

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hardy Smith W6096

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State of Georgia Troup County:

On this the 7th day of January in the year 1833 – personally appeared in open Court before James Culberson, Joel D Newson, Cullin Rogers, & David Evans, Judges of the Inferior Court of said County now sitting Hardy Smith a resident of the County of Troup & State aforesaid, aged seventy-two 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 June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. General Caswell [Richard Caswell], Colonel Exum [Benjamin Exum], Captain John White. He does not recollect the precise date or year in which he entered the service or left the same, was engaged at the defeat of Gates under the command of Captain White & Colonel Exum and General Caswell and the battle of Guilford C. H. in a rifle company under the command of Captain William Grisham Major Pink Eaton & General Greene. He resided in Warren County North Carolina when he entered the service & was drafted & was engaged in the battles above named. After entering the service at Warrenton as aforesaid he marched to Halifax NC, from thence to Cross Creek NC thence to the Cheraw Hill, thence to Rugulers Mills [Rugeley's Mills] South Carolina thence to the battle of Camblain [Camden] or Gates defeat, which brought to a close his first tour of service. On his second tour he marched from Warrenton North Carolina to Guilford Court House commanded by General Greene Major Pink Eaton & Captain William Grisham. His third tour he was in a cavalry company under the command of Captain Aaron Fussell and was confined pretty much to the County of Warren. On this fourth & last tour of service he marched from Warrenton to Halifax North Carolina commanded by Captain Coleman a Continental officer and Lieutenant Coates. He was discharged by Captain Coleman was in the service in all the four tours fifteen months and never received any pay. He also states that he has no documentary evidence to prove his service & that there is not that he knows of, anyone whose testimony he can procure to testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court

S/ Oliver P. Fear, Clerk

S/ Hardy Smith, X his mark

[Creed Caldwell, a clergyman, Geo. Y. Jarvis & Wiley Foshee gave the standard supporting

affidavit.]

Georgia Troup County: On this the 25 day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Edmond S. Harris, Joel D. Newsom, June A. Bailey Judges of the Inferior Court of said County Hardy Smith a resident of the County & state aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration taken before this court on the 7th day of January 1833 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That it is impossible for him now to state the exact period at which he entered the service of the United States as he has no means at hand or within his reach to ascertain the time exactly. It was however about two months before Gates defeat. If he had the history of the Revolution he could come within a few days of the exact time. There was sometimes several months intervening his tours of service but all performed during the five years next & immediately succeeding his entering the service.

The first tour of duty mentioned in the original declaration of which this is amendatory under the command of General Caswell, Colonel Exum & Captain White lasted seven months. The second one in the Rifle company under the command of General Greene, Major Pink Eaton & Captain Grisham lasted three months. The third tour in the Cavalry under the command of Captain Aaron Fussell lasted two months. The fourth tour under the command of Captain Coleman & Lieutenant Coats he served as a substitute for Richard Ward & lasted three months. The three first tours he served as a drafted man – the last as a substitute for the aforesaid Richard Ward. During the fifteen months which this applicant served in the Revolutionary war he was not engaged in any other business than obeying the command of his officers being all the time only a private.

This applicant further answers to the several interrogatories directed by the War Department to be propounded by the Court as follows – to wit

To the 1st

I was born in Warren County North Carolina in the year 1760

To the 2nd. I have the record of my age at my residence in the County & was born the 16th of September 1760

To the 3rd. I was living in Warren County North Carolina. Moved from thence to Hancock County in the State of Georgia, from thence to Wilkes County in Georgia, from thence back to Hancock, from thence to Jones County in said State, from thence to Talbot County & from thence to Meriwether County and from thence to Troup County where I now live.

To the 4th. I was drafted the 3 first tours I served the last one I served as a substitute for Richard Ward

To the 5th. General Green, General Gates, Captain Coleman & Lieutenant Coats. The circumstances of my services are mentioned in this & the original declaration of which this is amendatory –

To the 6th. I did receive discharges from each of the captains under whom I served, but not knowing that they would ever be of any service to me, they had been lost or destroyed.

To the 7th. Creed Calwell [sic] a clergyman George Y Jarvis, Wiley Foshee who have certified & testify to their belief of my having been a soldier of the Revolution on the Original declaration of which this is amendatory besides Joel D. Newsom one of the members of this court.

S/ Hardy Smith, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 24th day of June 1833.

State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that many drafted soldiers for the term of nine months were placed in the Continental line on the 20th day of July 1778, raised in obedience to an act of Assembly ratified the 28th day of April, 1778.

Given under my hand this 8th day of June 1846  
S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[fn p. 6: on January 31st, 1844 in Troup County Georgia, Elizabeth G Smith, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Hardy Smith, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$52.50 per annum; that he died October 5, 1837 in Troup County Georgia; that she married him July 16, 1785; that they were married by John Pope, JP in Granville County North Carolina; that she has no family record of her marriage; that she has remained a widow since her husband's death.]

[Facts in file: soldier married July 16, 1785 in Granville County North Carolina, Elizabeth Goodwin Nevel; they had children, then you'll the first born November 13, 1788, Elizabeth born February 22, 1790, and married \_\_ Hudman, Dicy who married \_\_ Loyd, and Patty there 4th child.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$52.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia infantry and cavalry.]