

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Smith S21988

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State of South Carolina Union District

On this 12th day of December A.D. 1832, Personally appeared in open Court being the Court of Ordinary for the District of Union now sitting Samuel Smith a resident of the State and district aforesaid aged about seventy-eight years, who first 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 the 7th day of June 1832 –

I entered the service under Captain Joseph Jolly about the last of May or first of June 1776 & commanded by Colonel John Thomas. I was born in Philadelphia County Pennsylvania on the 21st May in the year 1754, but has at this time knows known record of his age. I removed to South Carolina a few years before the Commencement of the Revolutionary War, Union District where I now live.

I entered the service under a draft against the Cherokee Indians about the time that Sir Peter Parker was repulsed from Charleston South Carolina under Captain Jolly and was commanded by Colonel Thomas. In Union District and marched first against the Easta Cowee Towns, then against Toxowee & Paul Hatchie – then returned to camp at Keewee Fort after being out about three months we was discharged – & on the Summer of 1777 I served another tour of duty under Captain Joshua Palmer at Stacy's fort where he remained about 2 months. The spring following I went out to Augusta under Captain Palmer who was commanded by Major Bullock & Colonel Wm Wofford the length of time out on this tour of duty not recollected. The next Tour was under Lieutenant John Jolly at the Siege of Savannah and commanded by General Williamson & General Lincoln out about 2 months, after the Siege was raised returned home, then out on another Tour of duty at the Block House at Brandon's Mills under Captain James Woodson about 2 months, was out repeatedly at other times on scouting Services, all of which was during the Revolutionary War in behalf of the County, and the whole time that deponent was out thinks about 10 months or more –

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Answer to Int. 1st & 2nd was born in the State of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania County but have no Documentary evidence of my age or services –

Ans to 3 & 4 I lived in Union district South Carolina where I have lived ever since

Ans to 5th (See my declaration)

Ans. to 6th I never received any discharge

Ans. to 7th I refer to Captain Joshua Palmer & the Reverend Willis Walker who can testify to my character as a man of veracity.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day and year above mentioned.

S/ JJ Pratt, Judge

S/ Samuel Smith



[Willis Walker, a clergyman, and Joshua Palmer gave the standard supporting affidavit



State of South Carolina Union District: Personally came Samuel Smith, applicant before me (the subscribing Justice) in order to explain the particulars of his revolutionary Services, and deposes as follows –

My first term of service commenced as stated in my application; in which term I served 3 months – and on the Summer of 1777 I served another tour of duty under Captain Palmer 2 months – The spring following I served another tour under Major Bullock – 2 months – The next fall under Lieutenant Jolly, at the siege of Savannah & otherwise I served 2 months. I afterwards served a tour of 2 months at the Blockhouse, under Captain Woodson all of which services was done in behalf of the Country and the whole time that deponent proves is 11 months. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st of June 1833.

S/ William Mitchell, JP

S/ Samuel Smith

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum for 9 months service in the South Carolina militia.]