

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Smith S11431<sup>1</sup>

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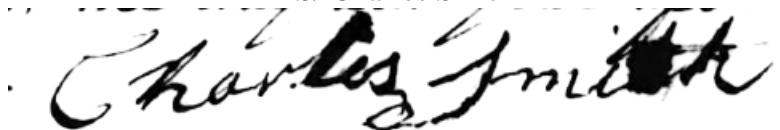
*State of South Carolina Pickens District: On this \_\_day of October 1834, personally appeared in Open Court, before A. P. Butler [? name is very faint] of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Charles Smith, a<sup>2</sup> resident of said State & district aged seventy-four years, who being first duly 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, under the following named officers and served as herein stated – That he was drafted in Chatham County North Carolina in what was then called mounted militia a private under Captain Joseph Rosser, Major William Cage, Colonel John Litteral [sic, John Luttrell], and marched to Cheraw Hills in South Carolina and joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], was then detached with a company of the trails light horse to convey off the prisoners taken from Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] by General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] [Battle of Cowpens, January 17, 1781], then joined General Morgan's rifle-men and attacked the British in an old field between Salisbury and the Adkin River [sic, Yadkin River] in North Carolina and continued skirmishing with the enemy, they one side the River, and we the other, until his three months and a few days over had expired, then received a discharge but has forgotten by whom it was signed, but thinks it was by Major William Cage. At that time the country was nearly overrun with British and Tories, and truly dangerous to remain at home, and often himself and wife lay out in the woods at night. Thus situated he found himself much safer in the Army then out of it. Therefore volunteered in what was called minute men under Major Goldston [probably a reference to William Goldston or Gholson] but cannot recollect all the services he rendered in that capacity it being at the time when Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] at the head of the Tories was infesting the country, but was appointed by Colonel Goldston a Sergeant in the mounted militia and continued on duty 6 months in which time he was after the Tories that had taken the Governor of North Carolina prisoner, was in pursuit of Colonel Fanning down to Cross Creek and in scouts through Chatham, Randolph, Moore and Cumberland [Counties] engaging the British and Tories and preventing the Tories from embodying, and dispersing them when embodied until the end of the time – in a few days after entered under Captain Joseph Rosser & Major Goldston afterwards Colonel Goldston for a 3 months Tour but cannot now recollect whether drafted or a volunteer but if drafted it was in the class arrangement, in that Tour they drove Fanning from the Country to Charleston – and he served out the 3 months Tour and immediately volunteered during the War and continued in service he believes between 9 and 10 months, but cannot recollect the exact time but was under*

<sup>1</sup> BLWt17901-160-55

<sup>2</sup> Text in italics found on HeritageQuest.com

the command of Captain Rosser and Colonel Goldston, That whilst in service his property was plundered by the Tories – and his wife and family left destitute the Tories likewise killed a likely 4-year-old horse of his for all of which he never received any remuneration. For 2 or 3 months tours he received indents and only obtained \$4 for them – 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before William L Keith CC  
S/ Charles Smith



[Robert Gaines, a clergyman, and James Osborn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

In answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department the said Charles Smith saith  
1<sup>st</sup> In Chatham County North Carolina on the 8th March 1760

2. I had it in my grandfather's Bible, but have not seen it for some time but believe someone of my children has it now

3rd. In Chatham County North Carolina moved from there to South Carolina, and have lived in the same neighborhood where I now reside in Pendleton Election District for 28 years.

4th. First drafted, then a volunteer the next Tour am not certain whether drafted or a volunteer but believe was drafted – then volunteered to the close of the War

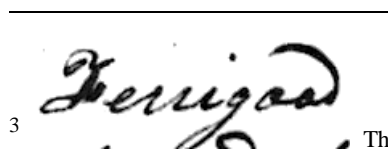
5th. General Green, General Morgan, Colonel Washington was with Washington at the cannonading across the Yadkin. I do not recollect the regiments – was several times with the state troops but never was one of them I think Colonel Ferrigood [?]<sup>3</sup> was an officer in the State troops.

