

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Philip Smith R9830

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State of Virginia Amherst County towit:

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Amherst now sitting Philip Smith a resident of the County of Amherst in the State of Virginia aged 77 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.

That he entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia Man from the County of Amherst in 1781 and marched under the command of Capt James Franklin to North Carolina where he joined Genl Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] Army after the battle at Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]. On his joining the main army he was placed under the command of Capt Younger Landrum and was attached to Lawsons [Gen. Robert Lawson's] Brigade and Colo John Holcombes regiment. he remained with Genl Greens Army until his time of service which was for three months expired. he was then discharged and returned home. In the summer of the same year he performed another tour of duty under the command of Caleb Higginbotham. In this tour which was likewise for four months he was engaged in gathering and driving cattle from Amherst County to Williamsburg in Virginia for the Army - he finished out his service of four months, was discharged, and was engaged in no other service during the War of the Revolution. During the War he performed two tours of duty one of three months and the other of four making seven months in all. in both cases he was a drafted militia man from the County of Amherst in the State of Virginia. that he was engaged in no battle. that he was born and raised in Amherst and still livers there. that he has no certificate of discharge. that he was discharged after his first tour was completed at Hillsborough in N Carolina - that he has no register of his age except a copy of a memorandum kept by his father from which it appears that he was born in 1755. that he has no documentary evidence proving his service but presents herewith the testimony of a few of those who served with him and who testify as to his services. he recollects seeing whilst in the army in North Carolina Genl Green, Genl [Edward] Stevens, Colo [Charles] Lynch, Colo Holcombe, Genl Lawson, Colo [William] Washington and Colo [Henry] Lee. And when engaged in gathering cattle he was alone under the command of Caleb Higginbotham. He 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

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And the Court proceeded to propound the several interrogatories required by the War department the answers to which accompany this declaration-

To Quest 1st He answers that he was born in the County of Amherst in the State of Virginia in 1755.

To Quest 2^d He answers that he has a copy of a memorandum kept by his father of the ages of all his children.

To Quest 3^d He answers that he was living in the County of Amherst when called into service and still resides there.

To Quest 4th He answers that in each tour of duty he was a drafted Militia Man.

To Quest 5th He answers and mentions Genl Stevens, Genl Green, Colo Lynch, Colo Holcombe, Genl Lawson, Colo Washington, Colo Lee and Capt Younger Landrum.

To Quest 6th He answers - he never received any written discharge from service.

To Quest 7th He answers and refers to Benjamin Higginbotham [pension application S5542], Bartlett Cash [W4649], William Cashwell [W3771] and William Hartless [S5498].