

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Small S7537
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North Carolina, Cumberland County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

On this the 4th day of September A.D. 1832 Personally appeared before the Court aforesaid John Small aged about 75 years of age and after being 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 7th, 1832.

That some time in the year 1779 – he went as a substitute into the Army for one Archibald Buie of said County who was drafted, that he marched under the command of Captain John Welsh, Philip Alston Colonel, and under the command of General Ashe [John Ashe] – that after joining they first marched to Bladen County to a place called Elizabeth [Elizabethtown]– then through North and South Carolina into Georgia at Augusta – and from thence to Briar Creek [Brier Creek] that there they encamped with Briar Creek in their Front that whilst there they were attacked in the rear by Lieutenant Col. Prevost commanding the British and completely defeated – that they retreated to the White house in South Carolina and on this side of Savannah he was discharged and returned home – on this Tour He Served Five Months.

That afterwards he joined Captain Nathan King's Company under General Harrington – that with them he marched to South Carolina near the Pedee River and there encamped some time, for the purpose of suppressing the Tories – that he received a discharge for this at Cross Creek – after having served three months.

That afterwards in 1781 -- 27th of March – he was taken by Lord Cornwallis (with one Daniel Buie who raised a small company – and who died between Charleston and James River) and carried to Wilmington, from thence to Charleston, and put on board a Prison Ship and carried to Jamestown on James River in Virginia where he was set at liberty – the Term of his confinement was about three months – and returned home either in July or August – That he was never wounded.

That he was born in 1777 [sic] in he believes Cumberland County

That he has a record of his age in his Bible

He was living then in Cumberland County and has resided there ever since

That he went a Substitute for one Archibald Buie

That he was acquainted with General Ashe, Harrington – Captain King, Welsh-- and Colonel Alston, Captain McCranie, Colonel Armstrong – Lieutenant Hodges

That he received discharges, but took no great care of them as he thought they would never be useful – and thinks he has lost them, as he cannot find them after a search.

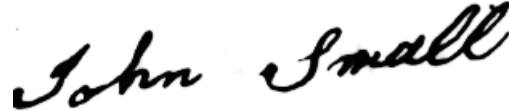
That Allen McDugald Minister of the Gospel and Nick McLean neighbors, can testify as to the respectability of his character, as a man of Truth and veracity – and as to the report in the

Neighborhood of his having served in the Revolutionary War. That his Captain King¹ is now alive, but is so infirm that he cannot attend to his own business, much less attend court. That he has no documentary evidence. He hereby releases all claim for a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ D. McDiarmid, Clk

S/ John Small

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Small". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

[Allen McDugold , a clergyman, and Nick McLean gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months service as a private in the North Carolina State Troops.]

¹ [Nathan King S7105](#)