

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Aaron Smith R9718
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State of South Carolina Fairfield District

On this 8th day of March personally appeared before me Mrs. Elizabeth Smith a resident of said District and State aged about eighty years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed 3rd February A.D. 1853.

That. She is the widow of Aaron Smith who was a pensioner at the rate of \$60 per annum and that her said husband (Aaron Smith) was a resident of the State of South Carolina and District of Fairfield and that her said husband was paid a pension of \$60 a year by Mr. B. Nears [?] of this State who held the office of Treasurer for the aforesaid State as well as can be recollected at this time.

She further declares that she was married to the said Aaron Smith on or about the ___ day of May in the year 1810, that her husband the aforesaid Aaron Smith died on the 5th day of August A.D. 1850. That she was married to him at the time above stated and that he has never before made application for a pension to Congress.

Sworn & subscribed on the day & year above written

S/ W. P. Broom Magistrate

S/ W. R. Smith, witness

S/ Elizabeth Smith, X her mark

[Aaron Smith was evidently a pensioner of the State of South Carolina. There are records in the SC Archives showing that he petitioned for a pension while living in Fairfield District SC. In his petition he mentions Capt. Craig, Col. Hunter, Capt. Robertson, Col. Tayler [Taylor?]. The entry on the SC Archive website relating to his claim reads as follows:

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Description: SMITH, AARON, OF FAIRFIELD DISTRICT, PETITION REQUESTING A PENSION FOR HIS MILITARY SERVICE DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. (3 FRAMES)

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