

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Sherwood Smith S1591

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State of Virginia

County of Mecklenburg. S.S

On this 18th day of Nov'r. 1833 personally appeared before Richd H Walker Saml Simmons Saml Daly & Robert Moore the Court of the County of Mecklenburg aforesaid now sitting Sherwood Smith a resident of Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia aged seventy two 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1777 and served seven weeks at Portsmouth Virginia under the Command of Capt. Joseph Peebles & Col Frederick Maclin, that he served three months under the Command of Col [Alexander] Dick, in the Company Commanded by Capt Saunders, this service was performed in 1781 near Portsmouth Virg'a that he further served two months under the Command of Col Lewis Burwell in the Company Commanded by Capt. Stephen Mabry, this service was performed in the year 1781 at Glouster [sic: Gloucester] Virginia, he has no documentary evidence & hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State, he obtained discharges but does not remember from whom & being illiterate he has lost or mislaid them, & he has no living witness by whom he can prove the foregoing service except David Thomas, Carrol Jones, Joseph Bennett & John Parish. Sworn & Subscribed the day & year hereinafter mentiond [12 Aug 1833] Sherwood hisXmark Smith

The four following affidavits were made on 11 Aug 1833.]

The affidavit of John Parish aged 82 years taken at the Store house of George Rogers in the County of Mecklenburg Va. who being duly sworn sayeth on his oath, that he has been acquainted with Sherwood Smith now present ever since the year 1777. that in that year he served with him a tour of six weeks in the Virg'a Militia in the regiment then Commanded by Col Fredk Maclin in the Company commanded by Capt. Jos. Peebs, the affiant well recollects that the said Smith was attached to the Company & Regmt. during the whole six weeks and was left by him in the service when he was discharged, and he understood served a week longer the s'd. Smith discharged his duty as a soldier in a good & orderly manner & further in the year 1781 this affiant served a tour of three months in the Virginia Militia, that himself & the said Smith did not in this as in the former Tour belong to the same Company, he the said Smith going from Mecklenburg to perform the last tour, but he knows distictly that the said Smith was out on duty with the Meckelnburg Militia during the said three months as he saw him every week during that time serving as well as now recollected in the same regiment, though in different Companies.

John hisXmark Parish

The affidavit of David Thomas who being duly sworn sayeth on his oath that Sherwood Smith within named served with him as a soldier in the revolution for the space of five months, three months in the Regiment commanded by Col Dick in the Company Commanded by Capt. Saunders & the other two months in the Company Commanded by Capt. Stephen Mabry & in the Regiment Commanded by Col Lewis Burwell, the above service was performed in the year 1781 David hisXmark Thomas

The affidavit of Joseph Bennett who being duly sworn sayeth on his oath that Sherwood Smith within named served with him as a soldier of the revolution for three months in the regiment commanded by Col. Dick in the Company Commanded by Capt. Saunders, this service was perform'd near Portsmouth Virginia and was three months Joseph hisXmark Bennett

The affidavit of Carrol Jones who being duly sworn sayeth on his oath that Sherwood Smith within named served with him as a Soldier in the Revolution for the Space of two months in the Regiment commanded by Col Lewis Burwell & in the Company Commanded by Capt. Stephen Mabry this service was performed in 1781 near Glouster Virginia
Carrol hisXmark Jones

1 Question by the Court – where & in what year were you born

Answer – In Brunswick County Va in the year 1761.

Quet. 2^d. have you any record of your age & if so where is it.

Answer. I have a copy of the Record but the original is in Pedy County North Carolina [sic]

3^d Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live

Answer – I was living in Brunswick Count when called into service, & I have lived in Mecklen'g (where I now reside ever since the Revolutiony War.

4th how were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

Answer – In the first tour I was a volunteer. in the second and third tour I was drafted.

5 State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental and Militia Regements as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services.

Answer – I sered under Col Dick & Genl Mulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]. I was engaged in no battles dur the service.

6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

Answer – I never received a discharge as I never asked for it, it not being customary to obtain one in [illegible word].

7th State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief that of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer – Lewis Williams, & William Bennett, David Thomas, Joseph Bennett, Henry Jones, Jno Parish.

NOTE: On 12 Dec 1837 Sherwood Smith applied to have his pension transferred to Williamson County TN where he had moved for the following reason: “that he had no land in Virginia and not able to labour that he has a son by the name of Isaac Smith in Tennessee who offered to assist him and with whom he wished to live.”