

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Smith S31973

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State of Georgia County of Franklin: SS

On this tenth day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared before the Inferior Court for the County and State aforesaid now sitting for Ordinary purposes William Smith a resident of Captain Edwards District in the County and State aforesaid aged sixty-nine 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 in the militia of South Carolina in Ninety Six district in November 1780 for 3 months as a substitute for William Flannigan, under Captain Nathaniel Allston [Nathaniel Alston], was marched into the Indian Lands, and was placed at Drury Few's station and was kept there the 3 months, and was discharged by Captain Allston.

In March 1781 at Ninety Six aforesaid he volunteered under Captain Samuel Walker, and was marched to the Indian lines and stationed at the widow Johnson's and was on duty there and as a spy through the Indian country. Served out his tour of 3 months and was discharged by Captain Walker.

On the 15th of June 1781 volunteered under Captain Samuel Walker at Ninety Six aforesaid for 6 months, and was marched after the Tories to near Orangeburg under Major Dillard and Colonel Benjamin Killgore [Benjamin Kilgore] & Colonel O'Neal, from Orangeburg we marched to Bush River, and from there to Savannah River above Augusta, pulling down the Tories' houses &c until I was 6 months was out when he was discharged by Captain Walker & returned home.

Served altogether 12 months.

Knows of no person by whom he can prove his having served, except a sister who lives in Jackson County Georgia by the name of Polly Patterson a widow.

1. Was born in Moore County North Carolina 26 February 1763
2. Has no record of his age
3. When he entered the service he lived in Ninety Six district South Carolina. After the war he lived 3 years and Moore and Montgomery counties North Carolina and removed from thence to Elbert County Georgia, & for the last forty-two years have lived at his present residence.
4. Was a substitute 3 months & a volunteer afterwards.
5. Does not recollect that he was at any time with Continental Troops, recollects General Greene at Ninety Six.
6. Never received any regular Discharge, but received a Certificate for a Bounty of Land in South Carolina, which he sold to Captain Raney for 20 pounds.
7. Is known to Matt. W. Vandiver a preacher of the Gospel and Jesse Smith & who can testify to his character for veracity (as they live in his neighborhood) and to their belief of his having

served as a soldier of the Revolution. Is also known to John Williams who saw him go out in the service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any agency of any state within his knowledge or belief.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day and year first above written.

S/ Thos. King, Clerk

S/ William Smith, X his mark

I John Williams a resident of the County and State first aforesaid do hereby certify that I have known William Smith who has sworn to and subscribed the foregoing Declaration for the last 55 years and except 3 years he lived in North Carolina have lived near him and that I saw him in the service of the United States about the time he mentions under Captain Samuel Walker – but was too small to know more.

S/ John Williams

[Matthew Vandiver, a clergyman, and Jesse Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]