

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Smith S39078

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State of South Carolina

Before me Langdon Cheves one of the Associate Judges of said State personally appeared John Smith of the District of Fairfield in the State of South Carolina aforesaid and being duly sworn on oath declares and testifies, that on or about the last day of February in the year of our Lord 1779 he was enlisted a private soldier in Captain Uriah Goodwin's Company of the 3rd Regiment South Carolina Continentals: that on or about the 10th day of March next after said enlistment he joined the rendezvous at Purrysburg South Carolina. That he was there transferred to Captain Joseph Warley's Company 3rd Regiment South Carolina Continentals. That he continued in said company last mentioned and Regiment until the surrender of Charleston South Carolina about the 12th day of May A.D. 1780.¹ That he obtained a Discharge from Colonel Thompson [William Thomson] of the 3rd Regiment South Carolina Continentals about the conclusion of the Revolutionary War. That he by accident lost his discharge. That from his reduced circumstances he said deponent needs the assistance of his country for his support. Sworn to and subscribed before made this 16th of July 1818

S/ Langdon Cheves

S/ Jn^o Smith



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South Carolina Fairfield District: Before me personally appeared Dixsey Ward² and being duly sworn makes oath that he was personally acquainted with John Smith whilst a private in Captain Joseph Warley his company of the 3rd Regiment South Carolina Continentals. That he believes the above declaration of John Smith on oath to be correct and true. That he knows he served as above more than nine months. That he was always esteemed a faithful soldier.

Sworn to before made this 16th of July 1818

S/ James Elliott, Q. U.

¹ Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>
& <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/>

² [Dixsey Ward S22038](#)

S/ Dixsey Ward



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South Carolina Fairfield District

On this 25th day of June 1824 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of Equity of said State for said District, John Smith sixty^{three} years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare, that he served as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War as already proved to the satisfaction of the War department; that his name has been placed on the pension list and dropped therefrom on account of his property. And in pursuance of the act of first May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That since the exhibition of my first schedule the changes within mentioned has been made in my property.

(Signed) John Smith

Sworn to before me & declared on the 25th of June 1824

(Signed) John Buchanan, Commissioner in equity Fairfield District

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A schedule of the whole income & estate of John Smith resident in Fairfield District & State of South Carolina 22nd June 1824

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| 1. One mare purchased of John Kennedy in April last out of the money arising from the sale of my land by Sheriff in 1817 | \$45.00 |
| 2. The value of 1 ¾ acres of land at \$6.50 per acre | <u>\$11.37 ½</u> |
| | \$56.37 ½ |
| | <u>43.75</u> |
| | \$12.62 ½ |

My age is 63 next August; my wife about the same age & feeble I have one daughter a weakly widow with a child about ten years of age, both dependent on my exertions – My occupation is that of a farmer & I am unable to labour hard.

(See affidavit No. 3)

(Signed) John Smith

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Debts owing to John Smith on which Judgment is obtained –

A judgment in favour of Sebastian Ruff for about \$25 besides calls of suit – \$25.00

A judgment in favour of Administrators of McGrady for \$18 besides costs \$18.00

\$43.75

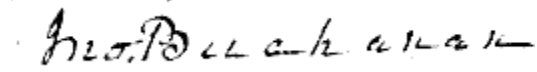
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I do hereby Certify that John Smith was a Soldier in the 3rd Regiment of the State of South Carolina Commanded by Colonel Thompson, who was succeeded in the Command by Colonel

William Henderson and was made a Prisoner of war at the reduction of the Garrison at Charleston by the British Army in May 1780.

Given under my hand at Winnsboro on the 16th day of July 1813

S/ Jno. Buchanan

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jno. Buchanan".

Capt. 3d Regt. South Carolina
in the Revolutionary War

[Note: this file contains several very detailed descriptions of the property and debts of the veteran which I have elected not to transcribe.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 16, 1818 for 3 years service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line.]