

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Smith W3729¹

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[fn p. 13]

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To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina met in general Assembly

The Memorial of your petitioner humbly sheweth: That he was actively engaged for a length of time in the Service of the State both as a volunteer and as an enlisted Soldier in the revolutionary war: that he first entered the service as a volunteer in the year 1779 or '80 in a company commanded by Captain Henry Foster & in Colonel Leroy Hammond's Regiment and joined the Brigade commanded by General Williamson at Liberty Hill opposite Augusta Georgia & after remaining some weeks in the neighborhood of Augusta, was marched down to form a junction with the Army under the command of General Lincoln and continued with the Army under the command of that officer in active Service until sometime after the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779], in all about four months: your petitioner further sheweth that he again entered the service as a volunteer under the command of Captain Joseph Towles and joined the Army of General Green [Nathanael Greene] at the siege of Ninety Six – Captain Towle's company were mounted and as they were well acquainted with the Country were principally employed during the Siege in procuring provisions and forage for the use of the American Army but when not so employed did regular camp and other duty. The principal part of Captain Towles company were absent from the Army at the time the siege was raised by Lord Rawdon having been detached as a guard to wagons which were sent to Anderson's Mill on Saluda River to procure meal for the use of the Army: Your petitioner was thus separated from Greene's Army and lost a valuable horse which was carried off by the Army in its retreat from Ninety Six for which he has never received any compensation: your petitioner remained in the State under the command of Captain Towls [sic] after General Greene's retreat into North Carolina and was engaged in various scouts against the Tories under Colonel Pickens and others: Your Petitioner continued in the Company of Captain Towls during eight months and enlisted out of that company into one commanded by Captain Sinkfield [Sinquefield] which was raised for the purpose of building and garrisoning a Blockhouse at Anderson's Mill on Saluda River, with a view to over awe the Tories and to afford a refuge to the Whigs in that region of country. Your petitioner remained in this Station (frequently engaged in scouts for the suppression of the Tories) for six months, and was then engaged in scouts against the Tories until the restoration of peace and order: Your petitioner is unable to bring testimony to prove the fact of the services rendered in the two first mentioned tours of duty, as all those immediately associated with your petitioner in those campaigns are dead or have left the country, But your Honorable body will see by the accompanying certificates

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that your petitioner did render the last mentioned services, and that he is a man whose character for veracity entitles his statements made on oath to full credence:

Your petitioner further sheweth that he is well thicken in years and in impoverished circumstances and by reason of age and infirmity unable to procure for himself even the common necessities of life. Your petitioner therefore appeals to the Justice and magnanimity of your Honorable body and humbly prays that you will grant him such relief as has been extended to others in like circumstances: and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c &c

South Carolina Edgefield District: Personally appeared William Smith before me and after being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God says on oath the within declaration mentioned are just and true & he has not received anything for the within Services.

Sworn to before me November 15th 1837

S/ James Maynard, JP

S/ William Smith

South Carolina Edgefield District: I Samuel Deen² do hereby certify that I was acquainted with a man by the name of William Smith in the time of the Revolutionary War who served in Captain Towles or Sinkfield's Company at the Block House at Anderson's Mill on Saluda River in Edgefield District.

Given under my hand this 21st of November 1837

S/ Samuel Deen

This is to certify that I am acquainted with William Smith the declarant in the above matter, that I knew him well in the revolutionary war and that I was a personal witness of his services for six months as a member of a company commanded by Captain Towles or Captain Sinkfield, that the said William Smith is a man of good character and in my opinion entitled to full credit for any declaration which she may make upon oath – that I have no doubt of his poor and needy situation, and that he is a fit and proper subject for the benevolence of the Legislature.

Sworn to before me 23rd November 1837

S/ George Pope, CCP

S/ Zak S. Brooks³

[fn p. 8: On October 15, 1853 in Edgefield District South Carolina, Francis Smith, 91, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of William Smith, a pensioner of the state of South Carolina; that she married him September 2, 1784; that her husband died March 17, 1848; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[fn p. 6: On April 2, 1855 in Edgefield County South Carolina, the widow, Frances Smith, 93, filed for her bounty land entitlement stating that she is the widow of William Smith of Edgefield; that he died in Edgefield County March 17, 1848.]

[fn p. 46: in November 1853 the widow filed yet another application adding that her name prior to her marriage was Frances Smith.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for her husband's service in the cavalry as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

² [Samuel Dean \(Deen\) R2087](#)

³ [Zachariah Smith Brooks S9294](#)