6. I received two – but do not recollect by whom they were given but believe one by Major Age and the other Colonel Goldston and lost them I know not how long since I was 6 months a Sergeant the rest of the time private –

7th. William Wilson, Charles Wilson, John Ariail Senr., Major Andrew Hamilton, James L McCann, William McMurry Esquire and I believe all who are well acquainted with me.

State of South Carolina Pickens District

Personally came Jesse Smith<sup>4</sup> before me James Osborne one of the Justices of the Q. U. in and for the State & district aforesaid and made oath in due form That he is now and was in the time of the American Revolution Personally acquainted with and is a Brother to Charles Smith



<sup>3</sup> This may be a reference to Jorge Farragut (Anglicized George Farragut) (b. 9/29/1755 on Minorca; d. 1817), father of Admiral David G. Farragut (1801-1870). George Farragut is known to have been in North and South Carolina during the Revolutionary War. He served in the SC navy and was captured when Charleston fell on May 12, 1780. Exchanged, paroled or escaped, he is thought by some to have been at the Battle of Cowpens and later at Wilmington during the Revolution. J. D. Lewis notes that Farragut has commissioned a Captain of Infantry in the NC State Regiment under Maj. Bennett Crafton and Maj. Joel Lewis. 5/1/1782, a Major over the units of Light Horse within the State Regiment. (5/5/1783, the NC General Assembly back-dated this promotion.). Thanks to Hershel Parker for making this connection and calling it to my attention.

<sup>4</sup> [Jesse Smith S21490](#)

the present applicant for a pension. That he served two three months tours in the revolution with him first under Colonel John Luttrell Captain Joseph Rosser and joined General Greene's Army at the Cheraw Hills in South Carolina. The second tour under Major William Goldston afterwards Colonel Goldston about the close of the Tour this deponent was taken prisoner by the British and Tories under the command of Colonel David Fanning – that after being taken to Wilmington and detained a prisoner eleven weeks and five days he succeeded in making his escape and then joined General Butler and Colonel Maburn [sic, Robert Mebane] and became Generally separated from his said Brother Charles but saw him several times in the service afterwards and does believe that his said brother Charles did continue in the service of the United States the greater part of the time until peace was made.

Sworn to and subscribed this 16th day of April 1834 before me

S/ Charles Osborn, JQ

S/ Jesse Smith, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Pickens District: Personally came Charles Smith an Applicant for a Pension, before me James Osborn one of the Justices of the Quorum in and for the State and District aforesaid and made oath in due form That he did some years since, time not exactly recollected, Petition the Legislature of South Carolina to allow him a pension for revolutionary services. That he believes he set forth in that petition all the services he had rendered. That his said petition was granted and he received a pension of \$60 a year until he was informed that his name was stricken off the roll, and he was directed to make application to the General Government. That he entered the service of the United States in Chatham County North Carolina under the command of Colonel John Luttrell and marched on and joined General Green at the Cheraw Hills in South Carolina and continued on to perform such service as is set forth in his declaration to obtain a pension from the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 6th day of June 1835.

S/ Charles Smith

[p 17: On July 16, 1842 in Randolph County Alabama, the veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefit saying that he had moved to the state of Alabama and intended to live there and wished his pension to be paid there.]

[p 12: on Made 5, 1853 in Randolph County Alabama, Charles Smith, 97, filed for his bounty land entitlement as a revolutionary war soldier.]

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State of South Carolina Pickens District: Personally came Nancy Smith before me the subscribing Justice and made oath in due form of law That she is now and in the time of the American Revolution personally acquainted with, and is a sister to Jesse Smith and Charles Smith, the present applicants for a pension. That she recollects of their bearing the character of being true Whigs in the time of and ever since the revolution. That she recollects of them both entering the service of the United States under the command of Colonel John Luttrell. That they were gone from home nearly the whole time from that until peace was restored to the Country – and that she understood they were both in the service of their Country during the time they were absent – and she has no doubt of the fact – but by reason of old age and loss of memory she cannot tell how long they did serve but she believes between 2 and 3 years. That she knew of the

Tories plundering the property belonging to her brother Charles and leaving his family in a distressed situation at a time when, she believes, he was fighting for his country. Sworn to and subscribed before made this 6th day of September 1834.

S/ Nancy Smith, X her mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]