company with him, William Monroe of Fairfax County, Jesse Dailey [see pension application W6980], Spencer Monro [sic: Spencer Monroe, see pension application S8900], Jno Davis, Francis Langford, Joseph Ferguson, Sergeant, & many others.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Thos hisXmark Smith

[Certification by Spencer Monroe and Jesse Dailey]