

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Toney R10642

Elizabeth Toney f39SC

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State of South Carolina, Spartanburgh [sic, Spartanburg] District

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court, to wit, the Court of sessions & common pleas in & for the District & State aforesaid, now sitting, Abraham Toney, a resident of Spartanburg District & State aforesaid, aged Seventy-four years, as he has been informed and believes, 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<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States of the following named officers & served as here in stated. That he served under the command of Captain Smith of the militia -- he entered the service in May 1780 in the County of Spartanburg and said State perhaps at that time called Ninety Six district, a volunteer & and continued to serve as a volunteer until about 12 months before the close of the revolutionary war, perhaps not so long, when he enlisted as a state trooper for the term of 10 months -- still commanded by Captain William Smith and the Regiment commanded by Col Thomas [John Thomas] and afterwards by Col Middleton and where he remained until peace took place. He served alternately under the command of Generals Greene [Nathanael Greene], Sumter [Thomas Sumter] & Pickens [Andrew Pickens] from the time he first entered the service of his country to the declaration of peace. He was engaged in the battle at the Iron Works [probably Wofford's Iron Works, August 8, 1780], Musgroves [Musgrove's Mill, August 19, 1780], Blackstock's [Blackstock's Plantation, November 20, 1780], Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] & Cowpens [January 17, 1781], the Siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781] & the Battle at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] besides sundry other skirmishes and small engagements all of which he will be able to make appear by his Captain (Smith), who is still living. He is entirely illiterate & cannot give the dates of the different Battles. I have no documentary evidence of my services and refer to my Captain, William Smith, to prove the same. I hereby relinquish any claim whatsoever 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.

To the first question propounded by the court, I answer that I was born in North Carolina, but removing when [I was] young, I cannot recollect the county.

To the 2nd question: I have no record of my age, and only knew it from the information of my ancestors.

To the 3rd: I lived in Spartanburg when I entered the service and have lived here mostly since and live here now.

To the 4th question: I served as a volunteer.

To the 5th: I referred to the foregoing declaration.

To the 6th: I never received any written discharge.

Under the 7th: I refer to the Reverend Joshua Michaels [?], Major William Smith and Samuel Smith.

Sworn to and subscribe that day and year aforesaid.

S/ Abraham Toney, X his mark

S/ Jno. B. O'Neill, Presiding Judge

[Joshua Richards, a clergyman, William Smith & Samuel Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg district: to wit

On this 6th day of March 1833, personally appeared before the subscriber, a Magistrate for said District Abraham Toney, who being sworn in due form of law, on his oath saith, in addition to his Declaration here with attached -- that he served 3 months as a volunteer and 3 months as a Substitute (making 6 months) under Captain Hampton -- that I served 6 months, as a volunteer under Captain Gowen, against the Indians -- and that he served 2 years and upwards, as a private under Captain Smith. That all his services, amounting to 3 years and upwards, were rendered as a Private.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 6th March 1833

S/ Wm Trimmier, JQExOff

S/ Abraham Toney, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said District Abraham Toney aged seventy-four years, a resident of said District, who being duly sworn deposeth & saith, that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services, but according to the best of his knowledge and recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below. He entered the service as a volunteer & served in that capacity for the Term of 18 months as a private in the District of Spartanburg & State aforesaid under the command of Captain William Smith on the first of May in the year 1780 and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas -- He was in the Battle at Kings Mountain General Morgan<sup>1</sup> & Colonel Williams [James Williams] Command, the latter received a mortal wound. He was in the Battle at Musgrove's Mill General Pickens<sup>2</sup> & Colonel Thomas<sup>3</sup> command. He was at the Battle at Blackstock's -- General Pickens & Colonel Thomas Commanded<sup>4</sup> -- He was in the Battle at the Cowpens -- General Morgan & Pickens, Colonels Roebuck [Benjamin Roebuck], Brannon [sic, Thomas Brandon] & White commanded.<sup>5</sup> Colonel Washington [William Washington] had command of the Horse. He was in the Battle at the Eutaw Springs. Generals Greene & Sumter was there: Colonel Washington commanded the Horse. There were many other officers at the battle above named & whom this

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<sup>1</sup> Daniel Morgan was not at the battle of Kings Mountain

<sup>2</sup> Andrew Pickens was not at the battle of Musgrove's Mill

<sup>3</sup> Colonel John Thomas was not at the battle of Musgrove's Mill

<sup>4</sup> Thomas Sumter commanded the Whig forces at the Battle of Blackstocks. Andrew Pickens was not at that battle

<sup>5</sup> If the veteran was at the battle of Cowpens, more likely than not he was commanded by Colonel Joseph Hayes

deponent does not now recollect -- On or about the first of November 1781 to the best of his knowledge & recollection and while on service as a volunteer and after he had served as volunteer for 18 months he enlisted as one of the State Troops in the Army of the United States for the Term of 10 months in the District of Spartanburg under the command of Lieutenant Motley or Moulton & Captain William Smith in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Middleton. In this term of service this deponent saith he was not in any Battle. He continued to serve with the State Troops until the end of the War when he was verbally discharged having served out the term for which he enlisted. This deponent served a tour of 6 months against the Indians and one of 6 months against the British & Tories in the State of Georgia: But does not recollect the dates & therefore does not attempt to authenticate them.

