

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Smith S21490

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State of South Carolina Pickens District: On this 6th day of October 1834 – Personally appeared in open Court, before A P Butler Judge of the court of Common Pleas now sitting Jesse Smith a resident of said State & District 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 act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he entered the service in Chatham County North Carolina a volunteer for a three months tour a private in what was then called mounted militia, but cannot recollect the year, under Captain Joseph Rosser, Major William Cage, Colonel John Littrell [John Luttrell] marched from Chatham and joined General Green [Nathanael Greene] at the Cheraw Hills, continued under the command of General Green until the battle of Guilford was then discharged by Major William Cage, having served three months and a few days. In about two or three weeks after being discharge he volunteered a private for an indefinite time under Captain William Goldston. Soon after was taken Prisoner by the British and Tories and carried to Wilmington North Carolina. Succeeded in an attempt to run away from them, and again joined Captain Goldston, Colonel Maban [sic, Robert Mebane], General Butler [John Butler] and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], and marched back towards Wilmington, on our approach the British evacuated the Town – he was then discharged by Major formerly Captain Goldston for five months service – about one month after he again volunteered under Major John Nawls for a three months Tour, when Major John Nawls was killed at Lindley's Mills he was then transferred to Major Goldston, and served out the three months Tour, the times then were so dangerous he would not go home, but continued in service, doing duty from three to five months, but cannot recollect the precise time. The militia was then laid off into classes of twelve men each and each class to furnish one man for eighteen months. That he volunteered, and exempted the balance of the class to which he belonged – and marched under the command of Captain Mash [sic, ?] and joined General Green in South Carolina and continued in service until the close of the War which he believes was nine months from the time he entered for eighteen months.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Before S/ William L. Keith, CC

S/ Jesse Smith, X his mark

[Robert Gaines, a clergyman, and James Osborn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

In answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department the said Jesse Smith saith –

1<sup>st</sup> In Chatham County North Carolina on the 5th March 1762

2nd. I have taken it from the record of a Bible which I am informed belonged to my Grandfather and descended to my Father.

3rd. In Chatham County North Carolina moved from there to South Carolina in 1785 have lived in different districts of the State and now reside in Pendleton Election Pickens Judicial District South Carolina

4th. A volunteer in every instance.

5th. Colonel Robert Mebane, Colonel John Luttrell, Major Mazyard [sic, ?] of the artillery. Was sent to guard him home and was under his command for several weeks. Colonel Christopher Dudley – was sent to assist him and recovering the property taken from him by the Tories – was one of the 170 commanded by him in retaking his property.

6. I did receive for, one given by Major William Cage, One by Colonel Christopher Dudley and to buy Captain Goldston and all burned in my house in Fairfield District South Carolina.

7th. Thomas Williams, Thomas Barton, James Douthit Esquire, Thomas Blasingame and a number of others if Required.

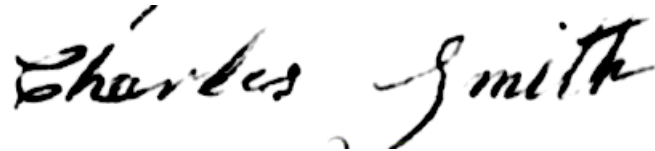
[fn p. 12]

State of South Carolina Pickens District: Personally came Charles Smith<sup>1</sup> before me the Subscribing Justice and made oath in due form that he is now and was in the time of the American Revolution Personally acquainted with and a Brother to Jesse Smith an applicant for a pension. That he this deponent served two three months Tours with him first under Colonel John Luttrell, Captain Joseph Rosser and joined General Green's Army at the Cheraw Hills – the second Tour under Major William Golston afterwards Colonel Golston – about the close of the Tour he this deponent knew that the said Jesse Smith was taken prisoner by the British and Tories – under the command of Colonel David Fanning, that after his the said Jesse's return from being a prisoner which he believes was about eleven weeks, that he knew the said Jesse, then joined General William Butler's Army and became separated from this deponent and therefore cannot state how long he did serve – but does believe that he the said Jesse did serve the greatest part of the time until the close of the War.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 16th day of April 1834.

S/ James Osborn, JQ

S/ Charles Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ Charles Smith".

