

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Conrod Smith W3309

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State of Pennsylvania —  
Cumberland County SS —

On this sixth day of May 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common pleas and for the said County of Cumberland personally appeared Conrad Smith, aged Seventy six years, resident in Dickenson township in said County, who being by me first sworn as the Law directs doth on his Oath make the following declaration, in Order to obtain the provision made by the Act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War. that he the said Conrad Smith enlisted in Baltimore State of Maryland, in the month of April 1778 under Col. Smith, joined his Company commanded by Captain Selman at Wilmington State of Delaware in the month of May following that he enlisted to serve during the War, that he continued in the Service of the United States untill some time in the Summer of 1784 when he arrived in a Vessel (from James Island, South Carolina) at Annapolis State of Maryland, that he there received a furlough obliging him at any time if required to join his Regiment again, that about two years after he delivered up said furlough to paymaster Hamilton, & received two eighty Dollars State Certificates, that he never had or received any other discharge than the forlough mentioned & the receiving of the Certificate in lieu thereof —

Deponent further saith that he was at the Battle of Monmouth [NJ, 28 Jun 1778] commanded by Gen'l. [Charles] Lee then at the taking of Stony point [NY, 15 Jul 1779] then at the Battle of Camden [SC, 16 Aug 1780] after which they retreated to Hillsborough North Carolina, at the Battle of Gillford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], at the Battle of Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781] where he was wounded had his left thigh bone broke, was removed to the Hospital at Charlotte in North Carolina, untill some time in 1782 [sic: see note below] joined his Company marched with the advance Guard command by Gen'l. Williams to Camden where he received a violent injury from a Cannon ball passing near & crashing a piece of timber against him which dislocated his left hip and injured his thigh bone much, after which he was at the taking of a Fort on Congree River [see note below], from whence they were marced to a small town called Ninety six, which was for some time besieged by the Americans, after which they were marched to James's Island; where they remained untill they took Ship & sail'd for Annapolis as above stated — Deponent saith that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services - and that he never received the Title of the Land, if any coming to him from the United States —

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year above said [signed] Conrod Smith

Sate of Pennsylvania  
Cumberland County SS

Came into open Court this second day of August 1820 personally in open Court in the Court of Common Pleas of Cumberland County aforesaid it being a court of record which proceeds according to the course of Common Law with Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of their proceedings.) Conrod Smith aged Seventy Eight years resident in the said County and State who being first sworn according to law doth depose on his solemn oath and declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows declarant enlisted 1778 in the Company Commanded by Captain Selmon in the 4<sup>th</sup> Maryland Regiment Commanded Col. Samuel Smith the said declarant served untill the end of the war and peace was declared. Declarant was [in] the Battle of Monmouth Stony point at Camden Guildford Court house eutau Springs where declarant was wounded in the right thigh & many more engagements & Battles The date of his original declaration and the number is on 14.438 date 6<sup>th</sup> September 1819

And 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 have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval Service of the United States of the Revolutionary war passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of 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 than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

A Schedule of the real and personal estate of Conrod Smith the aforesaid declarant

1 Cow	}	
1 Ten Plate Stove	}	
1 Table	}	
4 Plates	}	Valuation \$28.00
2 Bowls	}	
1 Chest	}	
A few Carpenters tools	}	

Conrod Smith the declarant is a Carpenter by trade and that he is now so infirm that he cannot follow it for a living and is not of bodily ability to pursue his trade or do any work he has a wife aged about sixty years and a son about sixteen years of age this Constitutes declarants family

Conrod Smith

State of Pennsylvania  
Adam County SS

Be it known that on the thirty first day of January AD 1852 before the Subscriber a justice of the peace in and for Adams County aforesaid, and duly qualified by law to administer oaths, came personally George Black of said County, aged about sixty three years, and known personally by me to be a person of respectability and entitled to credit, who being duly sworn according to law doth depose and say, that he is the son of Jacob Schwartz (being the same name which this deponent now writes in the english language "Black") that his said father died in the infancy of this deponent (at the time this deponent was but six weeks old as he has always understood from his mother), that his said father left a widow named Anna the mother of this deponent, and that his said mother afterwards married a second time to Conrad Smith, who had been a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and had received wounds from the effects of which he suffered greatly until the time of his death, which took place in Cumberland County Pennsylvania in the year 1826 - that the marriage of his (this Deponents) mother with the said Conrad Smith, took place, as he has always understood from his said mother and Step-father, in October 1792 or 1793 - that he often heard the matter spoken of by his said parents from the time of this deponents boyhood until his said step-fathers death - that they frequently spoke of their marriage as having taken place at the date above-mentioned and that they had been married at Peter Spangler's tavern, on the old road from Carlisle to Baltimore, in York (now Adams) County, and spoke of the festivities attending their said marriage — this deponent further states that he has seen a written [illegible word] in the handwriting of said Conrad Smith, in a book which was the property of his said Step-father, by which the date of the said marriage was mentioned and that it corresponded with the statements of his said parents as above related to the deponent — that he cannot speak positively as to the year but is certain it was either 1792 or 1793. This deponent further states that he has sisters and a brother of the half blood, the children of the said Conrad Smith and Anna Smith this deponents mother, viz: Catharine aged 57 or 58 married to Michael Schip, and Mary aged about 52 or 53 married to Thomas Schip, and Henry Smith, aged about 47 years; He further states that said Conrad Smith was in receipt of a pension for services rendered in the Revolutionary war, up til the time of his death which took place as before stated in the year 1826 - that his mother the said Anna Smith survived the said Conrad, and lived until [4]September 1843, when she died in Cumberland County Pennsylvania at the age of eighty eight years or upwards. He further states that after the death of the said Conrad Smith, his son-in-law, Thomas Schip, administered upon his estate and drew from the United States Government the balance of pension money due to said Conrad up till his decease. And further Deponent saith not [signed] George Black

NOTES:

Smith was apparently confused about the timing of events after the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. The probable chronology is as follows, all in the year 1781:

25 Apr                    Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC: MD Line under Col. Otho Holland  
                                 Williams

22 May - 19 Jun    Siege of Ninety-Six SC

8 Sep                    Battle of Eutaw Springs SC

“The taking of a Fort on Congree River” appears to refer to the successful siege of Fort Granby on the Congaree River near present Columbia SC, 2 - 15 May 1781. Maryland troops were apparently not involved, however.

The file includes a power of attorney signed in January 1852 by Henry H. Smith, and a deposition by Catherine Elliott, 76, the half sister of Anna Schwartz Smith.