S/ Abraham Toney, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 6th day of August 1833  
S/ Thomas Cantwell, JP

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: Personally appeared before me the subscribing justice, Abraham Toney who being duly sworn saith, I way of amendment to his declaration for a pension, that he entered the service of the United States in Spartanburg District a private as a volunteer in the last of November or first of December in the year 1779, under the command of Captain Hampton of the Militia for the term of 3 months & was marched by old Ninety Six across the Savannah River at Augusta Georgia where he joined Colonel Hammond's Regiment, he remained there a short time & thence down into the Midway settlements & remained in that section some time & was marched back to Augusta where his term of 3 months expired about the last of January 1780 & he was discharged verbally. Captain Hampton turned out immediately to raise another volunteer company & this deponent again volunteered under him for 3 months & was attached to the same Regiment under Colonel Hammond & marched back into the Midway settlements where he was engaged in a small skirmish with the British & Tories: having served out his time of 3 months he was again verbally discharged & returned home in company with Captain Hampton about the last of April 1780. The Country was so overrun with Tories about that time that no Whig could remain at home in safety: he again volunteered in Spartanburg District as a private under the command of Captain William Smith of the Militia about the first of May 1780: there was no time specified for which he was to serve: he was immediately attached to Colonel Thomas' Regiment & was marched about through Spartanburg & Union District after the Tories for the space of a week or 2 he was then marched across Broad River about the mouth of Bullock's Creek into York District on by Hill's Iron works & into North Carolina on the Catawba River where they joined General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]: here General Sumter received information that the Tories were collecting in a body at Ramsour's Mills North Carolina & immediately marched to attack them: but before he reached there Captain Falls [Galbraith Falls] attacked them & defeated them, but fail himself in the engagement. From Ramsour's Mills this deponent was marched with Sumter's Army back to the Catawba where Sumter in camp for some time & was constantly sending out detachments after parties of the British & Tories in many of which this deponent was sent. Colonel Thomas with all the companies from Spartanburg District were ordered into that District to join Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby] of Kentucky, Colonel McDowell [Joseph McDowell] of North Carolina & Colonel Clarke [Elijah Clarke] of Georgia they joined the above officers in that District & had an engagement with the enemy under the command of Colonel Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] at the

Cedar Springs [a/k/a Wofford's Iron Works, August 8, 1780]: the British horse came on in advance & made the attack and were driven back until they met Ferguson's whole Army; the Americans then being too few in number were forced to retreat: they marched on the retreat across Lawson's Fork, at the old Iron works & Broad River at the Cherokee Ford into York District & on to Sumter's camp on the Catawba. The British Army under the command of Cornwallis were then marching from Camden South Carolina to Charlotte North Carolina & there horse came to the Catawba on the opposite of where Sumter was in camp: Sumter then moved up the River into South Carolina where he halted until the British Army left Charlotte he then marched back into York District & on across broad River into Union District: a detachment of Sumter's Army were ordered down Broad River through Chester District and had an engagement with the enemy near the fish dam Ford but this deponent was not in it he having remained with the Main Army. He was marched on through Union District & part of Newberry across Tyger & Enoree rivers to Broad River on the other side of which were of the British Army under the command of Tarleton who crossed the River & Sumter retreated back through Union District to Tyger River at Blackstock's Ford where he halted to eat when the British horse came up & attacked him the Americans drove them back: but Sumter was wounded in the engagement: Sumter then marched on across the River & on to the old Iron works at Lawson's fork where he being wounded was carried off on a horse litter for awhile the regiments were left each under its own Colonel & scouring the Country after the Tories & detachments of the British; during which time this deponent was engaged in several small skirmishes & about this time General Pickens came & took command in the place of Sumter; during the above mentioned time he was in the battle at Musgrove Mills under Captain Smith: the American forces were commanded by Colonel Clarke: the battle at the Cowpens as volunteer under Colonel Washington of the horse; Captain Clarke to whose company he is deponent belonged was not there: he was also at the battle at Kings Mountain & was in a company commanded he thinks by Lieutenant Roebuck in Colonel Williams command; Colonels Campbell [William Campbell] & McDowell of North Carolina were there & this deponent thinks Campbell acted as the commander of the American forces: Colonel Williams received a mortal wound: the enemy were commanded by Ferguson who was killed in the battle: Captain Smith was not in this battle but this deponent joined him shortly afterward & continued under his command until about the first of April 1781 though not always with him, having served 11 months: he then enlisted in the South Carolina State troops at the last mentioned time for the time of 10 months in Union District under the same officers until what was called the consolidation he then fell under the command of Colonel Middleton & was engaged in the service in South Carolina under Captain William Smith until the expiration of the 10 months when he was discharged whether he got a written discharge or not he does not recollect but if he did it is since lost. During this 10 months service he was at the taking of the forts at Granby, Colonel Lee commanded, & at Orangeburg where General Sumter commanded; this deponent was commanded by Lieutenant Motley he thinks Captain Smith being absent on some other expedition. Colonel Thomas commanded the Regiment in which this deponent was: He Was at the Siege of Ninety Six: General Greene commanded: General Henderson commanded the Brigade to which this deponent was attached: he was in the battle at Eutaw Springs where Captain Smith being absent he was commanded by his Lieutenant Lusk Colonel Middleton's Regiment General Henderson's Brigade & Henderson was wounded: General Greene commanded the American forces & he thinks Kruger commanded the enemy. He was in several other skirmishes in the lower part of South Carolina months though of significant notoriety to mention. He was afterwards in a 6 months tour as a private a volunteer under the

