

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Smith W4071                      Phebe Smith    VA  
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State of No. Carolina }                      August Term 1821  
Iredell County        }

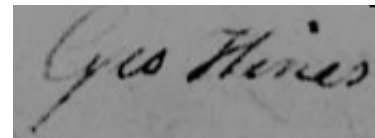
On this 22<sup>d</sup> day of August 1821 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record opened and held as such this day for the County of Iredell, Charles Smith of the County aforesaid, aged about seventy two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820, that he the said Charles Smith enlisted for the term of three years in June or July in the year 1775, at Green Brier Court House in the State of Virginia [sic: Greenbrier County, formed in 1778], in Capt Matthew Arbuckle's [VAS2270] Company [independent company of Botetourt County] of the Virginia Line, but the number of the Regiment not now recollected; that he continued in said compy untill March 1777 when he was discharged from service at Green Brier Court House aforesaid; that he enlisted again at the place aforesaid in March 1777 for and during the term of the war, in Capt Adam Wallaces [Adam Wallace BLWt542-300] company of the 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Col Bluford of the Virginia Line on continental establishment [sic: Col. Abraham Buford, 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment]; that he continued in service till the day before the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] when he was taken prisoner and remained in captivity till the conclusion of peace. That he was in the battles of Bluford defeat [Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780] and the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], and has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except his own oath and the depositions hereunto annexed.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of 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 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in 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

Towit one horse 19 years old worth about thirty dollars, three cattle worth twenty dollars; that he is a farmer by occupation being as before stated about 72 years old and not able to labour only for a few hours in the day; that he has a wife and two daughters Jane and Vilet, aged 24 years, and the latter about 20 years who contribute only in a small degree to his support; that he owes debts to the people of the country to the amount of almost twenty dollars.

Charles hisXmark Smith

State of N. Carolina }                      Personally appeared before me James Campbell one of the Justices of the  
Iredell County        }                      peace for the County aforesaid George Hines of said County Aged 73  
years who being first duly Sworn deposeseth & saith that he is acquainted with Charles Smith applicant at the War office for a pension that the said Charles Smith was a regular Soldier in the Revolutionary War on the Continental establishment in the Virginia line that he the said Smith was by the deponent seen with the Army and in the Service at Petersburg in Virginia, that he was then in the Corps commanded by Col Bluford and marched with said Smith to South Carolina where said Smith was detached from the Corps in which the deponent served. And further this deponent saith not Sworn & Subscribed this 8<sup>th</sup> of aug't. 1821.



[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files.]

State of North Carolina } Superior Court of Law  
Iredell County } Fifth monday after the Fourth Monday of Sept 1825

Personally came Charles Smith of said County aged seventy six years into Open Court and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God made the following declaration.

That in the Month of March 1775 he enlisted as a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution with Captain Matthew Arbuckle at Greenbrier in Virginia into the Tenth Regiment of the Virginia line Commanded by Col Bluford that before the three years was expired he enlisted with the same Captain during the War and served part of the time in the 12 Virginia Regiment and continued in the service of the United States from the time of his first enlistment untill the day before the Battle of Guilford when he was taken prisoner by the British forces under Lord Cornwallis by whom he was taken to Wilmington [NC] and eventually to the Island of Jamaica where he was detained as a prisoner untill peace was declared. The deponent further states that his name is inscribed on the pension list Roll of the North Carolina agency at the rate of Eight Dollars pr Month to commence on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of August 1821. That he hath never except the said pension and one dollar received any compensation for his services in the War, and that he hath no evedince except the evidence forwarded to the War department of the United States of his services. He further says that he was at Blufords defeat and at the Battle of the Cowpens, and further he saith not.

Sworn to in open Court.  
Nov'r 2<sup>d</sup> 1825

Charles hisXmark Smith

State of North Carolina } I Charles Smith of the aforesaid County and State being A soldier in the  
Iredell County } Revolutionary war do give you the following information of my Service  
In June of 1774 I Inlisted under Matthew R Buckle [sic] in the State of Virginia in greenbrier County and Continued there untill September then March'd from there to the ohio [Ohio River] then we fought the Indians in ohio near the point of Canauva [Battle of Point Pleasant at the mouth of Kanawha River, 10 Oct 1774] from there we March'd Back to green brier again then enlisted under the said Matthew R Buckle for three years and then Marchd Back to the Canauwa where we built a fort [Fort Randolph] and Stationed to the Best of my recollection we stay'd there 2 years and six Months then March'd back to the big levels of greenbrier then I Inlisted during the war and March'd with 12 men to petersburg and joined adam wallaces Company under Colonel Blufort then March'd on to Reinforce Charlestown and got as far as Santee River [at Lenud's Ferry, 6 May 1780] there news Came that Charlestown was taken [12 May 1780] then we retreated from Santee to waxaw Settlement where we were overtaken by Coln tarlton [sic: Lt Col Banastre Tarleton] and defeated where we lost Capt adam wallace and all the Company but two that I Ever saw since then march'd on to Charlotte Northcarolina and joined Lieutenant Millar then Marched on to Virginia to princeedward [sic: Prince Edward] Courthouse to the best of my Recollection then joined General green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and March'd to hillsborough Northcarolina at hillsborough General [Daniel] Morgan wanted four hundred men I was Chosen one in his number then I March'd under his Command to Rougeleys Mill where we took one hundred and 13 tories [see first endnote] and kept them under guard till some time next day and then give them up to the malitia under guard then general morgan March'd us on to the Cowpens there we fought tarlton at the Cowpens and took seven hundred and fifty prisioners then we March'd them on about two days and then Delivered them up to the malitia and March'd on toward virginia untill we met Col. Wallas [sic: Gen. Cornwallis] at gillford and fought the guillford battle there I was taken prisioner and Remained prisioner untill peace was proclaimed between America and great Britain in 1783 this is the tower I have underwent in the time off the revolution war

