

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Smith W6122¹

Elizabeth Smith

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To the Honorable the members of the Senate & House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina.

The petition of Charles Smith sheweth unto your Honorable body that he was a good Whig and soldier of the Revolutionary War, that he served under General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] in the State Troops for ten months was at the battle of Eutaw Springs under the command of Colonel Henderson [William Henderson] and served under Captain John Gray Captain Winn also Captain Frost [Robert Frost] & Lieutenant Gore [Elisha Gore] serving in the whole about 2 years. Your petitioner prays your Honorable body to place him on the Pension Roll in his old and infirm age as he is now unable to labor for support for himself & his aged Companion. Your petitioner is now about 64 years of age and very poor possessing only 4 head of hogs and a few articles in his house of little or no value having had all his household furniture burnt last March was a year. Your petitioner in duty bound will ever pray.

S/ Charles Smith

South Carolina Richland District: Before me personally appeared Charles Smith being sworn saith that the facts contained in the above petition are true. Sworn to before me this 4th of December 1828

S/ J Richardson, JQ

S/ Charles Smith

Georgia Habersham County: personally appeared Robert Watson and being duly sworn saith that Charles Smith served a tour [tour] of 10 months as a listed soldier under Captain Jacob Barnett in the Revolutionary War this tour [tour] was served in South Carolina. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th of August 1828.

S/ Isaac black, JP

S/ Robert Watson, X his mark

State of Georgia Franklin County:

Personally appeared before me William Tusk one of the Justices of the inferior Court of the County aforesaid William Hodge² of the County of Madison and State aforesaid and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith that he was a soldier in the light horse state troops of South Carolina in the year 1781 in the company of Captain Jacob Barnett in Hamptons Regiment under the command of General Sumter and that he does verily

¹ BLWt11067-160-50

² [William Hodge W4233](#)

believe from many strong and unquestionable circumstances that Charles Smith at present a resident of Hall County in this State was a soldier in the same company and service and that the said Smith continued in the service until the period for which he enlisted was completed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd November 1827

S/ William Tusk, JIC

S/ William Hodge

Georgia Hall County: To all whom these presents make concern greetings

This is to certify that Charles Smith of said state and County of Habersham formerly of this County in the year of our Lord 1821 or 2 I will not be positive which applied to me as I was at that time an acting justice of the peace in and for the County of Hall & had been some time before and afterwards to go with him and take the affidavits of some fellow soldiers in the old Revolutionary War with him in order to send on to Congress in order to get a pension from the United States being reduced from misfortune to very indigent circumstances which I did and took the affidavits myself of Daniel Chitwood who swore that he was a soldier with him and was with him in an engagement particularly the battle of the Eutaw Springs he done some feats of bravery which done him credit he also procured the affidavits of John Bruster and Sheriff Bruster³ to the same effect whose affidavits I also saw and got the papers properly assigned and tested by the proper authority and sent them on and the Secretary of war wrote me back word which I now hold that as he was a State Troop and not a Continental soldier the United States had nothing to do with it that he must apply to the State where he enlisted or done the service.

Georgia Hall County: Personally appeared before me an acting justice of the peace in and for the County William Robins who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the above stated facts is just and true as stands stated. Sworn to and subscribed before made this 6th day of September 1828.

S/ John Miller, JP

S/ Wm Robins

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Georgia Hall County: Before me Jonathan Martin an acting justice of the peace in and for said County personally came William Robins and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that some 12 or 15 years ago he acted as a justice of the peace for the said County and was called on by Charles Smith to go with him to one of his brother soldiers who was with him in the old Revolutionary war who was with him at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs in order to get his affidavit as the old gentleman intended to try to get his pension and I took several other persons affidavits as to his soldiership besides this old soldier who was with him in that battle which was Daniel Chitwood⁴ and on his oath he stated that Charles Smith did and [an] action in the Battle which he deserved great credit for which I stated in his Affidavit as well as I now recollect but I did not state then I think that the deed he done was [the best] I recollect Chitwood stated when Colonel Washington [William Washington] was taken prisoner by the British Charles Smith and fourteen others made a charge to try to rescue the Colonel and ten of them lost their lives – and Smith narrowly escaped and I see [saw] other affidavits he got from 2 other old soldiers who was with him and they also stated he acted brave as a Soldier the other affidavits I took myself only went to testify as to their knowing of his going into the Army as far as my memory now serves

