

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Smith S7551

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State of North Carolina Chowan County: SS

On the 17th day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Exum Simpson, Richard Brownrigg and William Bullock Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Thomas Smith a resident of Chowan County State of North Carolina aged eighty 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 7th 1832.

Thomas Smith says that he was drafted as a soldier in the fall season of the year 1779 or 1780 (as he can now recollect his memory being much impaired by age) that he served nine months, that he marched from Pitt County, North Carolina under the command of Colonel Lowry to the neighborhood of Charleston South Carolina, where he was put under the command of General Lincoln that he was discharged at Charleston after a service of nine months and returned to his residence in Pitt County North Carolina on a Saturday, was summoned to muster on the next day Sunday and was again drafted was marched under the command of Captain Armstrong until he joined the Army of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], was in the battle of Guilford about 4 or 5 days after which battle this affiant was discharged, having served 3 months, that he returned home where he did not remain more than a fortnight before he was drafted again, and marched under the command of Captain Godley to the border of South Carolina where he joined some troops commanded by General Hogans and went in pursuit of the Tories, that he served in this expedition three months. This affiant affirms that he served in all fifteen months in the manner stated above, that he has given as particular an account of his services as from the lapse of time he can recollect them, and at the time of his being drafted he was a resident of Pitt County State of North Carolina, that after the close of the war he removed to Chowan County where he has resided ever since, that all his discharges he has lost or mislaid thinking them of no value, that he does not know precisely the time of his birth, but that he is about 80 years of age. This affiant further states he removed from his native County 2 or 3 years after the revolutionary war, that he has never visited his native County since and does not know if any of his contemporary soldiers and acquaintances are alive, and that he is too feeble and poor to make the visit of such a distance to obtain that knowledge.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Witness by: S/ William B Shepard

S/ Thomas Smith, X his mark

[Miles Welch, a clergyman and William Birum gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The said Thomas Smith hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll or agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the date aforesaid

S/ Thomas Smith X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months service as a private in the service of North Carolina.]