

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Smith W592 ¹

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State of North Carolina Burke County } SS

On this 28th day of January 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in and for the County & State aforesaid, Smith aged 70 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain a pension allowed by said act to certain Surviving officers & Soldiers of the Army of the Revolutionary War viz. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. He first entered the service of the United States in the North Carolina militia as a drafted militia man for three months under Captain Johnson [William Johnson] in Colonel Warford's [William Wofford's] Regiment and was stationed at Warford's Fort [Wofford's Fort] in Burke County North Carolina for a short time & was then marched by Colonel Charles McDowell to Salisbury North Carolina at which place he was put under Continental Officers in the South Carolina State Troops viz. – Major Armstrong & Captain Moore by whom he was marched to a place called the Elder Springs in York District South Carolina at which place he joined General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army in Colonel Campbell's Regiment and marched from thence with General Green's Army to Camden South Carolina and there was stationed for a short time from which place he was marched to the High Hills of Santee and there discharged by Captain John Moore under whom he first entered the service. Said Smith further swears that on his return home he came to Camden South Carolina at which place he met with Captain John McKinsey [sic, William McKenzie]² of the South Carolina State Troops under whom he enlisted for ten months in Colonel Hill's [William Hill's] Regiment in General Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Army [sic, State Troops] and was marched from thence to Brown's fields on Congaree [River] in South Carolina at which place he was stationed under the command of Major Bluford [sic, William Buford] for near about three months from which place he was marched by said Major Bluford to McCord's ferry and then to Orangeburg South Carolina and was there stationed some time but how long he does not recollect, from thence was marched to the four holes bridge something like or near 40 miles from Charleston South Carolina. He was then marched to Orangeburg where he was discharged by Captain Moore. Said Smith further swears that he rendered the above services either in the year 1779 or 1780³ to the best of his recollection and when he entered the

¹ BLWt19914-160-55

² He is listed on the roster of Captain William McKenzie [B186](#)

³ Sic, his service in the South Carolina State Troops would have been in what is known as the 10 Months Service or

service of his Country as aforesaid he was a resident of the County of Burke North Carolina and when he first entered the service he was in the 17th year of his age and during his services he encountered no military engagements except whose scrimmages when sent on scouting parties with the British & Tories the first of whom was commanded by Colonel Tooger [sic, John Harris Cruger?] a British officer from whom he was ordered to retreat and one at Orangeburg [May 11, 1781]⁴ at which place General Sumter was present & received three bullets through his hat but received no wounds in his flesh at which place Captain Lipham was killed. Said Smith further doth hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension except the present or any other annuity and that his name is not on any pension Roll of the State Government months or any Agency thereof. Sworn to & subscribed before the Court aforesaid the Day & year aforesaid.

Test:

S/ J. J. Erwin, Clk

S/ Thomas Smith, X his mark

After which the following Interrogatories were propounded to said Smith which he answered as follows.

1st Where and in what year were you born? Answer. Agreeable to the Statements of my parents I was born in the State of Pennsylvania in [indecipherable word, looks sort of like "Lyssel" or "Syssele"] County though he was removed to the State of Virginia in Albemarle County from which place he was removed to North Carolina Burke County all of which removals was when he was quite young.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Answer. I have it in the family Bible of my Father which I have not got with me here.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Answer. In Burke County North Carolina. In Burke County North Carolina and I am yet living in the same County & Date.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom? Answer. I was first drafted as stated in the first of this declaration and was then enlisted by Captain McKinsey in the South Carolina State troops

5th State some of the names of the principal officers under whom you serve during your Campaigns. Answer. Colonel Warford, Captain Johnson Colonel McDowell, Mr. Armstrong, Major Moore Colonel Campbell, General Sumter & General Greene.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service for your 2 campaigns and if so by whom were they given & what has become of them. Answer. For the first Tower of 3 months I did not receive any discharge, but was promised a discharge by Colonel McDowell when I got home but having enlisted before I reached home as I before stated I never applied for nor never received any discharge, but for my 10 months service in the South Carolina State Troops I received a Discharge given by Major John Moore which I have had the misfortune to get burned in my house when all my papers was burned.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution. Answer. I am known to the Reverend John Godfrey & Philips Warlie Esquire.

Sworn to & subscribed before us the date aforesaid.

Test: S/ J. J. Erwin, Clk

Sumter's Rounds roughly from April 1781 to May 1782.

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_orangeburgh_2.html

S/ Thomas Smith, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Burke County} This day personally appeared in open Court in & for the County aforesaid Benjamin Spencer⁵ & John Stamey⁶ who after being duly sworn according to law saith on oath that they were acquainted with Thomas Smith who has made the foregoing Declaration in the Revolutionary War and that they knew & frequently saw him when in the service of his country in General Sumter's Army in the South Carolina State Troops as a Soldier of in said Army.

