

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Job Smith S21983

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To President and other members of the Senate and to Speaker and other members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina in General Assembly convened. The petition of Job Smith of Pendleton District aged about seventy-seven years

Humbly sheweth That your petitioner was in the service of the Country as a volunteer or militia man from the time or near the commencement of the Revolutionary war to the close. He was at the sieges of Savannah, Augusta and Ninety Six. He was in the Snow Campaign Captain Pugh's [Benjamin Few's] company of Colonel Malborough's [Leonard Marbury's] Regiment at Ninety Six he was in Captain John Wilson's company. He was with Colonel Pickens afterwards General Pickens and Colonel Anderson on many tours of duty against the Tories and Indians -- he was also with Captain Samuel Earle and Colonel Thomas Farrar on the same duties. Your petitioner has resided in Pendleton District 35 years is old and infirm. He is in need of the assistance of his Country for support he hath no productive property -- he is what is called a poor man -- hath a piece of poor land but hath no person to work it and is not able to work it himself; he therefore prays your honorable body to take his case into consideration and grant him a pension for the few remaining years which may be allowed him; was such other relief as in your wisdom shall same meet and as in duty bound he will forever pray.

S/ Job Smith

[In the House of Representatives December 19, 1825]

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State of South Carolina Pickens District: On this Sixth day of October 1834 Personally appeared in open Court before A. P. Butler Judge of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Job Smith a resident of said State and District aged eighty-five 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 he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he entered the Service of the United States in St. Paul's Parrish Georgia a private volunteer under Captain Benjamin Few, Colonel Leonard Marbery [Leonard Marbury] and marched to South Carolina to what was called Snow Camps a service of only 20 days then returned home and marched to Savannah in Georgia at the time of the Siege, and fought there more or less nearly every day for 15 days -- returned home and immediately volunteered in a company of minute men then called mounted militia, under Captain Nathan Smith, and performed the service of guarding the frontier against the Indians. After the expiration of that time, was stationed for some time in Powels Fort on Ogeechee

[River] under Captain Jordan. Then at Few's Fort on Ogeechee under Captain Bancier [?]¹ was dismissed from the Fort and moved to South Carolina and volunteered to guard Norards Mills [very probably Samuel Norwood's Mill] on Saluda River, but does not recollect the name of the officer -- from there was stationed at Reid's Mills on Long cane, under Captain John Johnston. Then performed a short Tour, under Captain Robert Maxwell after the Tories overtook, and fought them, in Saluda River. That there were but few liberty man where he lived and he could not stay at home in any safety and therefore made it a point to volunteer -- during the campaign in almost every campaign during the war -- Was under the command of Captain Robert Anderson, Colonel Andrew Pickens afterwards General Pickens, marched to the neighborhood of Ninety Six -- employed in collecting men to besiege Ninety Six and prevent the Tories from entering the place was a soldier in the Army at the Siege of Ninety Six was sent an express from there to Georgia. That owing to old age and consequent loss of memory -- he cannot recollect all his service -- but that it was six years from the time he entered the service until he was finally discharged, during which time, he spent five years in the actual service of his Country -- was for some length of time, but cannot recollect how long, stationed at the Block-house on Tugaloo River under Captain James Hamilton. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Job Smith



[Benjamin D. DuPre, a clergyman, and James Osborn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories

In answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the war department the said Job Smith saith:

1st In York County Pennsylvania on the 25th day of December 1748.

2. I have, in my Family Bible.

3rd. In St. Paul's parish in the State of Georgia, moved from there to South Carolina in the time of the American Revolution -- and have lived upwards of 45 years at my present residence and Pendleton Election, Pickens Judicial District, South Carolina

4th Volunteer -- every time

5th General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at 96 was acquainted with General Pickens before he was an officer and from that time to his death -- and believe he was Colonel at the siege of Ninety Six I was under his command then. I do not recollect the regiments in which I served.

