

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Lawrence Smith R9784

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State of Georgia }

Harris County }

On this the 12th day of October in the year of our lord eighteen hundred and thirty six personally appeared in open court, before the Superior Court in for said county now sitting Lawrence Smith a resident of Georgia in the county of Harris seventy three years of age, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Benjamin Sewell [Benjamin Seawell] commanded as first-colonel of the Ridgement William Brickell was Lieutenant Colonel. The Maj was sick and never attended during the four months service that I served at that time. Capt James Barrow commanded our Company. Atheldred Owens was Lieutenant. it was about the first of the month of July in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty when I entered the Service, and the last of October or first of November I was discharged. I was at the Battle near Camden south Carolina Generally called Gates [Gen. Horatio Gates's] defeat. that was the sixteenth day of August seventeen hundred and eighty Genl Gates was the commander. this deponent dose not recolect of an other officer except Lieutenant Col Brickel and our Capt. James Barrow. the circumstance of was this that there was a company of Tories collecting at at Monroe's Mills and there was one hundred men of us dispatched and Lieut Col Brickel for the purpose of giving them battle but before we arrived there we received information that they had dispersed. we then received orders to march with dispatch to head Quarters under Genl. Gates at which place we arrived on the fifteenth day of August and was routed on the sixteenth This deponent was at that time a citizen of Edgecomb [sic: Edgecombe] county in the State of North Carolina where this deponent then resided This deponent entered the service about the first of July seventeen hundred and eighty as a volunteer this deponent has above stated all the engagement he ever was in. from Edgecomb county North Carolina I marched nearly through North Carolina into South Carolina near Camden. on Gum Swamp where the battle took place, at that place this deponent was with Genl Gates army. this deponent recolects to have seen Gel. DeKalp on the day before he was killed [sic: Baron De Kalb, mortally wounded, died 19 Aug]. This deponent was at that time quite young and a soldier and did not cultivate an acquaintance with any of the field officers This deponent further sayeth that on the thirteenth of October eighteen hundred and seven my house took fire and my discharge with another one of another tour and all the rest of his papers was consumed. This deponent has no knowledge of an person now in life that could testify of personal knowledge of his service as he has been removed from the State of north carolina about thirty years.

This deponent further sayeth that he was with a Mr Robert Diggs appointed by Col Henry Hart who was at that time Col of Edgecomb county to go to each house in the county and collect the tenth part of all the Bacon and have it removed to the Town of Tarborough [sic: Tarboro] in said county for the use of the soldiers of the revolution who was frequently marching through that place and for the use of other Troops then in the united States service for which said services this deponent and Robert Diggs each received a discharges of a three months Tour of duty this service commenced in the month of April seventeen hundred and eighty one and ended about the last of July at which time we was regularly discharge by Col Hart and said Discharge was distroyed by fire at the same time that the other one was.

And this deponent 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

Lawrence hisXmark Smith

Interrogatories propounded by the court to the applicant Larrence Smith

Interrogatory 1st Where and in what year were you born

“ 2nd Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it

- “ 3rd Where were you living when called into service where have you lived ever since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live
- “ 4th How were you called into Service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute. And if a substitute for whom.
- “ 5th State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the Troops where you served. Such continental and Malitia Ridgements as you can recolect and the general circumstances of your Service
- “ 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it.
- “ 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Georgia } Personally appeared before me in Open Court Lawrence Smith applicant for a
 Harris County} Pension, who being duly sworn true answers to make to certain Interrogatory
 propounded by the Court agreeably to the Act of Congress in such case made & provided
 answers & states as follows viz

- 1st Deponent was born in Edgecomb County, State of North Carolina, on the 18th day of July 1763
- 2nd There was a record of his age kept by his father and which is now in Tenessee in possession of his son William Smith.
- 3rd Deponent was living in Edgecomb County North Carolina, near the Town of Tarborough, when he was called into service - he has resided principally in North Carolina since the Revolution & now resides in Harris County Georgia.
- 4th Deponent volunteer into the service during the Revolutionary War.
- 5th Benjamin Sewell was Colenol - Wm Brickle Lieut. Col. — he was in the company of Capt. James Barrow; was under Gen. Gates at the Battle near Camden S.C.
- 6th Deponent rec'd a discharge from Capt. Coleman, whose given name is not remembered. The discharge was burnt in Deponents house in 1807 in the County of Franklin North Carolina
- 7th Deponent refers to Buckner Bearly[?] Clk of the Sup'r Court of this County to J. J. Slathe[?] Esq. - to [illegible] Barden Esq to Col. Wm C. Osborn & to the Citizens of Hamilton generally, as persons who can testify as to Deponents character &c.

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