

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zachariah Smith Brooks S9294

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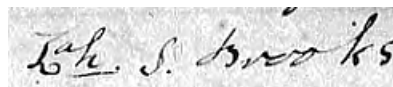
State of South Carolina Edgefield District

On this thirty first day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before me Richard Gantt, one of the Judges of the said State, now sitting in and for the District aforesaid, Zachariah Smith Brooks a resident of the District in State aforesaid aged sixty-seven years on the 18th of May last past, 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 seventh 1832. That shortly after the evacuation of Cambridge¹ by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], he attached himself as a volunteer to a company of mounted militia commanded by Captain John Wallace in the District of Newberry, under whose command he remained in active service for about the space of six months, watching and counteracting the operation of the Tories, who greatly infested that section of the State. That while under the command of Captain Wallace, he was often engaged in skirmishes with the Tories but none of sufficient importance to merit a particular narration. That in the winter of 1781 & 1782 he left the company of Captain Wallace and enlisted for a term of six months in a company of State Troops, under the command of Captain Joseph Towles. During this term of service under Captain Towles he was employed in reconnoitering the Country and at one time was stationed about six weeks on the frontiers of the State, guarding it against the incursions of the Indians, principally in the neighborhood of the present site of the Village of Greenville. That during this term of service he was engaged in a skirmish with the Tories on the Edisto River near the place called the Pine Log, in which several of the enemy were killed & taken prisoners. This deponent further states, that while he was attached to Captain Towles Company, he was detailed as one of a Corps, called the life guard of General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] and in this capacity accompanied this officer near the Broad River under his immediate command. He further deposes that during his term of service Captain Towles Company, he was frequently attached to the Regiment of Colonel Samuel Hammond and under his immediate command. This Deponent feels confident that he was in actual service for a greater period than one year if the different periods were added together. He has no written documentary evidence, on which to rely for verification of this declaration as herein made and set forth but relies upon the testimony of living witnesses, many of whom are at this time residing in this District, who were actors in the scenes of that day.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Zah S. Brooks

¹ Greene lifted the siege of Ninety Six on June 19, 1781. "Cambridge" is the name given in later years to the village known as Ninety Six during the Revolution.

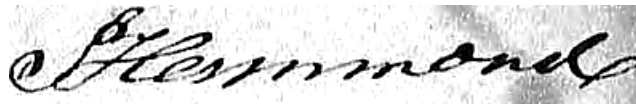


This Deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Zah S. Brooks

South Carolina Edgefield District -- I do hereby certify that I believe all the material facts in the foregoing declaration are true -- that by served personally with Deponent in the same Brigade and under the same officers and further that Deponent was often under my command—

S/ S. Hammond²



[Harwood Burt, a clergyman, and Colonel Samuel Hammond gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7, petition by Zachariah Smith Brooks for a replacement certificate of pension; he states his original certificate was lost somehow after he put it in the possession of his son, Whitfield Brooks—dated February 14, 1846 in Edgefield Dist. SC.]

[p 16: Affidavit dated February 7, 1846 given by Whitfield Brooks in support of his father's application for a replacement certificate of pension.



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[Note: See [Elisha Brooks W9741](#) for additional facts relating to this veteran's family.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the South Carolina militia.]

² [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)