

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Smith S39082¹

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State of North Carolina Surry County: Personally [indecipherable word] before me Jesse Franklin one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid Samuel Smith who upon his solemn oath deposeth and saith that in the year 1776 (on the 26th of May as well as said Deponent recollects) he enlisted in the service of the United States under Captain Roger Moore for two and a half years and before the time of the enlistment was out reenlisted under Colonel James Thackston for and during the War with Great Britain and served faithfully until the end thereof in the 4th North Carolina Regiment – and that his discharge he left with the Secretary of this State at the time he obtained his Military land Warrant from said State – and he further swears that he never sold conveyed nor in any way disposed of the 100 acres of land due him from the United States until this day to Daniel Wheaton

Sworn to and subscribed this 16th day of August A.D. 1897 before me

S/ J. Franklin, JP

S/ Samuel Smith, S his Mark

[fn p. 15-16: is a deed of conveyance dated August 16, 1797 in Surry County North Carolina given by Samuel Smith described as a soldier of the revolution having served in the 4th North Carolina Regiment of Continental troops.]

State of Tennessee Montgomery County: December the 23rd 1818

This day before me Parry W Humphreys one of the Judges of the circuit courts in & for the State aforesaid came Samuel Smith a resident citizen in the County of Hickman & State aforesaid who being by me duly sworn to declare the truth and nothing but the truth as to his service in the Army of the United States in the time of the Revolutionary War, declares & says that he served as a common Soldier in the Army upon the Continental Establishment in the time of the Revolutionary War for a term of about three years. He further says that he enlisted in the North Carolina line at the town of Hillsboro Orange County & State of North Carolina under Captain Roger Moore of the 4th Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Polk. He believes his enlistment to have taken place about the 20th of May 1776. And that he marched from

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Hillsboro under the said Captain Moore to Wilmington at which place he joined the Regiment above mentioned and remained the greater part of the summer.

He also States that there were five other regiments at Wilmington at the same time commanded by the Colonels Nash, Martin, Sumner, Bunhum [Buncombe] & Taylor and these together with the 4th to which he belonged were commanded by General Moore and that from Wilmington they were marched to Halifax as he believes with an intention to join General Washington at his head quarters in New Jersey but that the orders were countermanded and were marched near Charleston to Hadwell's point [sic, Haddrell's Point] where they took winter quarters and remained till about the first of the ensuing March at which time the Army commenced their march to join General Washington and marched through Virginia to Maryland and were inoculated at Georgetown for the Small pox in the interim General Moore resigned & Colonel Nash took his place. From Georgetown they marched to the Commons of Philadelphia from thence to Mud Island & red bank fort on the Delaware River and a short time before the battle of Brandywine was marched back to Philadelphia and joined General Washington at Shads' Ford on Brandywine Creek and that he was at the battle of Brandywine fought between Howe & Washington and he also states that the battle began about 8 o'clock in the morning & continued till very late in the evening when the American troops retreated to the town of Chester about 13 miles from the battleground. He likewise says that the Army marched from Chester to the White Marsh from thence to the Valley Forge & there took winter quarters and that in the spring he was attached to the light infantry commanded by Colonel Morgan under Captain Josua Bowman [sic, Joshua Bowman] and when the British left Philadelphia he marched in their [rear?] under Col. Morgan to Monmouth Courthouse. He also says that he fought at the battle of Monmouth till he was overcome by the excessive heat and that he believes this battle to have been fought about the last of July 1778. Also that the escape of the British at this place was attributed to mismanagement of General Lee in retreat and by that means leaving a gap through which the enemy made their escape in the night to Sandy hook. He likewise says this was on Sunday and the night distinguished by a gust of thunder & lightning. From this place he says he was marched to Smith's clove thence to a little town called Peramus [sic, Paramus] and at this last place got his discharge signed by Colonel Clark at Paramus and as he returned through Philadelphia it was also signed by General Hogan [sic, James Hogun]. He says he has not got his discharge having parted with it when he received a land grant which warrant he sold for \$7 but he believes it bore date about the 20th of May 1779. He further says that his circumstances are so reduced that he at present stands in actual need of his country's assistance being about seventy years old having entirely lost the sight of one eye and the other considerably impaired also that he has no means of subsistence but by his manual labor, which from the causes above mentioned he is unable to perform.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 23rd of December 1818

S/ Parry W Humphreys

S/ Samuel Smith, X his mark

State of Tennessee Hickman County: SS

On this tenth day of January 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Hickman and for the fifth Judicial Circuit for the State aforesaid (and a Court of record being so made & expressly constituted by the laws of said State having unlimited jurisdiction with respect to the amount & proceeding according to the course of the common law having the power of fine and imprisonment) Samuel Smith, aged about sixty-eight years, resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law

doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: He enlisted under Captain Roger Moore of the North Carolina Continental line about the 20th of May 1776, and attached to the 4th Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Polk, at Hillsboro North Carolina Orange County, marched from thence to Wilmington, from thence to Halifax, thence to Charleston South Carolina took up winter quarters on Headwell's Point [sic, Haddrell's Point], thence by orders through Virginia to Georgetown, stationed a while on the Commons of Philadelphia thence to Mud Island and redbank [?] fort, thence to Philadelphia, thence to Brandywine where he was in the engagement that took place, thence retreated to Chester 13 miles, thence to Philadelphia, thence with the baggage guard to a town called Bethlehem, there joined Corps at White Marsh, thence we marched to the Valley Forge for winter quarters, and in the Spring was attached to the light infantry commanded by Colonel Morgan, thence in the rear of the British Army to Monmouth where we had an engagement, in which this affiant was [one or more indecipherable words, could be "in action"], & after various other marches was discharged at Pyramus [sic, Paramus] in New Jersey and his discharge signed by Colonel Clark & General Hogun – and 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 subscribe, and that he has received a pension No. 11289 of pension certificate, to wit the following property that I have none, but am indebted about \$20 and have no debts coming or due to me whatever. That I am by occupation a farmer and am so old and infirm that I cannot support in my present indigent circumstances without the assistance of my Country, that I have a wife named Sarah, about 60 years old and unable to do anything of consequence and that I have a daughter named Elizabeth, aged about 18 years, and who is capable of supporting herself.

S/ Samuel Smith, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 23rd, 1818 for 3 years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]