[fn p. 15: On September 13, 1834 in Pickens district South Carolina, Herman Smith gave testimony in support of the applications of his 2 brothers Jesse and Charles Smith for pensions under the federal pension act; he states that he was 10 or 12 years old when his brothers entered the service; that his brother Charles was married at the time; that he, affiant, was frequently sent by his father to assist the family of Charles in his absence; that he was at his brother's house when he heard the Tories approaching and fled and the Tories plundered his brother's house.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Charles Smith S11431](#)

[fn p. 5: Charlotte Smith filed a power of attorney dated May 25, 1852, in which she states she is the daughter of Jesse Smith, deceased late of Greenville District South Carolina a revolutionary war pensioner. The power of attorney was filed in Greenville District South Carolina.]

[fn p. 30: Benjamin Grist <sup>2</sup>testified in Pickens District South Carolina that he was acquainted with Jesse Smith in the time of the American Revolution; that Smith did serve in the same Regiment with this deponent under Colonel Dudley but the deponent does not know how long Smith served; this deponent knew Smith also known for one-year. The testimony was offered October 6, 1834 in Pickens district South Carolina.]

[fn p. 26]

South Carolina Pickens District: Personally came Jesse Smith an applicant for a Pension before me the subscribing Justice and made oath in due form of law That he did some years since Petition the Legislature of South Carolina to place him on the Pension Roll for revolutionary services, in which Petition he thinks he only set forth the services that he had rendered in South Carolina but is not certain but he set forth all his service in the revolution. That he sent on with his Petition such proof as was satisfactory for his Petition was granted, and he received a pension of \$60 a year until, as he understands, he was stricken off the roll and directed to make application to the General Government. This deponent further saith that he entered the service of the United States in Chatham County North Carolina under the command of Colonel John Luttrell a volunteer in what was called mounted militia marched, and joined Major Mazyard who was coming home from the North with artillery, continued on and joined General Green at the Cheraw Hills in South Carolina continued with General Green on his retreat into North Carolina was taken prisoner in North Carolina and taken to Wilmington ran away from the enemy returned and volunteered under Colonel Robert Mebane and marched back to Wilmington the British evacuated the town – then marched back to Chatham County and was discharged. Then volunteered in the 18 months service and marched to South Carolina and continued in service under General Green until peace was made. Lost his horse in the service for which he never received any remuneration.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 4th day of June 1835.

S/ James Osborn, JQ

S/ Jesse Smith, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Pickens District: Personally came Jesse Smith before me James Osborn one of the Justices of Quorum in and for the State & district aforesaid he being the present applicant for a pension, and made oath in due form of law That after he had served two three months tours in the American Revolution, he entered for the third Tour and was taken Prisoner and carried to Wilmington from Chatham County. Succeeded in running away from the British and joined the American Army and served under General Butler & General Rutherford and Colonel Mebane whom he believes was a regular Colonel and marched back to Wilmington and was with Colonel Mebane on return from Wilmington when the Colonel was killed, that from the time he was taken prisoner until he returned was eleven weeks and five days – and that besides the time he was a prisoner he served over a three months Tour but he cannot recollect how long over. That soon after the class arrangement took place, and twelve men were required to furnish

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<sup>2</sup> [Benjamin Grist W1170](#)

one for eighteen and you and him months, that he volunteered and exempted the class – and served under Captain Mash and he believes Colonel Griffy and marched under [indecipherably faint word] Marsh, and joined General Green near the Eutaw Springs and continued in service until peace was made which he believes was 9 months or more. Sworn to and subscribed before me the 20th day of November 1835.

S/ James Osborn, JQ

S/ Jesse Smith, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Pickens District: Personally came Charles Smith the present applicant for a Pension before me James Osborn one of the Justices of Quorum in and for the State & district aforesaid and made oath in due form that after serving two three months Tours in the American Revolution he then entered a minute man and served six months under Colonel Goldston, marched on after Fanning – was engaged with the enemy at Coxes Mill on deep River – retreated from there to Skausa's [?] Mills on deep River and there waited for Recruits until Major Dugan joined and then pursued on to Fayetteville and continued in service the term of six months, that he then entered again and performed different Tours of Duty to the close of the war which he believes was nine months – that he lost his horse when in service as a minute man for which he never received any pay – neither did he receive any pay as a minute man because he thought that indents would not be worth the trouble of having his aft. [sic, affidavit?] made out.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of November 1835.

S/ Charles Smith

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 14 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]