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Pension application of Peter Smith S7533

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[I found the handwriting of the scribe to be very challenging -- use this transcription with care.]

State of North Carolina Davidson County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November 1833

On this 14 day of November A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court being the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Davidson now sitting Peter Smith a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about 70 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 act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated -- He stated that in the [indecipherable word] of the year 1778 not recollecting the month by order of General Rutherford as affiant understands and believes Capt. Hedrick raised a company of Militia in the County of Rowan under a contract to serve two years of their service should be required, that affiant joined it the company and did actual service for [indecipherable word] months in camp or in the field, that during this period they marched against the Tories to Cane and Back [could be Bush] Creek Orange in Orange County and to the raft swamp that after a [indecipherable word or words] engagement with the Tories in the month of August or September 1779 affiant thinks at Mask ferry under a belief that the Tories were completely subdued the company was discharged. He recollects that Col. Galis [? Giles] and Major Lofton commanded at Mask ferry -- that affiant under his contract was called out to serve again with his company Capt. Hedrick commanding in the Spring of the year 1780 month of May as scouts for a 3 months tour and were marched toward the South, and were in the service in the Battle of Ramsour's Mill the Tories having in the meantime [indecipherable words. They were ordered back to Rowan having been absent about 9 months with orders from General Rutherford to serve out the old contract of 2 years, counting in the months served as aforesaid, the company accordingly remained embodied, and now marched against the Tory Col. Bryan in the Fork of the Yadkin [River] and went in pursuit of him to Colston's mouth of Rocky River under the command of General Rutherford but before we got in reach they were scattered by another body of the Militia under the command of General Davidson. The British at this time marching from South to the North and the Tories rising in every direction, his company by order of General Rutherford was marched back to the County of Rowan, and we embodied and kept continually on the march; in Rowan & the adjoining Counties in order to keep the Tories in check and in the month of February 1781 when the British marched through the Country, he Company was dispersed for a few weeks and Capt. Hedrick left the

Country believing the good cause hopeless, and considering his life in danger -- about this time Hedrick left his company affiant was detailed to assist in guarding British prisoners taken at the Cowpens on to Virginia -- in which service he was engaged 20 or 25 days -- on his return the [indecipherable text] under the command of Capt. Cunningham for the purpose of serving out their time and served until May 1781 remaining in body all the time engaged in marching about [indecipherable text] and to protect them, when they were discharged -- having served fully 2 years at least fully 12 months during one period and 12 months during another -- that some few months after the expiration of this service in the month of August 1781 as well as affiant can recollect he volunteered for a 3 months tour in a company of Militia commanded by Capt. Smith, and was marched to Wilmington where and in the neighborhood they remained until the capture of Cornwallis. That the Regiment was commanded by Col. Loftin -- Rutherford General. The term of service being out the company was marched back and was discharged, having served in all at least 2 years and 3 months -- [indecipherable text] of his first service of 2 years under Capt. Hedrick he recollects that he obtained a ticket or certificate for such pay -- affiant states that he was born in the year 1762, that when he was called into service he lived in the County of Rowan where he has continued to reside ever since -- that during all his service he served as a volunteer and as a private except in the tour to Wilmington when he acted as a Corporal. -- that he was discharged each time in writing which discharges are lost -- that he has no record of his age -- that in his neighborhood he is known to John Sappenfield and James Wiseman who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his service as a soldier -- and to Jacob Goss and Jacob Miller who can testify to his services -- that he has no Documentary evidence of his service -- and recollects no regular officer with whom he served -- He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed day & year aforesaid.

S/ Peter Smith, P his mark

S/ Saml. Gaither, Clk

By S/ D. Mock, DC

Jacob Goss¹ and Jacob Miller² make oath that they are well acquainted with Peter Smith and that they know of their own knowledge that he served as he states -- to wit 2 years in two periods under Capt. Hedrick & 3 months under Capt. Smith -- including the service under Capt. Cunningham and [indecipherable text.]

Sworn to & subscribed day and year aforesaid

S/ Jacob Goss, V his mark

S/ Saml. Gaither, Clk

By S/ D. Mock, DC

S/ Jacob Miller

[John Sappenfield and James Wiseman Dave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service in the North Carolina militia.]

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² [Jacob Miller W4033](#)