

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Smith R9842

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Georgia, Oglethorpe County

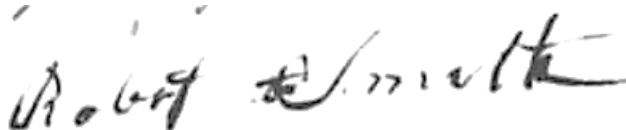
On this day 5<sup>th</sup> day of November Personally appeared in open Court in the Court of Ordinary now sitting Robert Smith a resident of the County of Oglethorpe in the State of Georgia aged Eighty four years in the month of February next who being first duly sworn according to the law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served herein stated. In 1780 the applicant was called out to guard a number of boats at Carter's Ferry on James River. It has been so long that he cannot recollect the time of his service. He was commanded by John Watson of the county of Cumberland & State of Virginia, which was also the residence of the applicant at the time he entered the service. In the same year 1780 applicant was drafted to serve a three months tower [sic, tour] but he employed a substitute & paid him Seventy five or eighty dollars. Some time after this the Substitute whom applicant had employed was also drafted to serve a three months tour & applicant had to go in his place. In this tour he was commanded by Generals Greene [Nathanael Greene] and Lawson [Robert Lawson] & Captain Charles Ballow [Charles Ballou?]~~—the regiment marched to Guilford Court House in the State Virginia—~~North Carolina where we met Lord Cornwallis' Army—and in February or March 1781 [March 15, 1781] —the Battle of Guilford took place in which applicant fought—after applicant was discharged from this tour which took place shortly after the Battle of Guilford, he was engaged in arduous service in collecting & driving cattle for the troops until shortly after the capture of Cornwallis's army at York in the State of Virginia. Applicant thinks this took place in October 1781 [October 19, 1781]. If applicant ever got a discharge he does not know where it is & he has no documentary evidence by which he could establish his claim.

He hereby relinquishes every claim wherever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed this day & year, aforesaid.

S/ Robert Smith



S/ William H. Smith, Clk

[Thomas Dunn, a clergyman, and John Moore gave the standard supporting affidavit.]