

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Smith S4853

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State of Tennessee }

Robertson County } August Term County Court 1832

On this 14th day of August 1832 personall appeared in open Court before the Justices now sitting William Smith a resident of said County and State of Tennessee aged 69 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832

That he entered into the service of the United States as a volunteer some time in the year 1779 under the Command of General [Thomas] Nelson, Col Macklin Capt John Macklin Lieutenant Edward Wilkins. He started from Brunswick County Virginia & marched to James River at old Williamsburg and from thence to Portsmouth and was there discharged He again volunteered in Northhampton [sic: Northampton] County North Carolina about the year of 1780 under Capt Miliken and went from there to Charleston, where we became under the Command of General [Benjamin] Lincoln and remained there untill discharged after a Servise of three months [and before the surrender of Charleston on 12 May 1780]. Again volunteered at Halifax some time in the year 1781 [sic] under Col Sheaperd and Col Caswell [probably Gen. Richard Caswell] the Capt he does not recollect & met with General [Horatio] Gates at drowned Creek [sic: Drowning Creek in NC] and on the tour to Camden he fell sick at big Linches Creek [Lynches River] in South Carolina, and after the defeat at Camden [16 Aug 1780], and he joined the new malitia some where about drowned Creek, Commanded by Col Benjamin Sowell, and after a tour of seven or 8 months was discharged at Hillsborough

He again volunteered at Northhampton in the year 1782 Capt Benjamin Colman a regular officer & Lieutenant Paston & Gibson, and under these men he took a Scout after the torys and was in the servise three months, He states that he did not get with Capt Colman untill he arrived at Halifax having first started from Northhampton, and he states that this was all his servise and true as stated to the best of his recollection.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to pension whatever or anuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension rool of the agency of any state

Wm hisXmark Smith

State of Tennessee }

Robertson County } This day being the 17th day of November 1832 personally appeared before me the undersigned John Hutchison a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid William Smith who being duly sworn deposeseth and saith that by reason of old age and loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but will state to the best of his recollection that his first term of service stated in his declaration (which this is appended to compose a part) in 1779 was six weeks in the fall of that year under the officers therein named that in 1780 he served three months as stated in his declaration, that in 1781 he served in actual service the precise time he does not recollect but that it was not less than seven months in 1782 he was in actual service three months all as a private under the officers mention in his declaration, he states that he was in no particular battles during his services except little scout battles with the tories

he states that he was born in Amelia County in the State of Virginia & supposed to be born in the year 1764 he states that he has no record of his age and only has acquired a knowledge of his age from the statement of his mother

he also states that when he was called into service that he was then living or residing in Brunswick County Virginia he states that since the revolutionary war that he resided in the Counties of Northhampton & Anson in the State of North Carolina where resided for several years & from Anson County North Carolina he moved to the County of Robertson in the State of Tennessee where he now resides & has for many years he states that he had four discharges one was given by Col Macklin one by Genl Lincoln and one by Ben Coleman Capt he does not

recollect who signed the others I was discharged at Hillsboro but who by I now do not recollect he states that he brought said discharges with him where he now resides but by the loss of his pocket book he lost in it his discharges & has never found them since he also states that he resides immediately in the neighbourhood of Henry Stoltz. Tho. B. Mathews, Rich'd. Mathews, Danby Ryan and various other persons who are persons well known who can testify as to the veracity of him & their belief as to his services in the revolution should be necessary & requisite for which services he claims a pension

William hisXmark Smith