

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Smith S7563

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this the 31st day of August A. D. 1832, personally appeared in in said court William Smith a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged about 74 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 & served as herein stated. Your declarant states that he is a native of Ireland, and has no record of his age. That he will was living in the County of Mecklenburg & State of North Carolina, when called into service, and that he is living in the same County & State & has lived in the same place ever since the Revolution. Your Declarant further states that he volunteered his services in all the Campaigns in which he was engaged – that he never received a discharge from any of the officers under whom he served or if he did, he has no recollection of it. The first campaigns in which your Declarant served were called the Cherokee Campaign – Rutherford was the General of the Army Adam Alexander was the Colonel of the Regiment of the Regiment in which he served – he does not recollect the month & year in which he entered that service. In no engagement – marched from the County & State aforesaid. Served with no Continental troops in that campaign – was in service about three months – has no documentary evidence of the fact. The second Campaign at York Declarant was in was the Siege at Charleston South Carolina. Lincoln was the General of the Army – the balance of the field officers your Declarant cannot recollect – James Osbourn was the Captain of the company to which he belonged – there were Continental troops there, but your Declarant cannot remember their officers – Served about three months in this Tour as well as your Declarant recollects – Your Declarant states that he was taken Prisoner at that place and was paroled home – has no documentary evidence of the fact. The third campaign Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] was the General William Polk was the Colonel of the Regiment to which he belonged – Thomas Shelby was Captain marched into South Carolina engaged in several skirmishes with the Tories and parties of British, but engaged in no regular pitched battle – Served about ten months in that Tour – has no Documentary evidence of the fact – Your

Declarant refers to William Witherspoon,<sup>1</sup> Isaac Alexander<sup>2</sup> & Matthew Miller to authenticate his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity whatever, except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Smith



[James Spratt and Matthew Miller gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina in Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1833

On this the 28th day of August A.D. 1833, personally appeared in open Court, William Smith, a Resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged 75 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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein after stated. Your Declarant states that he was born in Ireland in the year 1758 – That he has no record of his age – That he was living in the County of Mecklenburg & State of North Carolina when called into service that he is now living & has lived in the same County & State ever since the Revolutionary war – That he volunteered his services in thirteen months of his service & was drafted the other three months – That he received a Discharge from Captain Polk at the termination of the Cherokee campaign, but does not know what has become of it. He does not recollect having received any other Discharges. The first Campaign in which your Declarant served, was called the Cherokee campaign – cannot recollect the time either when he entered or left the service – Rutherford was General – Adam Alexander was Colonel – Charles Polk was Captain – marched from the County & State aforesaid to the Cherokee Nation – Engaged in no battle – served with no Continental Troops – In service three months. The second Tour in which your Declarant served, was the siege at Charleston – cannot recollect when he either entered or left the service at this time – Lincoln was General – The Rest of the Field officers your Declarant cannot recollect – Osborne was Captain. He served with Continental Troops, but cannot recollect the names of any of their officers – Served 3 months this time – Your Declarant states that he was taken prisoner at that place & paroled home. The 3rd Campaign – cannot recollect when he either entered or left the Service at this time – Sumter was General – William Polk was Colonel – Thomas Shelby was Captain – Marched from the County of Mecklenburg & State of North Carolina into the state of South Carolina – With no Continental Troops – engaged in several skirmishes with the Tories & British but in no regular pitched battle – Served at this time 10 months – Has no documentary evidence of any of his Service. The whole length of service set forth by your Declarant & for which he claims a pension is 16 months. He refers to William Black & John Witherspoon to, who can certify to his character as to truth – Your Declarant further states that in consequence of his advanced age & mental infirmity it is out of his power to give a clear & [several indecipherable words] of the circumstances attending his services. 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.

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<sup>1</sup> [William Witherspoon S7901](#)

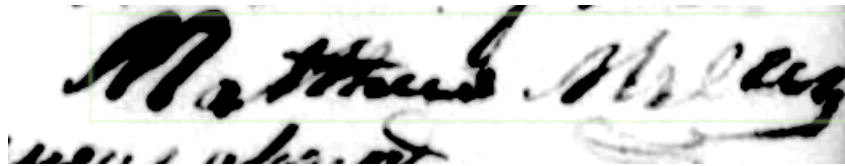
<sup>2</sup> [Isaac Alexander S6487](#)

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

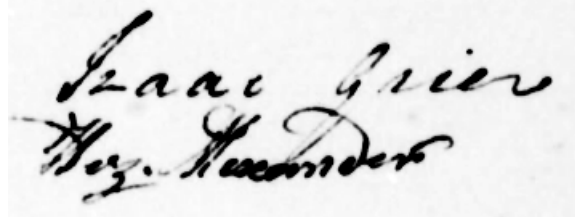
S/ William Smith

Matthew Miller maketh oath that the above Declarant did the service, set forth in the first & 2nd Tours set forth in the above Declaration, & that his narrative of the circumstances all correct, & that he also did the service of the 3rd campaign making in all 16 months, to the best of his knowledge & belief.

S/ Matthew Miller

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Matthew Miller", enclosed in a thin green rectangular border.

[Isaac Grier, a clergyman, and Hezekiah Alexander gave the standard supporting affidavit.

Two handwritten signatures in cursive script, one above the other, reading "Isaac Grier" and "Hez. Alexander".

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 16 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]