

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Smith S39077

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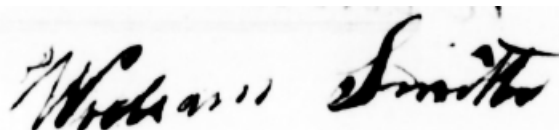
State of South Carolina Williams Burgh [Williamsburgh] District: In the Court of Common Pleas

Personally came and appeared before me Langdon Cheves one of the associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the said State William Smith who being duly sworn Answereth and saith that his is a native of the said State and at present a resident of the district aforesaid. That he enlisted as a common and regular soldier in the Continental establishment on or about the Commencement of hostilities in the southern States under Captain William Cattle [William Cattell] in the first Regiment of South Carolina infantry commanded by Colonel Christopher Gadsden. That the Company and Regiment to which it belonged surrendered to the enemy at the fall of Charleston at which time the Company was commanded by Captain Simeon Theus [Simon Theus] and the Regiment by Colonel Charles Cotesworth Pinckney (Colonel Gadsden having some time before been promoted to Brigadier General). Deponent further saith that he served upwards of nine months continually. That in all he believes he was in the Continental service at least six years he has no regular discharge owing to his escaping from the enemy while a prisoner after the fall of the town. That he soon after reentered the service under Captain Henry Laneau [Henry Lenud] in Colonel Peter Horry's Regiment of Cavalry & from that service he received no discharge owing to an almost total annihilation of the Regiment by a defeat which took place on Choards Island in the Santee River. Deponent saith that he acted the greater part of the time which he served as Sergeant was at the storming of the town of Savannah in Georgia and there received two severe wounds one in the left leg and the other in the left arm. Deponent further saith that he needs greatly the assistance of his country for support – that he is quite to poor & infirm and has unfortunately lost the [indecipherable word or words] of one of his eyes and further deponent saith not.

Sworn to before made this 20th day of October A.D. 1818

S/ Landon Cheves

S/ William Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Smith". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

South Carolina Williamsburgh District: Personally appeared James Eddy Senior who being duly sworn saith that he served as a militia man in the revolutionary war that he was then well acquainted with William Smith who was a regular Soldier in the Continental establishment. Deponent believes he was present when Smith enlisted and thinks he saw him take the oath & saw him repeatedly during the time he served particularly once at Haddrell's Point dressed in his uniform. Deponent believes Smith served continually for upwards of 9 months and that he was

honorably discharged from the service.

Sworn to before made this 19th of October A.D. ___

S/ Tho. P. Davis, QU

S/ James Eddy, Sr

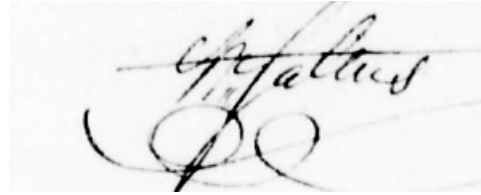
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Eddy, Sr". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

State of South Carolina Williamsburgh District: Personally appeared before me Elam J. Mills Clerk of the Court of Pleas for said district Colonel William Salters who being duly sworn saith that he has long been acquainted with William Smith who is now an aged & infirm man & believes him to have been a true friend of his Country & that he now stands greatly in need of the support allowed revolutionary soldiers by an Act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818.

Sworn to and subscribed the 22nd day of October 1818 before me

S/ E. J. Mills, QU

S/ Wm Salters

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Salters". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 20, 1818 for 3 years service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line.]