

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Smith R9809

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State of North Carolina Moore County: On this 3rd day of February 1843 Milly Smith a resident of the County of Moore and State of North Carolina personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid (she being so aged and infirm that she cannot travel to Court) aged one hundred and one years old who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836. That she is the widow of William Smith who was a soldier of the Revolution. That he entered the service in the Light horse under Captain Isaac Adkins and Colonel Falsom [?] and served six months in South Carolina. That he afterwards entered the service as a Lieutenant in the militia under Captain Charles Craford [Crawford?] and served three months, in South Carolina under Governor Caswell. That he was in the service at Gates Defeat [August 15-16, 1780, Battle of Camden]. That he again entered the service in the Light horse under Colonel Alston and served three months and was in the Battle at Alston's¹ and that he was also in the Battle at Cain Creek² and that he remained in the service generally during the war. That she has no documentary evidence to sustain her claim as all her papers are lost and destroyed that she must rely upon such other proof as she may be able to make – She further declares that she was married to the said William Smith in the month of March in the year 1770 and that her husband the said William Smith died on the 15th day of December 1832 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.
Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written.

S/ Milly Smith, X her Mark

[fn p. 5: On February 10, 1843 in Moore County North Carolina, Sarah Johnson, 82, gave a supporting affidavit in which she states, among other things that she was well acquainted with William Smith, "that William Smith came to this County which at that time was a part of Cumberland County that the said Smith came from New England and was a Blacksmith by trade.

¹ This MAY be a reference to the engagement at Philip Alston's known as the House of the Horseshoe fought July 29, 1781. http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_house_in_the_horseshoe.html

² This MAY be a reference to the engagement at Cane Creek also known as Lindley's Mill fought on September 13, 1781. http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_lindleys_mill.html

That he took a shop and work at his trade at the house of Andrew Shepard who was [this affiant's father], of this deponent that during the time he served at the House of this deponent's father's he married the present applicant whose name was Milly Oliver. That Andrew Shepperd this deponent's father was the magistrate who married them."]

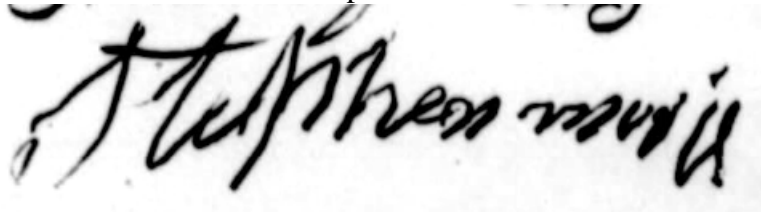
[fn p. 6]

State of North Carolina Moore County: This day Stephen Morris³ aged 78 years old personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid who after being sworn in due form of law upon his oath deposeth and saith that his first acquaintance with William Smith was born in the Army of the United States during the Revolutionary War. That this deponent and Smith were under Captain Duck and Colonel Alston that they were in pursuit of Colonel McNeal and Colonel Fanning [David Fanning]. That at the Raft Swamps Colonel Alston divided his force and marched to Deep River that they were to form a junction at Deep River on Sunday at 12 o'clock that from heavy rains the River got so high that Captain Duck could not cross and that Colonel Fanning attacked Colonel Alston in defeated him. That William Smith was in that engagement and this is all that this deponent knows of Smith's Services of his personal knowledge. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of February 1843

i certify that Stephen Morris is a credible witness.

S/ Absalom Kelly, JP

S/ Stephen Morris

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephen Morris". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

[fn p. 8: On January 25, 1843, Joseph Yarborough,⁴ 88, gave testimony in Chatham County in North Carolina; he testified in support of the widows claim indicating that he was present at the marriage of Milly Oliver to William Smith, a blacksmith with a shop at the house of Andrew Shepard in the part of Cumberland County that later became more County; "that he recollects that William Smith was in the service of the United States with this deponent and served 2 terms of 3 months each in the light horse under Captain Isaac Atkins and Colonel Folsom. That he does not now recollect that he has any further personal knowledge of said Smith's services."]

[fn p. 10: marriage bond dated September 12, 1770 issued to William Smith and Andrew Shepherd of Cumberland County, the condition of the bond to secure the intermarriage of William Smith with Emelia Oliver of Cumberland County.]

State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War, that William Smith a private Soldier in Captain Williams's Company of the 2nd Regiment, entered the service on the 18th day of December 1776 for the term of 3 years and

³ [Stephen Morris R7413](#)

⁴ [Joseph Yarborough S7981](#)

that he was discharged on the 30th day of January 1780.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of May 1845

S/ Wm Hill, Secry' of State