6th I do not remember of ever receiving a discharge for I consider myself at all most all times in service, for I dared not stay at home for fear of the Tories. Therefore volunteered from one campaign to another nearly the whole time --

7th Major Andrew Hamilton William McMurray Esquire Colonel George Rankin, Samuel Cherry and I believe all who know me would testify that --

¹ Bancier

He further states in answer to interrogatory 6th that he was acquainted with Captain John Wilson, Major Farrow, Major Noble & Colonel Branning [sic, Thomas Brandon?], and performed a Tour of duty with them down Bulls swamp, after Cunningham [probably a reference to Bloody Bill Cunningham.]

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State of South Carolina Pickens District: Personally came Job Smith an applicant for a pension, before me James Osborn one of the Justices of the Quorum in and for the State and District aforesaid and made oath in due form That some years since he had a petition drawn up, he believes, by Colonel Robert Anderson the present clerk of the house of Representatives to the Legislature of this State praying to be placed on the Pension Roll of the State, which was granted and he received a pension of \$60 a year -- that from his extreme old age and debility of body and loss of memory he cannot recollect whether his military services rendered in the revolution were all set forth or not. That he does recollect of serving considerably under the command of General Pickens when he was only Colonel and afterwards when he was General that he was personally acquainted with and served with Colonel Anderson afterwards General Anderson the Father of the present Colonel Anderson and likewise served with Major Farrow and was personally acquainted with them all to their death -- and that they always acknowledged him as one of the soldiers of the revolution and he now believes that if they were alive they would amply proved his services. That he entered the service of the United States in St. Paul's Parish in the State of Georgia a volunteer under Captain Benjamin Few and marched to the Snow camp was afterwards at the Siege of Savannah removed from Georgia to South Carolina -- when on the way he received information of the fall of Charleston: then volunteered and continued a volunteer in service until the close of the war.

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

S/ Job Smith, X his mark

S/ Jas. Osborn, JQ

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South Carolina Pickens District: Personally came the Job Smith the present applicant for a pension before me James Osborn one of the Justices of the Quarreled in and for the State and District aforesaid and made oath in due form that from his old age and consequent loss of memory he is not capable of specifying all of his services in the American Revolution but that he does recollect of entering the service a volunteer under Colonel Marbery and marching to the Snow Camps but how long he was then out he does not recollect but as soon as he returned he volunteered and marched to Savannah and was at the Siege of Savannah fighting and skirmishing for several days under the command of Captain Few & Colonel Wells & Colonel Elbert, that he was a tour after the Indians under Captain Benjamin Few and General Williamson the same Williamson that afterwards joined the British. Was under General Pickens at the Siege of Ninety Six. In short that he entered the service in the early part of the war and continued volunteering from one tour of duty to another to the close of the war a term of six years, that although a farmer and had a wife and children, was not at home long enough to raise a crop during this six years.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this eighth day of November 1835

S/ Jas. Osborn, JQ

S/ Job Smith

[p. 61: John Warnock² of Anderson District South Carolina made oath "that he was personally acquainted with Job Smith (the present applicant for a pension) in the time of the American Revolution, and that he saw him different times bearing arms in the service of his country, and that he was a true man to his country and from his personal acquaintance with said Smith he would believe any statement he would make on oath." This testimony was given on October 12, 1836.]

[p. 50: Mary Porter testified on September 17, 1834 in Pickens District South Carolina that she was a near neighbor of Job Smith during the time of the revolution and that she knew that Job Smith and her father served in the service during the war together about seven months.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died either November 8 or 10, 1837 in Pickens District, South Carolina; in 1856 Mary Right or Wright and Lourany or Lurany Smith were the only surviving children of the veteran. p. 35: a certificate of the South Carolina Comptroller general indicates payments made for militia services during the war to Joab Smith Junior.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35.64 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending November 10th, 1837 for service as a private in the Georgia and South Carolina militia Fort 10 months & 21 days.]

² [John Warnock W22515](#)