³ [Sheriff Brewster \(Bruster\) S31570](#)

⁴ [Daniel Chitwood SC1341](#)

me.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 18th of October 1837

S/ Wm Robins

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State of Georgia Cherokee County: SS

Be it remembered that on this 10th day of April 1847, before the Inferior Court of said County, in open Court, personally appeared, Elizabeth Smith of said County, and made the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed on the 4th day of July 1836, and all other acts for the benefit of the widows and heirs of Revolutionary Soldiers heretofore made and provided. That she is the widow of Charles Smith deceased late of said County. That her husband the said Charles Smith enlisted in Fairfield or Chester District South Carolina (Regiment not recollected) under Colonel Hampton [Lt. Col. Henry Hampton] and Captain Samuel Barnett [sic, Jacob Barnett], about the year 1781, in the South Carolina State line, and served ten months. That she believes he was engaged at the battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs September 8, 1781] and was in many skirmishes with the British and Tories, That after the term of his enlistment had expired, he married this deponent in Fairfield District South Carolina on the 12th day of August 1782. That they were married by Parson Williams a Baptist preacher, who published the bans of said marriage according to the laws of said State. The family of said Williams and Michael and Robert Wilkinson were present at the marriage. That a short time after the marriage the said Charles volunteered or was drafted in the military service of said State and served several tours (time not recollected) for all of which service as aforesaid he went to Orangeburg South Carolina to receive pay but according to the recollection of this deponent did not then and has not since that period received any pay whatever. That the maiden name of the said Elizabeth was Gillaspay [Gillespie?]. That the said Charles and Elizabeth lived together as man and wife from the time of their marriage as aforesaid until the death of the said Charles which occurred on the 28th day of January 1845. That they had ten children born in lawful wedlock, of whom eight are now living viz. Jemima Smith now Hyde who was born on the 11th day of December 1785, James Smith who was born on the 17th day of February 1788, Anna Smith now Cox [could be "Con"] who was born on the 26 day of June 1790, Elizabeth Smith now Bowlin who was born on the 21st day of March 1793, Edward Smith who was born on the 29th day of April 1798, Charles Smith who was born on the 26th day of May 1800, John Smith who was born on the first day of February 1803 and Noah Smith who was born on the 5th day of June 1805. That the said Elizabeth knows of no living person by whom she can prove her marriage to the said Smith, nor has she any record in evidence of the fact, since the laws of South Carolina in which they were married did not require a record of marriages, nor has she any proof by record or living witnesses of the services of her deceased husband the said Charles, unless they are of record in the State of South Carolina, whether he went some 15 or 20 years since proved his services and thereby became entitled to and drew a pension from said state in accordance with the loss thereof. This deponent further declares that she has seen the certificates of the discharge of her husband the said Charles, and that they were consumed in Hall County Georgia when her house was burned some 20 years ago. That this deponent and her husband the said Charles after their marriage removed to Chester District South Carolina where they remained until the close of the Revolution, thence to Edisto, thence to Laurens District South Carolina, thence to the Four mile purchase Georgia about 30 years since, thence to Cherokee County Georgia about nine years since, where they resided together as man

and wife until the death of the said Charles as aforesaid, and where this deponent still resides. This deponent further declares that she has not married since the death of her husband the said Charles, but has remained a widow ever since that period, Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test S/ William A Williams, Clerk

S/ Elizabeth Smith, X her Mark

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State of Georgia Cherokee County: On this the 12th day of June 1849 personally appeared before me Samuel Hymer a justice of the peace in Lumpkin County & State of Georgia Mrs. Elizabeth Smith and after being duly sworn according to law states that she knows of nothing to relate in addition to her former statements set forth in her Declaration by which any objections might be removed raised against her claim for a Pension, unless the depositions of her children and neighbors will remove them or her husband's depositions that may be on file in the Pension Office at Washington city in the case is of Daniel Chitwood of Habersham County or Franklin County, Robert Watson of Habersham County Ward Levi Wallace⁵ of Hall County who were with her husband in the Army of the Revolution and who obtained his proof to establish their claims for a Pension she further states that she has frequently heard her husband speak of being in the Revolutionary War with John Stonecypher⁶ who if alive is a pensioner of the United States in Franklin County Georgia. She further states that her husband Charles Smith was drafted to serve a term under Captain Anderson Thomas of Chester District against the Tories a few months or a short time after her marriage to him this she states she well recollects.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year before written.

