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Pension application of Zebulon Smith S1876

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State of Tennessee, Sullivan County: September Term 1832

On this 24th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Edward Leath [?] Judge of the Court of Law & Equity for said County now sitting Zebulon Smith a resident of said County, aged seventy four past, who being 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 hereinafter stated to wit. He entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia Man under Captain Wallace Lieutenant Looney and Ensign William Pemberton and was employed in the region of Bay Mountain [in] what now is Washington, Sullivan and Greene Counties in Tennessee against the Indians he was then under the command of Colonel Isaac Shelby. He was then living and entered the service in now Sullivan County Tennessee then North Carolina he believes said service was performed in the fall of the year 1778. He states that he was verbally discharged on Watauga River at Duncan's Station by which of his officers he does not now recollect after having served the full three months Tour as aforesaid against the Cherokee Indians who were in league with the British in the war of the Revolution. He states that in the fall of 1779 he was again drafted in now Sullivan County Tennessee then North Carolina for the term of three months to go against the Cherokee Indians enrolled in said County under Captain Jonathan Webb, was marched under Colonel Shelby to Chota in the Cherokee Territory by way of Nolichucky, French Broad, the Pigeon Rivers, Little River, Tennessee River and the Chota where he remained about four weeks burning and destroying the Indian Towns and property, was in no particular battle as the Indians retreated when the whites entered their Territory. He then returned back to now Sullivan where he was verbally discharged by his said officers after having performed a three months Tour of duty as aforesaid. He states that in the spring of 1780 he substituted in the place of Solomon Smith in the said County of Sullivan to serve a three months Tour against the Cherokee Indians enrolled under Captain William Asher at the mouth of Big Creek now Hawkins County Tennessee then North Carolina, was stationed at Asher's Station at the mouth of Big Creek for the Term of three months, when he was verbally discharged by his said Captain William Asher after having served

the full Tour of three months as aforesaid and returned to now Sullivan County Tennessee in the early part of the fall of 1780 as well as recollected he was drafted in the said County of Sullivan & enrolled under Captain Jonathan Webb, Colonel Shelby was marched to Gap Creek now Carter County Tennessee then North Carolina where he rendezvoused with them, was marched with Colonels Campbell [William Campbell], Colonel Sevier [John Sevier] & his said Colonel Shelby over the Yellow Mountain Blue Ridge through North Carolina to King's Mountain. He states that Colonel McDowell from North Carolina was drove by the Tories & British over the Mountain with his Regiment & also joined the Troops from the North side of the mountain at Gap Creek and marched back in company with the troops from the North side of the mountain to King's Mountain where there was a Battle fought between the Americans & British. The American Army was commanded by Colonel Campbell the British Army & Tories were commanded by Col. Ferguson [sic, Major Patrick Ferguson], who was killed in said Battle his men were principally killed & taken prisoners, was then marched back to Burke Courthouse to guard the prisoners where they were delivered to Colonels Cleveland, Grann [?] & McDowell & where he was verbally discharged by what particular officer he does not now recollect after having served three months. He states that in the fall of 1781 as well as now recollected in substitution in now Sullivan County Tennessee then the State of North Carolina in the place of Samuel Smith of said County, & enrolled under Captain Toppin or Wallace & Colonel Shelby, was marched on to Santee River in South Carolina by way of Chester & Camden to Santee where he joined General Marion, where he enlisted under Colonel Macon [? Moore ? Maham?] for the Term of twelve months after having served full three months in the Militia as a substitute for the said Samuel Smith. After his enlistment he was placed under Captain McKelvey, Colonel Macon [?], Lieutenant Cooper, Ensign Hanna, was marched down to Santee on to Cooper River and to Ashley River to Bacons Bridge where he joined General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army, where was Colonels Washington, Lee, Laurens & his said Colonel Macon [?], who were all under the command of General Greene, he states that at the widow Tidd's [?] on Santee the American Army was surprised by the British, there declarant being under General Marion, his said Colonel Macon [?] being sick was then marched up Santee to head quarters at Conins [?] in which neighborhood he remained, was employed in scouting after the Tories & British until discharged after having served out his term of Enlistment which was for twelve months, was discharged by Col. Moore as well as now recollected his discharge has been casually lost.

He states that in the fall of 1782 as well as he now recollected he volunteered under Colonel John Sevier Captain John Scott in the said County of Sullivan Tennessee now North Carolina [sic] for the Term of three months. The Chickamauga Indians were a part of the Cherokee Indians known by the name Chickamaugans, was marched on to the Lookout Mountain by way of Nolichucky, French Broad, the Pigeon, Little River, Little Tennessee, Hiwassee to the Lookout Mountain where the Indians treated though declarant was then marched over the said mountain and marched on to the waters of the Coosa River, up to Shoemaker Town after some Tories, to wit Rogers & killed Simmons who were Tories was then marched back past Hiwassee town over to Chota where he was verbally discharged by Colonel Sevier after having served full three months as aforesaid. He states that he served in all in the war of the Revolution two years & six months. He states there is no resident minister of the Gospel in his neighborhood who can testify to

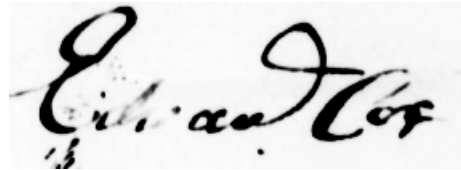
his service or as to neighborhood repute. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service, nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except the certificate of Edward Cox whose certificate is hereunto annexed. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Zebulon Smith, X his mark

[Standard affidavit of veracity and reputation was given by Edward Cox and John King.]

I Edward Cox¹ of the County of Sullivan and State of Tennessee do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Zebulon Smith who has sworn to & subscribed the above declaration, that I know of his serving the three months Tour in the South under Captain Lopp or Wallace as stated that he enlisted on Santee River under Colonel Macon [? Moore?] & General Marion, this affiant being a Lieutenant under the said Captain Wallace in said campaign. Sworn to & subscribed this 24th day of September 1832.

S/ Edward Cox

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Cox" with a small "13" written below the name.

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

¹ [Edward Cox S3170](#)