

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Smith S4858

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State of Tennessee Franklin County: On this 26th day of November 1832 personally appeared before the court of pleas & quarter sessions for the County of Franklin John Smith a resident of said County & state aged seventy-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he volunteered & entered the service of the United States in the revolutionary war, in the year 17__under Captain Wm Lenoir [William Lenoir], in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, & was marched with his Regiment & other troops commanded by General Rutherford against the Cherokee nation of Indians, that he lived in Wilkes County North Carolina at the time he entered the service; that he volunteered for a three months tour of duty; that he served out the above tour of three months principally in the Cherokee nation; that during this tour there was a battle with the Indians between the Cherokee town & the Valley town as it was then called. Afft [affiant] was not in said battle, in consequence of his being stationed at with his company to guard the baggage: He recollects of no important incident that occurred during [this] tour: Affiant afterwards volunteered for another tour of duty of three months under Captain William Lenoir in Wilkes County North Carolina, he was attached to no particular Regiment that he knows of till the company got into South Carolina – the company was then put under a Colonel with other troops, but he does not recollect the names of the field officers: Affiant was then marched across the State of South Carolina & crossed the Savannah River above Augusta & marched down the River & recrossed at the Red Bluff, the Savannah River & from thence they were marched to the vicinity of Bacons bridge & was in the ~~battle at that place~~ service at the time a battle at that place was fought: Affiant was not in said battle but was a guard a short distance probably about three miles from the place where the battle was fought: Affiant's term of service of three months expired while he was at this place (the vicinity of Bacons bridge) & was there discharged: Affiant afterwards volunteered in the US service in Wilkes County North Carolina, & was marched from that place to South Carolina by Colonel Charles Gordon. The troops had no particular organization till they got into South Carolina, they were then placed under the command of Colonel Malbury [sic, Malmedy] (a Frenchman or of French descent) Affiant served out his tour of duty under Malbury: his first officer Colonel Gordon having returned home & during this tour of duty affiant was in the battle at the Eutaw Springs: Affiant served 3 months in

this his 3rd tour of duty:

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid

S/ E. Russell, Clerk

S/ John Smith, X his mark

By W. B. Wagner, D. Clk

When and in what year were you born

An: I was born in the State of Virginia in Orange County in the year 1760 to the best of his belief

Have you any record of your age, if so where is it.

A. I have no record of my age.

Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war; and where do you now live.

A. I was living in the State of North Carolina Wilkes County – I lived in the State of Georgia after the revolution about 13 years – & from there I removed to Franklin County Tennessee where I have since lived.

How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute

A. I entered the service as stated in the above declaration.

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served –

A. Colonel Malberry & General Gates I do not recollect the names of any other regular officers – nor the names of the Continental regiments and the general circumstances of my services are as above stated.

Did you ever receive a discharge

I never received a discharge

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood; and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

A. I refer to the Reverend William Gwinn, William Mayhall

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid

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[William Gwinn, a clergyman, and William Mayhall gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]