

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Aaron Smith R9681

Agnes

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[fn p 14]

[note at top of application in contemporary handwriting: "13 April 1818 was the second Monday"]

Be it remembered that at a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions begun and held in the County of Anderson in the State of Tennessee on the second Monday of April 1818 being a Court of record personally appeared in open Court Aaron Smith a Citizen of said County being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that in the year 1781 he enlisted as a Soldier in the North Carolina Troop of the Continental line of the United States and entered into actual service on the 6th day of June in said year 1781 for twelve months. That he served the time out faithfully except after the Battle of the Eutaw Springs for a while he was rendered unable to perform active service having been in said Battle shot through both thighs of which wounds he has never perfectly recovered as he feels pain from said wounds occasionally. That the only papers he has touching his service is one in the words and figures here following:

This may certify that the bearer Aaron Smith a Soldier from North Carolina Troops did enter into actual service on the 6th day of June 1781 and is entitled to his discharge when he has Served 12 months from that date

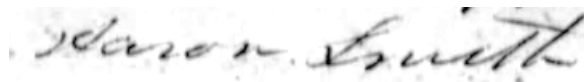
Given under my hand High Hills of Santee

July the 28th 1781 – Signed John Armstrong Major¹

That he served whilst under Major Armstrong in Captain Moore's company then in Colonel Lee's Foot Infantry attached to the cavalry under Michael Rodolt [sic, Michael Rudolph] Captain.

That he has no means that he knows of to establish the foregoing facts other than by his own oath his discharge being lost. That he has a Family, is poor and has to depend upon his daily labor for support and needs the aid of Government. That he was as he believes fifty-four years of age the 10th of this Instant. That he hereby releases to United States all claim to pensions except under the act of Congress of 1818 and states he never has been a Pensioner or applied to be one.

S/ Aaron Smith



¹ I added the italics to highlight that this was a quote of his discharge paper.

[fn p 57: On July 7, 1821 in Madison County Illinois, Aaron Smith filed for a transfer of his pension benefit stating that he had recently moved from the State of Tennessee to Illinois where he intends to reside.]

[fn p. 17: very faint document]

State of Illinois Green County Circuit Court: SS

On this thirtieth day of April 1822 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for said County, agreeably to "An act regulating and defining the duties of the Justices of the Supreme Court" approved March 31st 1819, Aaron Smith, aged fifty-seven years resident in Township No. 10N. of Range No. 12 West in the said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: That he enlisted on the 6th day of June 1781 in Captain Moore's company of Colonel Lytle's Regiment of the North Carolina line that he was transferred on the 28th day of July 1781 to Captain Rodol (or Randolph's) company in Colonel Lee's Regiment of cavalry, that he was engaged in wounded in the battle of Eutaw Springs, besides being in several skirmishes – according to his original declaration – and his pension certificate dated the 18th of April 1818.

And, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Viz.—

One horse, one colt, two sows, eight shoats & fifteen pigs. I am a farmer, but by reason of the wounds received, and the infirmities of age am unable to work. I have only a wife residing with me who is nearly blind.

Sworn to and declared on the 30th day of April 1822

S/ Jos. Philips

S/ Aaron Smith

[fn p. 71: On February 16, 1836 in Washington County, Territory of Arkansas, Aaron Smith applied for the transfer of his pension benefit from the Illinois agency to the Arkansas agency where he intends to reside.]

[fn p. 4: Stuart Taylor gave testimony on October 11, 1843 in Washington County Arkansas that he is now about 46 years of age; that he was well acquainted with Aaron Smith now deceased and his wife Agnes; that the family record attached he saw taken from the Bible of Aaron Smith; that he believes the same is in the handwriting of Aaron Smith; that Aaron Smith died March 1, 1840 survived by Agnes Smith who is now very old and infirm and has been blind for many years.]

[fn p. 6: family record]

Marriages

Aaron Smith & Agness Smith was married the year of our Lord 1784 March 4th

George Taylor and Rhoda Smith was married February 13th 1813

Births

Aaron Smith was born April 5th in the year of our Lord 1765
Agnes Smith was born October 19th in the year of our Lord 1758
Rhoda Smith was born June 4th 1798

[fn p. 8: on October 11, 1843 in Washington County Arkansas, George Taylor made oath that he has known Aaron and Agnes Smith for about 29 years and 5 months; that they lived together as man and wife until Aaron Smith died March 1, 1840 since which date Agnes Smith has remained his widow and has lived with the deponent's family. He also verifies the family record and states that it, the family record, contained the births of his children which he has erased and placed elsewhere; that the family record that he didn't erase is in the handwriting of Aaron Smith; that Agnes Smith has been blind for 18 years.]

[fn p. 11: On October 7, 1843 in Washington County Arkansas, Agnes Smith, 85, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Aaron Smith, a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that she married him in the State of North Carolina the precise place she does not distinctly recollect; that she married him March 4th, 1784; that her husband died March 1, 1840 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 64: On November 21, 1846, in Perry County Missouri, Mary Mitchell gave testimony that she was well acquainted with Aaron Smith and Agnes Spradlin in Burke County North Carolina that she was present when they were married by John Bradburn; that she believes the marriage took place in 1784; that she is positive the marriage took place before 1790; that Aaron Smith died in Washington County Arkansas in 1841.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 13, 1818, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]