

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Leonard (Leonard B) Smith ¹ W6098

Mary Smith f48MD

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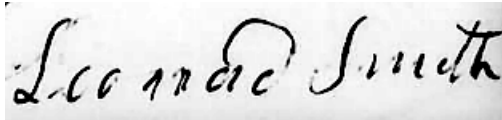
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District of Georgia

On this 24th day of January 1820 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Superior Court of this State for said District personally appeared Leonard Smith aged Sixty years resident in Columbia County in said District who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war.["] That he the said Leonard Smith on or about the 1st of March 1777 this Deponent enlisted under Capt. Horatio Claggitt [Horatio Claggett] whose company was attached to the third Maryland Regiment commanded by Col. Mordecai Gist on the Continental establishment in which company and Regiment this Deponent served three years and was regularly discharged in Hick's farms [??]² near Morristown in the State of New Jersey in the month of March 1780. That he was in the Battles of the White Plains [October 28, 1776], in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778], at Stony Point [July 16, 1779], at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], of Hobkirk's Hill [April 25, 1781], at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781], at the battle of Eutaw [Battle of Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] he continued in service until the end of the war having reenlisted in the 1st Maryland Regiment commanded by Col. Otho Williams [Otho Holland Williams] that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support, that his discharges are lost or mislaid and he has no other evidence but the affidavit of Notley Whitcomb of said services.

Sworn to & declared before me on the day & year aforesaid

S/ Leonard Smith

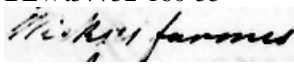


[John H Montgomery, Judge of the superior Court]

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Auditor's Office, Annapolis, March 7th, 1820

¹ BLWt57752-160-55

²  [Wickes farms??]

I hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-roles remaining in the Auditor's Office, that Leonard Smith enlisted as a private in the 3rd Maryland Regiment, on the 18th day of March 77 – and was discharged on the 11th of March 80.

S/ Thos. Karney, Aud. S. M.

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Georgia, Columbia County

Personally appeared before me Notley Whitcomb³ a Citizen of the County of Columbia in the State aforesaid and after being duly sworn on the Holy Gospels of God deposes and saith in the Revolutionary War he served as a Regular Soldier in the Maryland Line at the Siege of York and after the capture of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], the Regiment to which he belonged was marched to South Carolina and joined the Army under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene], and upon his Joining the Southern Army he became acquainted with Leonard Smith (now a Citizen of the State and County aforesaid) who was then in the Regular Service under the command of General Greene either as a Soldier or non-commissioned officer, that the said Leonard Smith continued in the Army of the United States to the close of the Revolutionary War and from which period this deponent has [been] well acquainted with the said Leonard Smith – and this deponent further saith that to the best of his recollection the Regiment to which he belonged Joined the Army under General Greene in the Winter of 1781 in the State of South Carolina, and that he has reason to believe that the said Leonard Smith was a Soldier in the Army of the United States during the greater part of the Revolutionary War.

S/ Notley Whitcomb, X his mark

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Georgia Columbia County

On this 3rd day of July 1820 personally appeared in Open Court, being a Court of Record for said County Leonard Smith aged Sixty One resident in said County who being duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. First in Capt. Posey's Company for four months, in Col. Ewing's Regiment. That he afterwards enlisted with Capt. Clagget [Horatio Claggett] in the 3rd Maryland Regiment commanded by Col. Gist [Mordecai Gist] for three years; and afterwards enlisted in the Maryland State Regiment, and after being marched to the southward he was attached to Capt. Smith's Company and the Regiment was commanded by Col. Otho H Williams [Otho Holland Williams], and was discharged at the close of the War at Frederick-town in the State of Maryland: The declarant has not received any Pension, but has received a certificate dated 10th March 1820 No. 16.537 – That he is entitled to a Pension of Eight Dollars per month to commence on the 24th January 1820: and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th 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

³ There is no federal pension file for a veteran of this or any similar name that I could find. Consequently, this MAY be the only record of his service.

Schedule of all the Property belonging to me, necessary clothing and Bedding
excepted to wit

210 acres of Very Poor Pine Land	\$105
One Horse 9 or 10 years old	50
One Mare do do do & colt	60
25 Head of Cattle	115
25 Hogs & Pigs	<u>50</u>
	380.00

(Signed) Leonard Smith

The declarant is a Farmer and carpenter and is now able to do Very little Work, and is afflicted with an exceeding bad Rupture, he makes a little Corn, and no cotton or other article for market.

His family residing with him consists of his wife

Mary aged	46 years
Daughter Betsy (Insane & Fits for 12 years)	24 do
Daughter Sarah	21 do
Daughter Mary	13 do
Son Alexander H.	11 do
Daughter Priscilla	8 do

Sworn to and declared on the 3rd day of July 1820 in Open Court

(Signed) Leonard Smith

JA Smith, C. Clk.

[p 21: On October 8, 1856 in Columbia County Georgia, Mary Smith, 81 on the 5th day of January last, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Leonard B Smith, a revolutionary war pensioner who according to her participated in the battles of Mud Island, Cowpens and Guilford Court House; that her husband entered the service when he lived near Brian Town in Maryland; that she married him December 17, 1796 in Richmond County Georgia; that her husband died January 15, 1838 in Columbia County Georgia; that she remains a widow but has no documentary evidence of her marriage. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 24, 1820, for service as a private in the Maryland line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]