

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Arthur Smith R9690

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State of South Carolina Sumter District

On this thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord 1837 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas for said district now sitting & held by John B O'Neill one of the Associate Judges of said State Arthur Smith a resident of said district & State, aged nearly ninety 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 Act of Congress, passed June 7th, 1832: When he entered the service of the United States he was a resident of Bladen County in the State of North Carolina but from extreme old age & loss of memory, he is unable to state at what time he enlisted in said service: all that he can say is that for the first two years of the Revolutionary War he did not render any Service of much consequence as well as he can recollect. After that time he served as a private in said service until the close of the War; he was, however, occasionally relieved but how long the intervals of rest were he cannot say, nor can he specify the different periods of time he was out nor the names of the officers under whom he served during each of those periods. He must therefore make a general statement. The names of the different captains he was placed under during the War as many of them as he remembers are Captain John Turner – Peter Robertson – Hairgrove Clark – Cahoun – Richard Brown – John Brown – Wingate – Baldwin & Morrison (the two last afterwards joined the Tories). The names of the different Colonels as far as he can state them were Colonel Leonard (as he heard him called) Colonel Thomas Robertson & Colonel Thomas Brown (afterwards General Thomas Brown.) The Generals as far as he remembers their names, were General Moore & General Thomas Brown. – He never was in any battle or skirmish during the whole war. Prisoners were however sometimes taken by the company & Regiment to which he belonged. All the service he performed was done in the State of North Carolina. As to the places he marched to & was stationed at during the War, he remembers of having been at Elizabeth Village in Bladen County – at Wood's Creek about thirty miles distant at Rockfish – at Blennen's Creek in Brunswick County & at Brown's Marsh: He was also at & near Wilmington. There was a severe engagement at Wood's Creek between the British & Americans which took place a few hours after he was relieved. At Brown's Marsh there was a battle between the Americans & Tories; the Tories were captured. He was not present at the battle, having been relieved a few hours before it took place.

As he has such an indistinct recollection of the service he performed during said War – he must only refer to the affidavits of John Powell & Peter DuBose, which company this declaration.

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 the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Belton O'Neall

S/ Arthur Smith, X his mark

[Moab Hewit, a clergyman, and William H Bowen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Sumter district

Personally came before me one of the Justice of the Quorum in and for the District aforesaid Peter DuBose, Senior¹ who being duly sworn saith that shortly after General Gates defeat near Camden in 1780 he was in North Carolina Bladen County and that Arthur Smith now of Sumter District South Carolina was drafted for one month's tour of duty under Captain Peter Robertson – commanded by Colonel Thomas Brown which months duty Arthur Smith hired this deponent as a Substitute to perform said tower [tour] of duty under the above specified officers and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to before made this 28th of March 1834

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter DuBose". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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South Carolina Darlington District

Personally appeared before me the undersigned – a Justice of the Peace &c John Powel who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory – he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of time served – but to the best of his recollection – Arthur Smith served six months, the time that said John Powel served personally in the same company with Arthur Smith which was in 1775 under Captain John Turner and that said Arthur Smith entered the service at the same time – that he the said John Powel did – General Moore – Colonel Linnington [sic, Lillington?] – Colonel Thomas Robertson – Colonel Thomas Brown were the staff officers of said Regiment as were then in service – and stationed at Rockfish – in North Carolina – in order to meet a Regiment of Tories – who were under the command of Major General McClead [sic, Donald McLeod] – and Brigadier General Donald McDonald [Donald MacDonald] – where we had no engagement and were then ordered down to Wilmington in order to guard that place – and while in the service was employed in no civil pursuit – In that same tour of duty the Tories were dispersed by Colonel Caswell, within hearing of our Regiment while upon our march down to Wilmington – were the Tories expected to embark on board of the British shipping – Sworn to before me this 21st day of March 1834

S/ Clement I. Cogdell

S/ John Powell

¹ [Peter Dubose \(DuBose\) S21163](#)

John Powell

[facts in file: veteran had at least two children, Elias Smith and Rhoda Gibbs both of Lynchburg, South Carolina as of 1853.]