

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Neighbors (Nabors) S19000

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State of South Carolina Pickens District

On this the ninth day of March 1835 Personally appeared before the Honorable Richard Gantt one of the associate Judges of the State of South Carolina in open Court at Pickens Court House Benjamin Neighbors a resident of Pickens District and State aforesaid aged seventy-two years the 15th of August last 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. That (as well as he recollects) in the fall of the year 1777 or 78 he being about fifteen years old Captain Jarit Smith [sic, Jared Smith] of Newberry District of the State aforesaid then (Newberry County) applied to him to volunteer to go against the Cherokee Indians near Killeets Station on the waters of Saluda River. He turned out & volunteered for six months and did go with the said Captain Smith and served as a guard on the frontier for six months that he was attached to Colonel Williams' [James Williams'] Regiment that he marched in a Captain's company which was ordered on the above mentioned service that the whole Regiment was not ordered on this service at that time & that he received a discharge at the end of six months that he has lost said discharge -- that shortly after his discharge he volunteered under the command of Captain Thomas Dugan in Colonel Williams' Regiment which was commanded by General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] for three months to go on an expedition to Florida that he performed the service and was discharged at the end of the time - - that he again Substituted in place of William Neighbors and served a Tour of one month under the command of Major Gilham [probably Robert Gillam] and marched to the State of Georgia to Cupboard Creek -- that he then enlisted in the State Troops under General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] for the term of ten months or during the war that as near as he can recollect he was discharged at the expiration of ten months -- That he hereby relinquishes every claim 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 except the State of South Carolina -- that he was a pensioner on that State for Revolutionary Services but is informed that he was stricken off for the purpose of making application to the General Government --

In answer to the interrogatories by the war department this deponent saith --

1st In Loudoun County State of Virginia

2. He has not now any record of his age

3. He lived [in] Newberry District SC after the revolution he removed to Lawrence District, SC - - then to Greenville District where he has resided to the present time.

4. Volunteered first and then substituted and then Enlisted.
5. First under Colonel John Thomas -- likewise served under Colonel Wade Hampton at Orangeburg --
6. I did receive three, but have lost them all --
7. Colonel J. Kirkpatrick, Colonel Robert Anderson, James Orban [?]¹ Esquire, Colonel Joseph Grisham, Colonel Benjamin Haygood and a number of others I believe would testify as to my character for veracity -- sworn to and subscribed in open court this 10th March 1835
S/ William L. Keith, CC

S/ Benjⁿ Nabors, X his mark

[Jacob Lewis, a clergyman, and W D Sloane gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina, Pickens District: SS

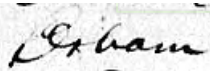
On this Twenty fourth day of November, 1845 personally appeared before the Court of Ordinary, Benjamin Neighbors, aged Eighty three years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That when he was turned of Fifteen years old, he thinks in the year 1777, as well as he can recollect, he lived in Newberry District in this State, and entered the service of his country for six months as a ranger on the Indian Line in Laurens Newberry Districts, under Capt. Jared Smith, 1st Lieut. Richard Ball, 2 Lieut. Thomas Lindsey under Col. Pickens [Andrew Pickens] and General Williamson [Andrew Williamson], did not during that tour leave the bounds of those & the neighboring Districts. Served out his six months, and was regularly discharge by Capt. Smith in writing, but it has been so long that he has lost his discharge.

Second tour, In about three months afterwards he again volunteered for three months under Capt. Thomas Dugan, Lieut. Levi Casey, Lt. Col. Robert McCrary [Robert McCreary] and marched to St. Augustine Florida against the British & Tories, marched over the St. Mary's River, there an attempt was made by Genl. Howe [Robert Howe] to get the militia with whom this declarant was, under Col. Williamson, to join the regulars under his command, but they refused to do so, and although their time was out, they agreed to do so under their own officers, but would not go under the Regular Officers, and was therefore marched back into Georgia and dismissed without any written discharge, and before he got home it was near four months he thinks, but he put it down at three months service.

Third tour: He was drafted for 30 days under Capt. Isaac Grier, Lieut. Verdin, Major Gillam, marched down the country intending to go to Stono, but did not reach there in time for the Battle [June 20, 1779] and was dismissed, making by the time of his return thirty days, or little over.