command of Captain Cowan in Spartanburg District in an expedition against the Indians & served the 6 months out & was discharged though got no written discharge.

All the above service was rendered in a regularly embodied corps under the command of a legally constituted officer: That the last mentioned service of 6 months against the Indians he thinks can be established by the testimony of Abs. Thomson who he is informed now lives in Greenville District South Carolina.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 16th day of February 1835  
S/ James Hamm, JQ

S/ Abraham Toney, X his mark

[p 3: On January 16, 1855 in Forsyth County Georgia, Gabriel Rainwaters, 51, a resident of Cherokee County, Georgia, declared that he was the son in law and heir at law of Mrs. Elizabeth Toney, widow of Abraham Toney, a pensioner under the 1832 act at the rate of \$80 per annum for his services in the revolution; that Abraham Toney died in Spartanburg District South Carolina on or about the 8th day of Marched 1837 leaving a wife and 3 children surviving him, to wit: his wife, Elizabeth Toney and his daughter named [indecipherable word], a son named Abraham Toney and a daughter named Nancy, who is now the wife of this deponent; that Mrs. Elizabeth Toney removed to the State of Georgia, Cherokee County where she resided until she died December 23, 1844; that Mrs. Elizabeth Toney never made application for the arrears due her husband at the time of his death nor for her own pension; that Mrs. Elizabeth Toney, prior to her marriage to Abraham Toney was Elizabeth Gibson; that Abraham Toney and Elizabeth Gibson married in December 1788 in the State of South Carolina, District of Union; that they lived together as man and wife and raised a family of children the eldest of whom was named Judy, who if living would be about 64 years of age but she died several years ago; their next eldest child is named Abraham Toney who is now living and resides in Jackson County Alabama and is about 58 years of age; the next is Nancy who is the wife of this deponent, is about 50 years of age and lives in Cherokee County Georgia; he makes this declaration in order to claim the arrears due Abraham Toney at the time of his death in the pension due you Elizabeth Toney during her life as the widow of Abraham Toney.]

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Know all men by these presents that I Abraham Toney of the District of Ninety Six and executor of the States of all the goods and chattels of Drury Toney and Charles Toney, both of which are deceased for which case and good authority I do empower William Gilbert my full and capable attorney to receive out of the Treasurer's office from Mr. Peter Borcot & James Michaels all my indents principal and interest as will on account of my two brothers deceased as my own and to give receipts in my name and received the same and dispose of at his pleasure as fully as I myself could do if I were personally present.

Given under my hand this 28th day of August 1786

Test:

S/ George Herring

S/ Abraham Toney, X his mark

I do certify that Abraham Toney is the lawful Administrator & heir to the Estate of Drury Toney & Charles Toney deceased.

Certified before me the 15th day of November 1786

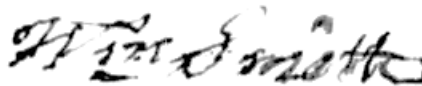
S/ Levi Casey, JP

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: William Smith<sup>6</sup> makes oath before me the subscribing justice that he knew Abraham Toney, who is applying to the United States for a pension, during the revolutionary war, that he entered the service of the United States under his command, he being a commissioned as Captain in the Militia, about the first of May 1780 & served until the first of April 1781: this deponent then received a commission in the South Carolina state troops & Abraham Toney immediately enlisted for the term of 10 months under his command & served out his time & was regularly discharged: having served in the whole under this deponent twenty-one months in a regularly embodied corps called into service by competent authority: And that the said Tony discharged his duty as a good soldier.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 16th day of February 1835  
S/ James Hamm, JQ

S/ Wm Smith



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts <sup>7</sup> relating to Abraham Toney	AA 5
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[No.] 37 and 43

[Book] X

No. 114

20<sup>th</sup> September 86 [1786]

Abraham Toney for Militia Duty in Roebuck's Regiment since the fall of Chas. town [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] Amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency	£443.0
[Sterling]	£34.14.3 ¼

[p 3: Repeat of the above information]

Received full Satisfaction for the above Account in Indent No. 3743 X in Virtue of a Power of attorney enclosed

S/ Wm Gilbert



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<sup>6</sup> [William Smith W22272](#)

<sup>7</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

[p 4: Printed form of indent No. 3743 Book X dated September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1786.]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by William Gilbert and Adam Gilchrist:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Adam Gilchrist". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent flourish at the end of the word "Gilchrist". The signature is enclosed in a small rectangular box with a dotted border.