

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Smith W590<sup>1</sup>

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Georgia Coweta County: On this the 3rd day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court, before us John D. Hinton, Samuel D Echols and Henry Henderson Judges of the Inferior court of Coweta County Georgia now sitting William Smith a resident of said State & County aged 81 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, two tours agreeably to the affidavits of Abner Chapman hereunto annexed. After remaining a short time at home I entered the service in the latter part of August 1780 for six months as a volunteer, my Captain's name was King, a part of time, when he resigned, Captain Love was appointed in his place for the balance of the tour, this detachment was commanded by General Arrington [sic, probably a reference to Henry William Harrington], after serving out this tour, I again entered the service for three months as a Substitute for John Maulding, a private in Captain Adkins company of Horse. The squadron of Horse was commanded by Colonel Hadley and Major Folsom, in this campaign I was wounded in the hip at the battle of the long Crossway North Carolina, after I had recovered from my wounds I again entered the service for another tour of three months a substitute for Moses Oliver a private in Captain Folsom company of Dragoons, this Regiment of Horse, was commanded by Colonel P. Alston, in this tour I was wounded in the face at a battle at Colonel Philip Alston's House with Colonel Fannin's men [sic, David Fanning]. On serving out my tour, I again entered the service as a substitute in the place of Abner Chapman (the witness who proved my two first tours of duty) under the same officers that I served the last 3 months tour above mentioned. I do not at this time recollect the date and months exactly that I entered the service in my different tours as I have lost or misplaced all my papers, but it was from 1778 to 1782 between those two dates. I lived in Cumberland and Moore Counties North Carolina. I was marched from Cross Creek, now Fayetteville North Carolina to Cheraw Hills South Carolina and over Pedee [River], to the High Hills of Santee and back again to Cross Creek now Fayetteville. I do not recollect serving with any Continental regiments or companies. I have no documentary evidence, and I know of

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt13865-160-55

no person (except Abner Chapman whose affidavit is hereunto annexed) whose testimony I can procure, who can testify to my service. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jno. D. Hinton, JIC

S/ William Smith, X his mark

Answers to Interrogatories put by the War Department

Answer to Interrogatory 1st. I was born in Nansemond County Virginia in the year 1751, agreeably to what my parents told me.

Answer to Interrogatory 2nd. I have none –

Answer to Interrogatory 3rd. In Moore and Cumberland counties North Carolina. I have lived in Randolph County North Carolina until about 11 years back I moved to in Georgia to Newton and now living in Coweta County Georgia.

Answer to Interrogatory 4th. I volunteered and was a Substitute as has been before stated in my declaration.

Answer to Interrogatory 5th. There was no regular officers where I was in service except (when I was in the 2nd Regiment of North Carolina militia) and that officer was a Brigade Continental inspector Major McIntosh, the general circumstances of my service, was such as I have, as nearly as I can recollect, stated. We were marched up and down the country after the British and Tories.

Answer to Interrogatory 6th. I received discharges every time I served but I have lost them –

Answer to Interrogatory 7th – I refer to Colonel George Penticost and Major Nicholas Dyer

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year before mentioned.

S/ William Smith, S his mark

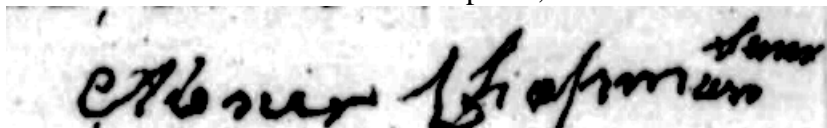
[George Penticost and Nicholas Dyer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia Jasper County: Personally appeared before me Hollis Cooley one of the Judges of the Inferior court of the State and County aforesaid Abner Chapman Senior who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that he was well acquainted with William Smith, formerly of Moore County North Carolina, now of Coweta County Georgia, and that the said Smith went into service in the revolutionary war in the year 1778, first under Captain Hadley, then under Captain Alston, two tours of nine months each and that he believes he served one or more tours in addition to that above, not knowing or recollecting under what officers. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th September 1833

S/ Hollis Coley, JIC

S/ Abner Chapman, Senior

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abner Chapman Senior". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

[fn p. 18: On March 14, 1853 in Coweta County Georgia, Meredy Smith, 48, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of William Smith; that she married him March 26, 1835; that her husband died May 8, 1852; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 13: on April 27, 1855 in Coweta County Georgia, Marady Smith, widow of William Smith filed for her bounty land entitlement stating that she married him in Coweta County Georgia

March 26, 1835; that they were married by Moses W stamps, JP, that her name prior to her marriage was Maredy Gamage; that her husband died in Coweta County in 1851.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]