Fourth tour: He entered as a volunteer for 30 days under Capt. John Verdin, Lieut. James Dugan & E. Verdin, Col. Robert McCrary, marched to the new purchase in Georgia against the Indians served thirty days, and was dismissed.

Fifth tour: He entered as a regular at Hamilton's Ford on Tyger, under Capt. William Smith, Lieut. Absalom Thompson for Ten Months was promised a negro to do so, but has never heard of the negro since; was in this tour under Col. John Thomas and Genl. Thos. Sumter, and

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was in the Battles of Cowpens [January 17, 1781, Blackstocks [November 20, 1780], Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] and Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]; was twice wounded, both at Kings Mountain, Col. Williams [James Williams] was killed at Kings Mountain also. There were Six Regiments together, commanded by Cols. Thomas, Hill, Polk, Middleton, Hampton (Wade) & Henry Hampton and all under the command of Genl. Sumter. They were reduced by death, slaughter &c to three regiments and he fell under the command of Col. Wade Hampton at the close, and was regularly discharged at Orangeburg, written by Capt. Smith & signed by Genl. Sumter, for Ten months service as above.

To the questions to be propounded by the Court to this declarant, he answers as follows, viz:

1st. That he was born in Louden [sic, Loudoun] County, Virginia, in the year 1762, the 15th of August.

2nd. He had a record of his age, but has not [got] it now.

3rd. He lived in Newberry District in this State when he entered the service, then moved to Laurens, thence to Greenville & thence to this District, where he now lives.

4th. Was drafted and volunteered both, as will be seen by the foregoing statement.

5th. Some of the officers are Colonels Thomas, Hill, Polk, Middleton, Wade Hampton & Henry Hampton.

6th. Received two discharges, the first by Capt. Jared Smith and the last by Capt. Wm. Smith, both of which were kept for a long time, very much worn and at length lost.

7th. The persons to whom he is known, and who can testify to his character &c. are Rev. Joseph Gresham, Col. Jephtha Norton, Nathan Boone, Esqr., Major W. L. Keith, P. Alexander Esq., & Wm. D. Steele Esq.

He further declares that about the year 1832 or 1833, he made application through an Attorney at Law of this District for a Pension under this Act, but what became of it he does not know, he was drawing a small sum from the State which he has made out with, but if he is entitled to pay under an act of Congress, he hopes his delay will not deprive him of the benefit of it. 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, except that of the State of South Carolina. Since making this above statement, he is informed by his agent that he has a copy of two Indents from the Comps. office Columbia, which he is informed correspond with his statements in part, and he hereby declares that he did not know that such thing existed or could be obtained, until since his statement was made & written down, but he is sure he is the same individual to whom they were issued and he knows of no other proof which he can obtain unless it be the affidavits of Lieut. Thompson & Capt. Smith upon which he was placed on the Pension List of S. C. but who are both now dead.

S/ Benjamin Neighbors, X his mark

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William D. Steele, {Seal}

Judge of the Court of Ordinary for Pickens District S.C.

[Joseph Grisham, a clergyman, and Nathan Boon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 11: Indent issued by the State of SC to Benjamin Neighbors for service in the militia

Comptroller Genl's Office
Columbia S. C. July 21/45

"Book A -
Ind't 1603 Sworn the first of October 1784 to Benjamin Neighbors
late Private in Smith's Troop, Thomas, Reg't, Sumter's Brigade
State Troops, for Ninety four pounds Sterling, being am't pay and
and Bounty due him for Services in that Troop, with interest
thereon from the first of April 1782 to date hereof, agreeable to
resolutions of Gen'l assembly of Eleventh march last.
Price £ 99-1-1 In L: 6: 11: 7

"Book D
Indent 3113 Sworn the first July 1785 to Mr Benjamin Neighbors
for Thirteen pounds Ten Shillings Sterling for Militia duty
as per acct audited - In L: 13: 11 - Ind't L: 18: 11
I certify the above to be a true copy from the Records in this office
For Comptroller Genl
W. M. S.

