

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Smith S7539

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State of North Carolina Stokes County: September Term A.D. 1832

On the 14th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of our Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County and State aforesaid Peter Smith a resident of said County aged eighty-two years the 12th day of April 1832, 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 the 7th of June 1832 – that he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier under the following named Officers & served in the revolutionary war as herein after stated – That he was drafted as a militia Soldier & served faithfully the term for which he was drafted of five months under Captain Henry Smith & Lieut. Peter Pinkley (or Benkley) and Ensign John Strupe the exact year he honestly states he has forgotten – that he entered the service in Surry County North Carolina where he was drafted the first of the month of September or October & was dismissed near Savannah River the following March or April shortly after the battle of Brier Creek – that he was first marched from Surry County North Carolina to Salisbury through Mecklenburg County & thence through South Carolina to Savannah River – that General Rutherford was the commander of the troops – that the regular officers who commanded, who commanded the Carolina Companies that marched with him were Captain William Lewis & Lieut. Joel Lewis of Surry County aforesaid the other officers he does not remember their names – that he was within three miles of the Battle when it happened at Briar Creek on the Georgia side of Savannah River – that he does not know of any one living who was with him in said service who can testify to his services all being dead or removed – that after he was discharged in South Carolina he shortly after returned home & volunteered himself to serve as a minute man & served as a pilot & Ranger under Colonel Martin Armstrong during the Revolutionary War, Commanded by Jacob Null [could be Jacob Nall] orderly Sergeant in guarding the military stores war magazine from Salem in North Carolina to Henry Court House Virginia a distance of more than sixty miles – that with the Virginia troops commanded by Captain Campbell against the Tories & British he marched a number of routes in North Carolina and at different periods whenever called out into service by the orders of Colonel Armstrong the exact number of months or weeks he cannot now recall owing to his memory having become greatly impaired from age and decrepitude – but verily believes that he served a great deal more than 6 months – that he is very poor and never received any compensation from

his Country for his services – that he is afflicted with a cancer on his nose which has eaten off a great portion of it – that he was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania [written over and illegible] April 1750 as he has often been told by his parents and emigrated in May 1768 to Rowan County North Carolina, which was divided and left him living in the part called Surry, which (Surry) was afterwards divided and left him again in the new part called Stokes, in which he has lived ever since – that he has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no one now living who can from his personal knowledge testify to his services – that he is known to John Siger & Isaac Vernon who can and are willing to testify to his credible character and known veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution – that he is not known to any Minister of the Gospel as their lives none now in his neighborhood who can testify to his character and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day and year above written.

S/ Jno Hill, C.C.C.

S/ Peter Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Smith". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted.

[John Siger & Isaac Vernon 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 militia.]