

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

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John Smith Application for Pension for Service in the Revolutionary War:

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On this 26th day of September, 1832, personally appeared before me Lewis Click one of the Justices of the court of Pleas and quarter session of Hawkins County, John Smith aged seventy-two years last March, 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 7 June 1832--- "That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as there in stated by, that in the year 1780 in the fall of that year, He thinks in the month of September, about the first, this declarant entered the Services of the United States, by being drafted, in Burke County, North Carolina and served in the company of the militia under the command of Captain Mordecia Clarke, the name of the Colonel not now recollected. That from Burke County this declarant was marched to General Morgan's headquarters, at a place called Grindell's Shoals [Grendel Shoals] on the Pacolet River in South Carolina, from thence the Army moved, under General Morgan towards Gilbert Town [Gilbertown] near the edge of North Carolina and after marching one day, encamped for the night about a mile from the Cowpens, and on the ensuing morning information was brought to General Morgan by one of his spies, named McDonald, that Col. Tarleton was within five miles of his encampment, thence fore General Morgan retreated back about a mile in order to prepare for the enemy by choosing a more favorable situation, which was called the Cowpens, and after being at said place about two hours, the enemy came up and the battle commenced, which resulted in the defeat of said Tarleton with great loss and who retreated, leaving a great number killed and taken prisoners. This declarant states he was in the battle during the whole time it lasted which was fought about the middle of January 1781. From the Cowpens, this declarant was marched to Salisbury passing over Broad River at the Cherokee ford and marched on towards Cherells ford [sic, Sherrill's Ford], but before reaching Cherells ford the regiment to which the declarant was attached was discharged and he received a written discharge sometime about the first of March, 1781, having served fully six months. Said discharge has been lost some time ago.

That again in the spring of 1781 he thinks sometime in April he entered as a volunteer under Col. Robert Holmes in Burke County and was marched into Lincoln County against the Tories and came under the command of General McDowell and after remaining there about two months or more the declarant was marched back to Burke County by Col. Holmes and on his way back took the smallpox and lay sick for better than two months....having served about three months....when he was taken sick, his Col furloughed him forty days which expired sometime he thinks in the Month of July---which the service including the furloughed amounted to three months. Again in the latter end of September 1781 this declarant again entered the service for three months under Captain Stringfield and was marched to the head of Catawba at Davisons fort where this declarant with others was discharged by Captain Stringfield but which discharge has been lost.

He thinks he was discharged in the later part of December 1781 having served in the whole twelve months.

Declarant relinquishes every occasion 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:

John Smith



Supplemented by Will Graves

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[Richard Medlock & John Rogers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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At the same time personally appeared before me Lewis Click a Justice etc. John Hunsucker a resident of Hawkins County & residing in the neighborhood of said John Smith aged about 65 years who being duly sworn according to law states that he lived in Burke County North Carolina and in the same neighborhood with the said applicant John Smith at the time he performed the Services mentioned in the within declaration, and has been acquainted with him ever since, and that he did serve the three tours as therein stated, and he well recollects when the said John Smith took the Small pox on his March back to Burke County and that at the time said John Smith was in said Service this affiant had a brother by the name of Abraham Hunsucker¹ who served with him but who does not reside in this State.

Sworn to & subscribed 26 September 1832

S/ John Hunsucker, X his 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.]

¹ [Abram Hunsucker \(Hunnusuckle\) S5258](#)