[p 24: Labeled as a "Copy of Wm Smith's affidavit."]

State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: William Smith² came before me and made oath that he was a Captain in the Revolutionary war of a Company of State Troops in General Sumter's Brigade in South Carolina and that Benjamin Neighbors enlisted as a private in his company and served under him until regularly discharged. Sworn to & subscribed before me April 7th 1823.

S/ John L. Rowland, QU

S/ Wm Smith

[p 25: Labeled as a "copy of Absalom Thomson's affidavit."]

South Carolina Greenville District: Absalom Thompson³ Esquire swears before me that he was a 2nd Lieutenant and Captain Smith's company of State Troops which was a portion of General Sumter's Brigade in the Revolutionary War, and that Benjamin Neighbors was an enlisted man in said company & served under him & continued in said company until regular discharge.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 3rd of August 1824.

S/ Thomas Stanford, JP

S/ Absalom Thompson

[Facts in file: By affidavit dated December 13, 1847 testimony was given by several citizens of Pickens County stating that the Reverend Benjamin Neighbors by appearance is not less than 85 years of age; that he bears the reputation as a soldier of the revolution and has never been

² [William Smith W22272](#)

³ [Absalom Thompson S21533](#)

doubted as such; that he has been a member for a number of years and a minister of the gospel of the Baptist order in good standing. The affidavit is signed by Silas Kirksey, E. M. Keith, P. Alexander, P. N. Robins, J. W. Norris, Jr., and E. E. Alexander]

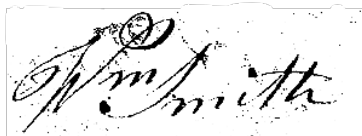
[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$65.31 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 19 months and 18 days in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to Benjamin Neighbors AA 14
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 5460
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This is to Certify that Benjamin Neighbors Did his Duty faithfully and Well in General Sumpters Brigade Colonel Thomas's Regiment under Captain William Smith to which he is Entitled to his Bounty and Wages

Certified by me this 4th day of April 1784 S/ William Smith



April the 6th 1784 Received of William Murray Full Satisfaction for a Negro Promised me for Serving Ten months in the State Troops of South Carolina in Brigadier General Sumpters Brigade for which I do Request that said Negro may be Delivered to William Murray or his Assigns all allies that he may Receive a Treasury Indent as the Legislature may direct and in that Case as witness my hand

S/ Robt. Johnston

S/ James Murray

S/ Benjamin Neighbors, X his mark

[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 460 Book M dated first of October 1784 "delivered to Mr. Benjamin Neighbors late Private in W. Smith's [William Smith's] Troop, Thomas's [Lt. Col. John Thomas, Jr.'s] Regiment Sumpter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Ninety-four pounds Sterling being amount pay and bounty due him for Services in that Troop Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof Agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly of the Eleventh March last."]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements, among which is the following:

I Assigned Over the Whole Right title and Interest of the Within Indent Unto William Murray this 6th day of January 1786 In the Presents [sic]

S/ Robt Johnston

S/ Benjamin Neighbors, X his mark

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

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[Book] T [No.] 301 1 July 85 [1785]

Mr. Benjamin Neighbors his account of Militia duty as private before & since the reduction of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] amounting to [old South Carolina] Currency £94.10.0
Stg. [Sterling] £13.10.0

October 7th 178 [sic] Received of Richard Speake full Satisfaction for all my Accounts Against the State of South Carolina to the amount of 300 Pounds which is Returned in the Auditor's Office in Charls Town and Do Request that a treasury Indent may issue to said Speake or his Assigns as witness my hand

S/ Benjamin Neighbours, X his mark

S/ John Blalock, Junior
the above

John Blalock made oath he saw Benjamin Neighbors sign

Sworn July 12, 1785

S/ Thomas Hale, JP

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State of South Carolina

To Benjamin Neighbors

Dr.

Duty per Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] Currency £94.10.0

Stg. £13.10.0

Received 1st July 1785, for satisfaction for the Account in an Indent No. 301 = T per order

S/ John Lindsay

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Lindsay", enclosed in a rectangular border. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[p 8: Printed form of indent No. 301 Book T dated July 1st, 1785]