

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Smith S21977

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State of South Carolina, Union District: To wit

On this 5th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Sessions, now sitting for the District aforesaid, James Smith, a resident of Union District aged Eighty one years, who being sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits 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 herein stated: -- "I entered the Service about the 15th September 1778 in Spartanburg District South Carolina in Captain John Thomas' company in Colonel Thomas' Regiment as one of the drafted militia to serve against the Indians—and marched to place between Philip's Blockhouse and the Oconee River where we remained until our time had Expired and were then marched back and discharged. -- In the year 1781 I joined a company commanded by Major White (acting as Captain) and march to the Siege of Ninety Six, the Fort being then occupied by Colonel Cruger with the British and Tories. We remained besieging the Fort under command of Genl Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] until the enemy were reinforced by Colonel or Lord Rawdon from Charleston—when the Siege was raised by Genl Greene, and were marched home and discharged. -- I afterwards joined the Company Commanded by Major John Ford, acting as Captain, under Command of Genl Pickens and marched to Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River and joined the Army of Genl Greene, where we were Stationed as a check upon the British army, to prevent them from leaving the city of Charleston--- I continued at this place until my time had expired and was finally discharged—I have no documentary evidence of my services, & I know of no person who served with me except Captain Hanna and Maj William Smith who served with me and who now lives in Spartanburg Dist. South Carolina --- I do hereby relinquish any Claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State---. In answer to the interrogatories put by the Court I answer 1 & 2.--- I was born in Prince William County, Virginia on the 9th June 1751 as I have been informed having no Record of my age--- 3. I lived in Spartanburg when I entered the Service—and have lived in Union and Spartanburg ever since the War and now live in Union Dist. 4. I always served as a draft. 5th See within.—7th Refer to Revd Willis Walker and to John Rogers to prove my character for truth and moral deportment.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Smith

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S/ John B. O'Neall

Presiding Judge

[Willis Walker, a clergyman, and John Rogers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina, Union District

James Smith personally appeared before me and deposed as follows in order to make more plain & explain his application for a pension under the Act of Congress passed the 7th June 1830 -- & saith that he Entered the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War against the British, Tories & Indians. The first Tour of duty was out under Captain John Thomas against the Indians and was out three months. The Second Tour was under Major White at the Siege of Ninety Six under General Greene & remained three months. The third Tour of duty was under Major John Ford, acting as Captain, marched to Bacon's Bridge & Joined the Army under Greene again which Tour was also three months. This deponent Depoeth that he served three Tours of duty of three months each.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 13th May 1833.

S/ James Smith

S/ Wm Mitchell, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]