

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Larkin Smith S31974

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On the third day September eighteen hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Justice of the Inferior Court of the County & State aforesaid now sitting for ordinary purposes, Larkin Smith, a resident of said County aged seventy three or four years & who being duly sworn according to the law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed on the seventh of June of the present year entitled an act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution. That he enlisted in military service of the United States against the mother country in the revolutionary war under the following named officers & served herein after stated. That he was born in Cumberland County Virginia & that according to the information then received by him from his mother there being no family record he is seventy three or seventy four years of age—he volunteered in the United States service against England on the twelfth day of February seventeen hundred & seventy eight with a fixed determination if his life was spared to serve his country as a soldier for the space of twelve months without intermission. This purpose he accomplished under the command of the following officers whom he particularly remembers—he belonged to General Woodford's [William Woodford's] brigade was a member of the seventh Virginia Regiment (afterward called the fifth or third regiment but not until after he left it) commanded by Colonel Heath [probably William Heth] a one eyed man but as keen a fellow as ever lived, the names of the Majors he does not recollect & the name of the Captain was James Baytop—he marched from Cumberland County in Virginia to Valley Forge in Pennsylvania under the active command of Lieutenant Mayo Carrington—his service that year was performed in the north & consisted of principally marching from place to place & guarding different points as necessity required – he was in but one battle & that was at Monmouth [June 28, 1778] under the same officers he thinks whose names are before mentioned—on the twelfth of February seventeen hundred & seventy nine he was discharged at Middlebrook in New York near a small town called Brunswick a river separating between the two places—he had received something for his services & there was a small balance due on his discharge when he gave it to Carrington (then Captain Carrington) who said he was going to Richmond & promised to collect that balance & pay it over but the applicant had never seen the discharge ~~nor received the money~~ from that day to this. He had not been home very long, but cannot say precisely how long before it fell to his lot to serve a tour of three months in the lower part of Virginia & North Carolina—this he did perform & though there was no battle the labors of this tour were exceedingly onerous & oppressive consisting of continued & heavy marching some of which was through the Dismal Swamp guarding & defending from the beginning to the end of the tour—the time of the tour he cannot fix as to months & days but he thinks it was

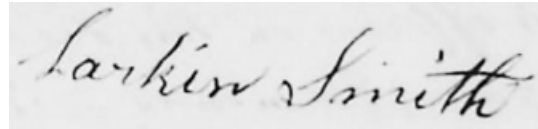
between the last of the year seventeen hundred & eighty & the spring of seventeen hundred & eighty one—his officers on this occasion were Colonel Downman [Rawleigh Downman] Major Edmonds or Edmondson & Captain Richard Allen—he does not know that he ever got a discharge from the service. Thinks it probable that his Captain got a discharge for the whole company if there was any given at any rate officers & soldiers all went home together being discharged at Cabin Point.

Afterwards but during the same year (1781) he served two months more under General Lawson [Robert Lawson], Colonel Thomas Watkins & Major Phillip Holcombe recollects to have been made to wait on this Major Holcombe as a nurse during his illness in quarters at Williamsburg was at Jamestown when the French landed guarding some prisoners that had not been carried down to Williamsburg, assisted in escorting them to that place & continued scouring the country between Williamsburg & Little Fork. And even after the expiration of the two months service last mentioned he was for the same space of time occupied in going over the country in every direction collecting beef for the army—thinks there was law in those days regarding every man who had beef cattle to give up such a portion of his stock according to numbers to provision the army and it was made his business to drive these cattle & bring them within reach of the camp.

He thinks he can establish a part of his service by the testimony of his brother Robert Smith & he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not & has never been on the pension roll of any state in the Union.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Larkin Smith



S/ P.W. Hutcheson JIC

S/ Edwd. Coxe JIC

S/ John Banks JIC

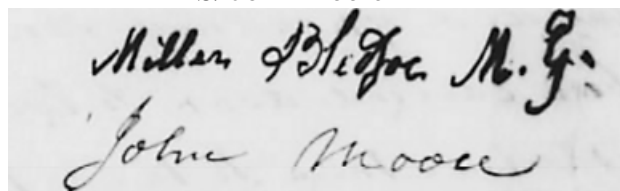
S/ Burl. Pope, JIC

We Miller Bledsoe¹ a clergy man residing in Oglethorpe County & John Moore residing in the same place hereby certify that they were well acquainted with Larkin Smith who had subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be of the age there in stated that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution & that we concur in that opinion

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Miller Bledsoe M. G.

S/ John Moore



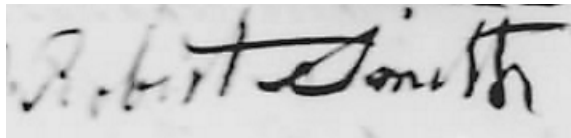
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Before me, Jesse Carter one of the Justices of the Peace in & for the 236th District of said County & by virtue of our office holding pleas of Debt of Thirty Dollars & under and qualified to administer the oaths required by law, personally appeared, Robert Smith, an aged & infirmed person before us in open Court & being duly sworn maketh oath and saith that he & his brother Larkin Smith (who had called on him to state what he knows concerning the service rendered by said Larkin in the Revolutionary war) lived not far apart in Cumberland County Virginia & that Larkin volunteered against the British & performed a one year's tour, beginning in the early part of that year 1778 & ending in the early part of that year 1779 in the North, towards New York & Philadelphia -- That not long after his return home from the army in the North, he & this deponent were called upon to perform a three months tour of service in the lower part of Virginia & North Carolina & the deponent employed his brother in law as a substitute for \$75 to serve in his place & Larkin he believes served in his own place. Deponent does not know the date of this three months service, precisely, but he knows that his substitute had not been gone many days before his own name was drawn to perform duty at Guilford & this deponent took his place, so that the deponent in truth had performed duty in two ways by himself & his substitute. Deponent does not recollect whether Larkin performed any other duty that that described; but had no doubt that he did if he says so for he believes him to be a man of the strictest truth & he has a better memory than deponent.

S/ Robert Smith



Sworn to & subscribed this 25th day of August 1832 before us
S/ Jesse Carter J. P.

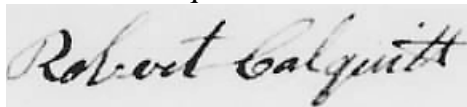
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Personally came before me Henry T. Dawson a Justice of the Peace for the Lexington District of Georgia Militia in Oglethorpe County Robert Colquet [sic] a revolutionary Soldier who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that Larkin Smith, who is about to present his claim for a Pension under the act of Congress passed the seventh of June of the present year, served two tours of military service in the war of the Revolution to his own knowledge – to wit one of twelve months duration in the North towards Philadelphia & one in company with this deponent of three months in the lower part of the state of Virginia.

Sworn to & describe before me this 4th day of September 1832
S/ H. T. Dawson, JP

S/ Robert Colquitt²



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 17 months in the Virginia Continental line and militia.]

² This may be the only record of this veteran's service in the Revolutionary War as I could find no federal pension application filed by someone of this or any similar name. I