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Pension application of Edward Smith S7562

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State of North Carolina County of Surry: SS

On this [illegible] day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court before Josiah Cowles, William G Harris & Richard H Parker Esquires in the court of pleas & quarter Sessions now sitting Edward Smith a resident of this (Surry) County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy-three 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. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was born & raised in Anson County in this State and in the commencement of the War he volunteered under Captain Wade against what was called the Scotch invasion of Fayetteville Colonel David Love took command of the Regiment. We marched to Fayetteville and there remained until Colonel Caswell defeated them. That he was disbanded without any discharge having been as near as he remembers four weeks in service – in the same summer he volunteered under Captain Speed and was marched by Colonel Charles Medlock to Wilmington to relieve a guard of the Inlet where he was five weeks & on his return when he arrived at Fayetteville he volunteered under Lieutenant William Covington and remained under his command at payable one month when he was discharged, but without a written discharge in the year 1776 he was a substitute for John Thomas under Captain Speed as drummer on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians. General Rutherford commanding, he marched with the company to the Cherokee Nation he entered as substitute in Anson in June and was out about three months. His next Tour was with Captain Caroob [?] as a Ranger they were on Pedee River about the mouth of Rocky River the tour was three weeks – his next Tour was under Colonel John Armstrong, he volunteered in Surry County having fled from Anson on account of the enemy. They were marched to Hillsboro where they attacked the picket guard of the British, where he was wounded in the left eye by a shot from the enemy, the sight of this eye is gone – he was in this tour five weeks when he returned home – Captain Dyer commanded them under Colonel Armstrong – he believes altogether he was something over eight months in the service always except once as a volunteer = he has no record of his age and he never had a written discharge = he can prove by David Bray¹ and Bartholomew Marion² that he was in the last tour

¹ [David Bray S8106](#)

² [Bartholomew Marrion \(Marion\) S7178](#)

as they were with him under Captain Dyer and Colonel Armstrong – he is known in his present neighborhood to Colonel Thomas B Wright the Sheriff of this County to Francis K Armstrong the deputy Clerk of this Court & a number of others who know my character.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State – he has lived in Surry County ever since he returned on the expedition and under Colonel Armstrong – except for one year when he was in Kentucky.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

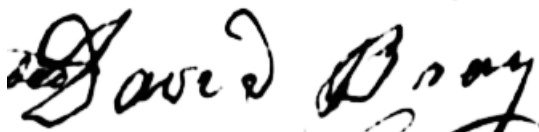
S/ John Wright, CCC

S/ Edward Smith, X his mark

We David Gray & Bartholomew Marion do solemnly swear that we volunteered under Colonel Armstrong at the time mentioned in the above Declaration of Edward Smith and that we marched with him & were present at the attack upon the Picket Guard of the British as mentioned and recollect that he the said Edward Smith was there as he states & that he was wounded.

S/ David Bray

S/ Bartholomew Marion, X his mark

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Bray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "D".

[Jesse Briggs, a Methodist Minister, and Thomas B Wright gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died September 9, 1833; the file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service in the North Carolina militia as a private.]