

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Laban Smart S31375

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State of Illinois Madison County: SS

On this 4th day of September personally appeared in open Court before their Honors the Judges of the County Commissioners Court, in and for the County of Madison and State of Illinois, now sitting, Laban Smart a resident in Madison County and State aforesaid aged seventy-three 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 the said Laban Smart entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was drafted in Franklin County State of North Carolina in the spring of 1780 and belonged to the Company commanded by Captain William Brickle [Brickell] Lieutenant Benjamin Phillips Regiment commanded by Colonels Allen, Session and Kenyon [sic, Owen or James Kenan] and under the Command of General Caswell and marched towards Charleston and arrived within hearing of the firing before the town surrendered. That they were obliged to retreat to Cross Creek where he remained till his tour of service was out. That he served three months and was discharged.

That he was drafted again in the spring of 1781 in Franklin County and was commanded by Captain Jones in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Linton and Major Woods that he marched with Captain Jones after the Tories commanded by Captain Beard and followed them to fishing Creek and took Captain Beard and one other man and hung them. Then he went to Sailsberry [?][Salisbury?] and from there into the neighborhood of Kingston [Kinston] in pursuit of the Tories followed them through the Country and dispersed them. That there were no regular officers with them during the campaign. That he served three months and was discharged by the commanding officer.

That he declares that he served six months in the service of the United States and was lawfully discharged but the discharges have been lost through the lapse of time so that he has no documents to prove his services by and that he has no person by whom he can prove his services in this Country, that he knows of.

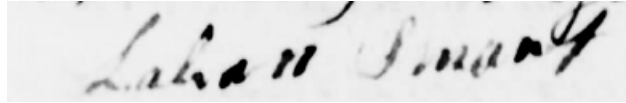
He further states that he was born in Franklin County North Carolina in the year 1759 in the month of November and lived there till after the close of the Revolutionary war when he removed to Tennessee and lived there one year when he moved to Kentucky where he lived for

some years when he came to the County of Madison and State of Illinois where he has lived ever since or for more than fifteen years. He has a record of his birth in his father's Bible which he has.

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/ Laban Smart

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Laban Smart", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Jesse Renfro, a clergyman, and Carter Blakeman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]