

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Caleb Smith S39083

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State of Tennessee Sullivan County } August Sessions 1818

Then personally appeared in open Court the subscriber Caleb Smith in pursuance to an act of Congress of the United States entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war and made & subscribed the following declaration after first being duly sworn to wit that he the said Caleb Smith sometime in the Revolutionary war in the year 1775 or six he entered in Henry County State of Virginia he enlisted under a recruiting Lieutenant named Wood Bolan of the 2nd Regiment of the North Carolina line into the Continental service for five years and was taken by said Wood Bolan who he enlisted under and joined the said second Regiment of North Carolina troops at Wilmington and was put under Captain Ge [sic, James Gee] in said Regiment commanded by Colonel Martin [Alexander Martin] and was with said Regiment taken to the North and in the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] his Colonel (Martin) proved treacherous and was dismissed the Army, at which time General Nash [Frances Nash] assumed the command immediate but General Washington was the commander in chief, that his Captain Ge died at the White Plains [October 28, 1776], and a Captain John English [sic, probably Capt. John Ingles or Inglas] was appointed Captain over the company to which he belonged, that this deponent during the five years for which he enlisted was in the Battles of Germantown, of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and several others, that after hostilities had abated in some measure in the North the said second Regiment to which he belonged was ordered to the South and proceeded to Charleston and at the Siege of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]¹ the said Caleb was wounded with an Ounce musket Ball in the small of his back and through his hench [?, haunch?] that he was then taken to the hospital and put under the care of the hospital surgeon who pronounced his wound mortal & incurable that he said deponent continued in the Hospital until the said Hospital was taken by the British and after this affiant was able to travel he ran off from the British and this deponent with great difficulty & pain arrived at his place of residence and never was again able to join the Army until the close of the war. He states that until wounded he served four years, done service and owing to his getting wounded and being taken prisoner by the British he never was able to join the Army before the restoration of peace so as to enable him to obtain a Discharge. That he has no living being by whom he can prove his revolutionary services but hopes that the Rolls of the Army will evidence the truth of this his declaration. That is the Rolls of the 2nd Regiment North Carolina line and

¹ Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

particularly the company commanded by Ge & then, on his death by Engles that he is owing to the debility occasioned by his wound never has been able to labor so as to accumulate property and is now in indigent circumstances and in need of the assistance of his Country for support but on this subject would refer the Honorable the Secretary of War to the subjoined certificates of the Court, he also states that he never has been pensioned by the United States nor made any application for the same before the present, that he is aged about Seventy and has resided 20 years in Sullivan County and State aforesaid and he always since the war of the revolution resided in the United States. Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 18th of August 1818
S/ Caleb Smith, X his mark

State of Tennessee Sullivan County } August Sessions 1820

On this 21st day of August 1820 Personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said County the subscriber Caleb Smith aged upwards of sixty years and made oath that he served on the Continental line in the Revolutionary war as follows, to wit, in the second Regiment of the North Carolina line of Continental troops, which Regiment was commanded by General Nash, that he entered therein for the term of three years and a half but was returned for the war, and actually did serve out for the war being upwards of five years and was in the following battles to wit Brandywine, Germantown , and Monmouth, and siege of Charleston with many other slight engagement, and was shot through the body at the siege of Charleston, as will more fully and at large appear from his original declaration filed in the War Office, that he has received a pension, as an indigent soldier of the Revolution, and that his pension certificate is of No. 6672 and dated the 5th of February 1819

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 subscribed

to wit two cows and calves, and one two year old steer, eleven shoats (or young hogs) and one old mare and colt.

S/ Caleb Smith, X his mark

he further states that he is by occupation a farmer, and by reason of his wound is unable to pursue manual labor that he has a wife by whom he has two female children, both of which are married and residing apart from him.

Sworn to & declared on this said 21st day of August 1820 in open Court

S/ Caleb Smith, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 18th [1818], for four years' service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]