

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Smith S14488

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Alabama:

In the County Court of Madison County the 21st day of February 1833 before the Honorable Samuel Chapman, Judge thereof presiding –

On this day personally appeared John Smith in open Court, being a resident citizen of said County & living near Brownsboro & being sixty-nine years of age, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 –

He states that he is convinced there is no existing record of his age, but from the uncontradicted tradition in his family he can state that he believes he was born on the 15th of March 1763 in Anson County North Carolina. In April 1778, as well as he can recollect the time, he enlisted as a regular soldier in the Continental line under Captain Joseph Parsons in the rifle Regiment of Colonel Thomas Chiles [?]¹ – for the period of five years – This enlistment occur the door of affiant's father's dwelling in said County of Anson. He & his company were marched to Hillsboro where they joined said Regiment, & where they found General Anthony Wayne in command of the American forces in that quarter. In about ten days affiant was marched with his company & Regiment to the City of Charleston. Below that place the Americans under Wayne had two slight battles or skirmishes with the British said to be under Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] in which affiant was engaged, & in the last one Colonel Chiles was wounded in the left arm & some lives were lost. When Colonel Chiles was wounded affiant was about 20 yards from him – saw him waved his hat over his head calling aloud "I am wounded – but huzza boys! fight 'till you die!" – In about three weeks affiant & his company, & part of his Regiment was detached to Georgetown in South Carolina to guard that point, where affiant remained until the spring of next year. After Colonel Chiles was wounded Colonel Pecker [?]² succeeded him – General Wade commanded the detachment at Georgetown. Whilst affiant remained at George Town, which was during the remainder of his term of service, he was sent out occasionally on various expeditions, but had no rencountre with the British & but few of consequence with the Tories. During the whole 5 years affiant was under arms & at the post or performing the services required of him as a regular Soldier in the rifle Corps. He received a discharge from General Wayne himself. He

¹ The War Department interpreted this name as Colonel Thomas Child

² The War Department interpreted this name as Colonel Pickett

remained at Georgetown about three months after his term expired – then went to Hillsboro, where he received his discharge from the General, upon the production of Captain Parson's certificate of affiant's services. He then returned into Anson County, North Carolina, – and the winter following affiant in attempting to swim Edgecock Creek had his horse & saddle bags & pocket book swept away & lost & with them his discharge, saving his life only by accident. About 30 years ago he removed from North Carolina into Georgia and 22 years ago removed thence into Tennessee where he resided until about a year ago, when he came to & settled in the County of Jackson near the County of Madison aforesaid, in the State of Alabama in what last County is his present residence. There is no one now living & known to affiant by whom he can prove his enlistment & service. 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 any agency in any State without exception.

S/ John Smith, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed before me

S/ Richard B. Purdon, Clk CC

[Samuel Harris, a clergyman, and Thomas V. Province gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]