Sworn to & subscribed this 28th day of January 1834.

S/ Benjamin Spencer, X his mark

S/ John Stamey, X his mark

[John Godfrey, a clergyman, and Philip Warlick gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Caldwell County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term 1844

On this 23rd day of October 1844 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County of Caldwell, Smith, a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-one 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was a private Soldier in the War of the Revolution and that he received a small pension as such: That he now makes this declaration in order to obtain an increase of pension, due to him, for a Tour of duty of twelve months in the Continental line that was omitted to be set forth in his first declaration, which service claimed was as follows. That after having served a three months Term of duty at Wofford's Fort in Burke County North Carolina he with others volunteered for twelve months under Colonel McDowell who took them on to Salisbury and place them under the following Continental officers viz.: Captain Moore, Major Armstrong and Colonel Campbell, that after stopping a few days at the latter place they were marched on to Beaver dam Ford on Broad River at which place they came up with General Greens Army, and joined him, and from the last mentioned place they all marched on towards Ninety Six but before they reached at that post they changed their course for Savannah and marched on to a place called the four holes where they took up camp and stayed some few weeks and from the latter place they marched on to Camden, Orangeburg, and to the high Hills and after stopping there for some time he was discharged by Captain Moore from his volunteer service having served twelve months in North Carolina Line. The next and last tour of service that he performed was a ten months tour under General Sumter in the South Carolina State Troops: That after he was discharged from the above mentioned service under General Green while on his way home he met with General Sumter and enlisted into the ten months service as aforesaid and served out the same and was discharged, which was the end of his services in the Revolution having served in all 25 months, and for which he now claims an increase of his present pension.

And this declarant further states that the reason why the above claimed service of his was not set forth at the time of filing his first declaration (if it is not) is the fall of his agent who prepared his papers. And furthermore that he knows of no one now living by whom he can prove the claimed service. And he also states that from old age and loss of memory he cannot give the

⁵ [Benjamin Spencer W6158](#)

⁶ [John Stamey S7611](#)

precise period of the claimed Tour of service, but that to the best of his recollection it was in the year 1780, and that, John Mattock, Beverly Clark and Edward Craig were engaged in the same service and went with him from Burke as volunteers but they are all dead and gone long since. And he also stated that his present pension is 4 \$43.33 per annum.

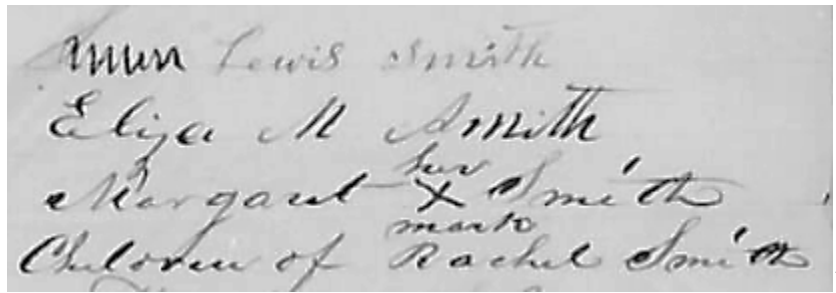
Sworn & subscribed on the day and year aforesaid before the Court
S/ E. P. Miller, Clerk

S/ Thomas Smith, X his mark

[p 15: On May 10, 1853 in Caldwell County North Carolina, Rachel Smith, 53, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Smith a pensioner at the rate of \$43.33 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him in Burke County North Carolina December 20, 1838 or 1839; that her husband died December 19, 1846 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 19: In her bounty land application filed on March 24, 1855, the widow stated that her name prior to her marriage to the veteran was Rachel Helton.]

[p 8: On January 23, 1866 in Burke County North Carolina Lewis Smith, 28, Margaret Smith 26, and Eliza Smith, 23, filed an application saying they were the only surviving children of Rachel Smith, deceased, late of Caldwell County North Carolina; that their mother died on September 4, 1862 at which time she was a pensioner at the rate of \$51.66 per annum; they claimed the pension due their mother from March 4th, 1861 to the date of her death in September 1862.



Ann Lewis Smith
Eliza M Smith
Margaret X Smith
Children of Rachel Smith

[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 State Troops. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$51.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1861.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁷ relating to Thomas Smith
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 7165
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I do hereby Certify that Thomas Smith a Soldier in Captain William McKinzie's Troop in Colonel Hill's Regiment of Light Dragoons of South Carolina has Completed his time of Enlistment & is hereby entitled to Receive a Negro as pay & Bounty for the same

⁷ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

Orangeburg 26 February 1782

S/ W. Buford Majr Comdt [William Buford]
5 2nd Regiment State Troops

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