

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Smith W2450

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State of Georgia Franklin County: SS

On this 3rd day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared before the Inferior Court of the County and State aforesaid now sitting for ordinary purposes Jesse Smith a resident of Captain Edwards District in said County and State aged sixty-seven 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, viz.:

That he entered the service of the United States in the Militia of Camden South Carolina in Camden District, he was drafted under Captain John Steel for three months in the month of May or June 1780 & was marched & joined General Sumter at Chester South Carolina & was in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Bratton [William Bratton], and was in an engagement at Henderson's Ford on Catawba River 18th of August 1780¹, were defeated & dispersed had served a few days over the three months Tour received a written discharge from Captain Steel, and

In the month of May 1781 was again drafted in Camden aforesaid & was put under command of said Captain Steel and was under command of Colonel Lacey & General Sumter & was marched to Rocky Mount & from thence to Camden where we joined the Regulars under General Green [Nathanael Greene] and was marched to Ninety Six & was ordered with Lacey's command at Orangeburg during the Battle of Ninety Six from Orangeburg we again joined General Green and was marched to Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] where we fought the British there and where our major O'Neal was killed. After the battle a few days he received a discharge from Captain Steel having served three months.

In the month of January 1782 he volunteered himself for seven months in Camden aforesaid, under Captain Cook and Colonel Taylor and was marched from Orangeburg to the For Holes, thence to Bacon's Bridge, thence to Moncks Corner, all in South Carolina, & was then discharged by Captain Goode, Captain Cook having become sick & returned home, had no fighting in this last campaign except we took one Colonel more & 60 & [or] 70 Tories & hung him & four of his men at Orangeburg.

Does not recollect any person now living by whom he can prove his services positively.

Served altogether 13 months as a private.

1. Was born in Montgomery County North Carolina, on the 16th [could be 6th] April 1765
2. That is a record of his age in Montgomery County North Carolina

¹ This MAY be a reference to the defeat of Genl. Sumter's forces at Fishing Creek on that date.

3. When called into service he lived in Chester District South Carolina since the war he lived 3 years in Camden District in that state, then removed to the neighborhood of his birth & remained one year & then he moved to his present residence where he has remained ever since.
4. The 2 first tours he was drafted, and the last he was a volunteer.
5. Recollects Colonel Washington & General Greene at Eutaw Springs & General Lee who remained about 3 miles from the Battleground, Does not distinctly recollect others.
6. Received written discharges to from Captain Steel and the last from Colonel Taylor which are lost.
7. Is known to John Sandridge a preacher of the Gospel and to John Stonecypher & John Cleveland in his present neighborhood and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his having been in the Revolutionary Army and of his services therein as a soldier. 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 any agency of any State within his knowledge or belief.

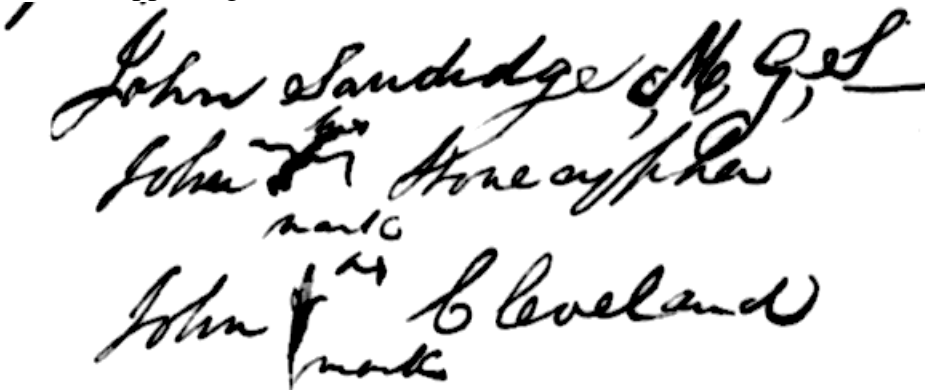
Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day and year first above written.

S/ Thos. King, Clk

S/ Jesse Smith



[fn p. 40: John Sandridge, a clergyman, and John Stonecypher and John Cleveland gave the standard supporting affidavit.



John Sandridge, M. G. S.
 John Stonecypher
 John Cleveland

[Facts in file: Veteran died in Franklin County, Georgia, April 11, 1842; Veteran married January 31, 1832 in Franklin County Georgia, Anna Mitchell the date and place of her brothers and the names of her parents on not shown; she was allowed a pension on her application dated March 26, 1853 at which time she stated her age as 60 years and was residing in Franklin County, Georgia which he still resided in 1868 when she applied for the reinstatement of her pension.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 13 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount commencing March 4th, 1860.]