To the Governor of Virginia Dear Sir I now take this oportunity of writing a few lines to you Concerning my title for the land justly due me I being no scholar I Employed Mr Samuel King Esqr A resider in Iredell County to write for me accordingly done so and after some time the said King presented A warrant

to me for one hundred Acres of land I took the warrant in my hand and then handed it back to him I thought he took the advantage of me I then Employed James Campbeall Esq Clerk of our Court he wrote for me and he says he got no answer Then I Employ,d Theophilus Falls he says he got no answer now sir please to be so good as to write to me as soon as possible as I am old and frail I want you to give me an answer in hast for my Children is very Needy Yours &C Charles Smith To governor of Virginia please to direct your letter to Statesville Post office

To the Governor and Council of the State of Virginia

The petition of the undersigned who was a private in the Virginia line on Continental establishment during the Revolutionary War respectfully prays that his claim in Virtue of said Services be speedily considered and that your honorable body be please to Award an order on the Register of the land office at Richmond to issue a land warrant or land warrants for the quantity of bounty land promised by the Various laws of your State and as in duty bound will ever pray.

Teste

Charles hisXmark Smith

State of North Carolina }  
Iredell County } [19 September 1831]

I Charles Smith aged eighty six years do upon Oath Certify and declare that about or in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven I enlisted in the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Col A Buford as a private for the term of during the war and afterwards served in the same and in the 12 Regiment under General Morgan, that I continued in the service aforesaid untill I was taken prisoner by the Enemy at the battle of Guilford and was kept a prisoner of War untill peace was declared. And I further declare that I never received a Warrant for the bounty land promised to me on the part of Virginia, nor have I ever assigned or transfered my claim in any manner whatsoever.

[Power of attorney to Col. Joseph Watson of Washington City follows.]

1835 May 12 Rejected

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

1838 Mar 22/ The warrant which has been granted in this case and is yet in the Registers office is to be cancelled and a warrant for a service for the war David Campbell

North Carolina } To your Excellency. I Charles Smith do Certify that I was a Soldier in the  
Iredell County } Revolution and Received my yearly pention but has not yet got the land Due to  
me for my Service I know not why Except by makeing Samuil king Esq. A power of attorney to get the  
land for me he handed me a warrant for one hundred Acres of land and I refused to take that quantity and  
handed it back to him and to the present day I Cannot git any thing out of him about the land and, I doubt  
he has took the invantage of my incapability of attending to such business now I Commence to inform  
you as I have done before in three or four Letters to you and has got no answer in June 1774 I joined Capt  
Matthew R Buckles Company to guard the frontiers of greenbrier and continued under him till Col.  
Charles Lewis and Col. Andrew Lewis untill they come with their Campaign to the big levels of green  
brier then we join'd them for the Campaign to go to the mouth of the Canava [sic: Kanawha River] and  
fought the Shawnas [sic: Shawnees] and lost our Commander Charles Lewis then Returned to green Brier  
then Inlisted under the same Capt M. R. Buckle to go back to the Canava and continued there something  
like 2 year then Returned to green brier again and then inlisted during the war then Marchd to petersburg  
and joind Col Blufort in Capt adam wallace Company then March'd South to the waxaw Settlement where  
we got Defeated then March'd back to Virginia then joind general [part missing] then March'd to  
hillsborough then I was one of the chosen men by gen Morgan then Marchd to Rugely's Mills in South  
carolina and took 113 prisoners and give them to the Malitia and Marchd on to the Cowpens in NC and

Defeated tarelton and took near 600 prisoners and give them up to the Malitia and then march'd on to gilford there we was defeated by Col. wallace and I taken A prisioner and taken to wilmington and there Col wallace and put on Board a man of war and there Remaind A prisioner till peace was made I hope your honour will be so good if this comes to your hand to give or do for me what is due to me by our governmint. I am now 90 and not Capable of taking care of Myself yours &C

Charles hisXmark Smith

Direct the answer this Letter to Statesville Iredell County

NOTES:

The attack on Rugeley's Mill about 12 miles north of Camden SC on 1 Dec 1780 was led by Lt Col William Washington. Gen Daniel Morgan was not present.

On 7 May 1841 Pheby Smith, 84, applied for a pension stating that she married Charles Smith "shortly after the Revolutionary War," and that they lived in Mecklenburg County NC for several years thereafter, then moved to Iredell County. The file includes a copy of a bond signed 21 Aug 1793 in Rowan County NC by Charles Smith and Peter Lewis for the marriage of Smith to Phoeby Cowan of Rowan County. On 7 Apr 1843 she applied under a later pension act, stating that she was 86, that she was married on 25 Aug 1793, and that Charles Smith died 19 Apr 1840. On 30 Jan 1844 she applied again, giving her age as 85. On 18 Apr 1848 she applied yet again.