

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Smith R9677

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State of Missouri County of Lincoln } SS

On this fifth day of February A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Lincoln County Missouri now sitting Abraham Smith, a resident of Montgomery County in the State of Missouri aged seventy-nine the 12th day of next March, 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the month of May A.D. 1777 or 1778 – that he enlisted within five miles of the fish dam Ford on Broad River in the State of South Carolina in the company commanded by Captain David Hopkins in the 3rd Regiment of the state of South Carolina commanded by Colonel Tompson [William Thomson] – that he enlisted for the term of five years or during the war – that he joined the Regiment at the three sisters [Three Sisters Ferry] on the Savannah River and marched up the River to Golpin's Mills [Galphin's Mills] – from thence to Mathews Bluff & crossed the River into the State of Georgia and marched down the River for four or five days and crossed the River again into the State of South Carolina & started with the Regiment for Charlestown in said State and on the march to Charleston, that he was sent out with a scouting party and was taken by the British and Tories – this was a year and a half or two years after he enlisted and was taken by the British to Savannah in the State of Georgia, & was there confined to jail five months and was then taken to the Island of Jamaica and there kept till the end of the war – while in Jamaica he was under the care of General Charles Montague [Lord Charles Montagu], a British officer – that he was born on Neuse River in North Carolina & has no record of his age – that he was living in South Carolina when he entered the service – since the war he was landed from Jamaica at Sandy Rock near the City of New York [--] when he was taken prisoner he remembers that there were in the Regiment the following officers David Hopkins Captain, Colonel Tompson, & General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] – that when taken he was out with a Sergeant and twenty men – that he never received any discharge from the service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court

S/ Francis Parker, Clerk

S/ Abraham Smith, X his mark

[Darius Bainbridge and Thomas Bowen, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Missouri County of Lincoln On this the 25th day of January 1839 appeared before me Charles Wheeler a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Abraham Smith a resident of Lincoln County & State aforesaid who appeared to be aged and infirm to make the following declaration on oath. That he is aged and infirm & stands in immediate assistance from his Country for Support for his Services as an enlisted Soldier in the war of the Revolution & that he has an aged Companion – and almost helpless daughter & some Grand children almost dependent on him for Support & has no relations able to support him & his Companion should they become entirely helpless.

Sworn & subscribed to before me the day & year above written

S/ Charles Wheeler, JP

S/ Abraham Smith, X his mark

[p 4: On January 25th, 1839 in Lincoln County Missouri, Moses Smith a resident of Warren County gave testimony supporting the application of the veteran by affirming his old age and indigence. He signed the affidavit with his mark. His relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated

[p 23: On February 12, 1840, the veteran executed a power of attorney. In connection with doing so, he also assigned one half of any pension he might receive to his attorney.]

[Note: The cover sheet for this file indicates that the veteran was born March 12, 1754 on Neuse River North Carolina. I could not find where that information came from among the documents in this file.]