

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Smith W10257                      Ann Smith            NC  
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State of Virginia Franklin County SS

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1824 personally appeared in open Court William Smith a resident of said County aged sixty five or six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820. that he the said William Smith enlisted for the term of nine months in the year 1778 (the month not recollected) in the State of North Carolina at Northampton Courthouse in the Company commanded by Capt. Richard Mossen in the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment Commanded by Colonel James Hogun in the line of the state of North Carolina, which Regiment was afterwards reduced to the 3<sup>rd</sup>. And at Halifax in the said State he was transferred to Lieutenant [sic: Lt. Col.] William Lee Davidson and afterwards served under Lieutenant Faun [probably William Fawn]. that he served in said Corpse and was marched to West Point in the state of [blank; New York] where he was stationed for some time, and before his term of service expired he reenlisted in the regular service during the war under Lieutenant John Ford, and continued under this same officer untill he was marched to the South under Lieutenant Campbell to prevent the taking of Charleston South Carolina by the enemy [spring 1780]. on approaching the neighbourhood of that place he was taken prisoner by the British and Tories, by whom he was detained for some time, when he effected his escape and joined Colonel Thomasson's (or Thomas's) troops of horse and was placed under Capt. Robert Lusk, and continued to serve in said troops untill the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. He then received a furlough which authorized him to retire from the service until he should be notified to return, which he did and was not again called on. he was in the battle near West point at the hanging rock, he believes in North Carolina [sic: Hanging Rock in Lancaster County SC, site of a skirmish on 30 Jul 1780 and a battle on 6 Aug 1780], also at the taking of the Congaree fort Sc. [probably Fort Granby, 19-21 Feb 1781] also at Hugtaugh Springs SC [sic: Eutaw Springs, 8 Sep 1781], and at Guilford [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781], although not in the engagement, he having been out with a Scouting party, at the time the Battle was fought.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with Intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provisions of the act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval services of the united states in the revolutionary war passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me any Property or Securities, Contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other that what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. No estate real or personal my occupation is that of farming and planting. I am much debilitated and crippled in body, my eye sight has greatly failed me. I have four in family, to wit, my wife named Anny aged about fifty five years; my Daughter Mildred aged about twenty five years and her son named Sampson aged five years, and an adopted son named Mellen Preston near thirteen years old. The assistance which my family affords me is not sufficient to relieve and overcome the difficulty which poverty daily imposes upon me. I therefore implore the aid of the General Government for my future support

William hisXmark Smith

Northampton County    }           Jany 16<sup>th</sup> 1824  
State of Northcarolina }           }

This day day came before me William Grant, & Council Bass, both of the County aforesaid; William Grant deposith & saith that I entered the nine months service in May seventeen hundred & seventy eight, in Colo Hogans Regm't. & Rich'd. Massen Captain of the Company, and that there was a William Smith in said Company and continued with us till we were discharged in April or may seventeen

hundred & 79 and that I have great reason to believe that the man who has applied for this certificate is the same man. as to the No. Regm't. which we belong'd to I cant possitively say, and furthermore I saith not.

Wm. Grant

Council Bass deponeth & saith that we entered the nine months service in May 1778 in Colo. Hoguns Regm't. No. third & Capt. Richard Mossen's Company, untill we went to Halifax Northcarolina, and were there put under William Faun & Henry Tayluns[?], Regular Lieutenant officers; I continued in the service untill May 1779, and that in Capt'n. Massen's Co. there was a man by the name of William Smith, and that I have great reason to believe that this man William Smith was the man in Capt'n. Mossens Co. and that the said William Smith listed in the Regular army, but continued in the nine months service till the time I left the Regm't. in April 1779, at which time I was sent with some officers from Philadelphia to Halifax North Carolina and further I say not. Councill Bass

NOTE: On 14 Feb 1851 Anne Smith, 89, of Barren County KY, applied for a pension stating that as Anne Preston she was married by a Methodist minister named Martin to William Smith in Franklin County in the fall of 1795, and that her husband died in that county on 8 June 1835. She stated that they had three children before 1800: Milly, Betsy, and an unnamed child who died in infancy. The file includes a copy of a bond signed by William Smith and Jesse Preston in Franklin County on 9 Nov 1796 for the marriage of Smith to Anne Preston. On an application for bounty land dated 26 March 1855 Ann Smith was still said to be 89 years old.