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Pension application of John Smithwick S7554

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The affidavit of John Smithwick Sr a Revolutionary Soldier to the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions Oct. Term 1832 State of North Carolina Martin County

This affiant came into open Court and deposed the following declaration:

That he is a Soldier of the revolution, that he is Seventy four years of age That he commenced his service as a volunteer Light horse man under the command of Captain Samuel Smithwick who was Captain of the Light horse men of the County aforesaid at that time, that he enlisted in said County for twelve months that during said twelve months, he was called out by one Captain Micajah Little a recruiting officer to go to the Western part of this State to quell and put down a party known in those days by the name of Tories, in this service he continued for seven weeks, that on his return home he met the second Division of Militia of the County aforesaid to which he belonged at Captain Hill's in said County on their march to Guilford Court House, that he joined the Regiment under the Command of Col. Hill [Whitmill Hill] who was at that time Colonel Commandant of the Militia of said County that he marched as a soldier of said Regiment to Guilford Court house, that he was in the Battle at Guilford,<sup>1</sup> that he fought in the Regiment commanded by General Butler [John Butler], that from the Battle of Guilford the Regiment was ordered to rendezvous at the Iron works on Big Haw River from there they marched to Ramsay's Mill on Deep River which had been taken by the English on their retreat from the Battle of Guilford, but which was forsaken by them at the approach of our Army from there he marched to Camden S. C. and at the time the Battle was fought between General Greene [Nathanael Greene] and Lord Cornwallis that he was stationed off two miles from the Battle Ground, as one of the Guard of the Baggage – that from the Battle of Camden<sup>2</sup> General Greene marched his Army back to Ramsay's Mill on

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<sup>1</sup> March 15, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/guilfordcourthouse.htm> and

[http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_guilford\\_courthouse.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html)

<sup>2</sup> Applicant is referring to the battle now known as the Battle of Hobkirk or Hobkirk's Hill fought on April 25, 1781, between armies commanded by Nathanael Greene of the American army and Colonel Francis Lord Rawdon of the British army. Following the Battle of Guilford in March 1781, Cornwallis retreated to Wilmington, NC and consequently would not have been in SC at the time described by this

Deep River aforesaid, that on the return of the Army to said Mill he received a regular discharge from under the hand of one Major Sharp – but that he has since lost or so mislaid that he cannot find it besides he never expected that it would be of any use to him except to show that he acted as a faithful & honest soldier which he hopes was sufficiently known – he further declares that the Term which he served in said tour was five months and nine days that as light Horseman he held himself in readiness for service for seven months, that he was in actual service as a light horseman for seven weeks to suppress the Tories aforesaid making in all actual Service of seven months that he has not received any pension from this or any other State & that he hereby resigns all claim to any other pension of their then one hereby claim.

S/ John Smithwick



Thos. Price<sup>3</sup> came into open Court and deposed to the following affidavit

That he has been acquainted with John Smithwick more than fifty years, that he believes him to be of seventy-four years of age as he has stated, in his declaration, that he served with him at the battle of Guilford, and that from said battle that he went home with the Army to Camden – South Carolina as he has stated in his Declaration that he believes that the said John Smithwick served faithfully and honestly how he has stated in his declaration aforesaid that it has always been so understood and reported in the County where he resides. This affiant further states that from his acquaintance with said John Southwick he has the most entire confidence in his veracity and what he has stated in his declaration – he believes to be honestly true –

S/ Thos. Price



[Joseph Biggs Senior, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$29.16 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia cavalry.]

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applicant. Since Hobkirk's Hill was just north of Camden SC, it is sometimes referred to as the second battle of Camden. [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_hobkirks\\_hill.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hobkirks_hill.html) and <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/hobkirk.htm>

<sup>3</sup> [Thomas Price S7339](#)