

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Smith S31976

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State of Georgia } On this seventh day of July 1833 personally appeared in open court
Clarke County } before Asbury Hull presiding judge of the Superior Court now sitting William
Smith Resident of said County of Clarke & State aforesaid aged 79 years who having first duly sworn,
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– He states that he was born in Sussex County Virginia on the 22nd
April 1754, his age is recorded in his family Bible now in his possession, lived in Sussex about ten years
in Brunswick about Eleven, & Henry about 12 years, & then moved to York District South Carolina,
lived in South Carolina about Nineteen years & moved to Georgia, where he now lives. He lived in
Henry County Virginia when called into service – the Militia for the County, were classed & the class to
which he was attached was called into service about the 1st March 1781 – upon a Three months tour,
commanded by Capt. David Lanier, that they joined General Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] Army at
the old Iron works [Troublesome Iron Works in present Rockingham County NC] the day after the Battle
of Gilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] After joining Genl Greene served under Capt Josiah
Shaw & James Pratley Lieutenant. Served out three months with Genl Greens Army – After joining
Greens Army at the Iron Works and remaining there some days, we marched to Col. Ramsey's Mill upon
Deep River, remained there a few days, and then marched to Camblin [sic: Camden SC]. there we had a
scrimage with the Brittish. Picketts [possibly the skirmish on 22 Apr 1781] was there commanded by
Major Kirkwood [probably Capt. Robert Kirkwood]
were were discharged at Camblin – after remaining there a few days I returned home to Henry County
Virginia – never received any discharge nor has he any written evidence in his possession of his service –
After remaining at home a short time was again called into service upon another tour of three months,
which I commenced about the middle of July 1781– In consequence of a very severe & extraordinary
Rising, or contunan[?] on the right leg, at the time we were ordered, on the last occasion, to march,
instead of performing sevice as a soldier, I was by order of Major John Marr directed to take charge of a
Baggage Waggon – took charge of the waggon & team, at Maj. Martins at Henry County, & managed it
as a Driver for about six weeks – while I was driver of the waggon I performed service in the
neighbourhood of Col Marre Henry Court House & Col Penns [Abram Penn's] & Bladensburg & was
there discharged from the management of the waggon returning it to Col. Penn – Major John Marr
accepted, as he stated to me, that six weeks service in the management of the waggon as equaled to the
service of the three months tour for which I was last called into service – He mentions the names of
Parmenas Haynes & Miller Bledsoe – who can testify to his character for veracity & thier belief of his
services as a soldier of the Revolution –
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 & subscribed the the day & year aforesaid}