S/ Elizabeth Smith, X her mark

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State of Georgia Lumpkin County

On this the 30th day of November 1849 personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for said County & State Elizabeth Smith a resident of said County who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That she is the widow of Charles Smith who was a private in the war of the Revolution in Colonel Hampton's Regiment of horsemen under Captain Barnett that her husband the said Charles Smith served in said war for the space of 12 months or more. She further declares that she was married to the said Charles Smith on the 12th day of August 1782 that her husband the aforesaid Charles Smith died on the 28th day of January 1845 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period.

S/ Elizabeth Smith, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me

S/ W. M. Varnum, JP

[Facts in file: The following all the children of Edward G Smith [son of the veteran and his widow] and his wife, Elizabeth [born March 7]:

William G born January 29, 1820

Cynthia Rose Anna born March 29th, 1822

⁵ [Levi Wallace W4528](#)

⁶ [John Stonecypher S16539](#)

I. or J. Rena born October 17, 1824
 John Francis Cali-- born February 19, 1827
 James Madderson [Madison?] born September 8, 1829
 Henry O'Neill born January 3, 1831
 Elizabeth Jain born July 24th, 1834
 Edward Jasper born September 8, 1837
 Martha Sarah Ann born October 18, 1841
 Edward Gillespie, brother of the widow, Elizabeth Smith, was 75 years of age in 1848; the widow survived the American Civil War and filed for the reinstatement of her pension benefit.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$41.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, and ending January 28, 1845 when she died. She was pensioned for his 10 months service as a private in the cavalry of the South Carolina militia.]

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| South Carolina Audited Accounts ⁷ relating to Charles Smith | AA78 |
| Audited Account Microfilm file No. 7112 | |
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The State of South Carolina
 to Charles Smith

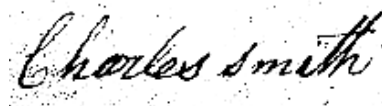
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| To 90 days Actual Duty as Sergeant at 12/6 [12 shillings, six pence old South Carolina currency] | £56.5 |
| or in Sterling | 8.0.8 ½ |

South Carolina Orangeburg District

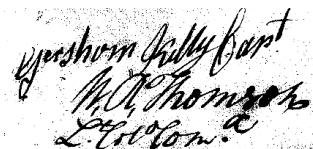
Personally appeared before me Charles Smith & being duly sworn, saith that the above account & some of £8.0.8 ½ Sterling is Just & true & that part of the above Duty was Done part in General Sumter's Brigade & part in General Henderson's & that he the above Charles Smith never Received any part or Satisfaction for the Same

S/ Charles Smith



Sworn to before me
 this 10th day of July 1784
 S/ Malcolm Clarke, JP

Gershom Kelly Capt
 W. R. Thomson
 Lt. Col. Com.^a



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.

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Received 29 June 85 full satisfaction for the within Account in an Indent No. 237 Book T
S/ Chas. Smith

£8.0.8 ½ Stg.

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Gentlemen

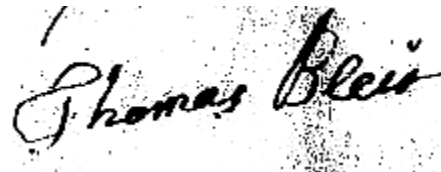
Please to Deliver unto Captain John Mills what Pay May Appear Due to Charles Smith Soldier in
Captain Barnett's Troop of Light Dragoons & his Receipt Shall be a Sufficient Discharge from
Gentlemen Your Humble Servant

Signed & acknowledged before

Me this 9th of September 1785

S/ Jas. Knox, JP

S/ Thomas Blair [?]



These are to Certify that Charles Smith of Colonel Benton's Regiment have served 34 days under
the Command of General Marion October 23rd 1782

S/ Thos. Mitchell

S/ Thos. Ellerbe, Capt.



[p 30: The original of the petition transcribed above from the copy on page 30 of the widow's
pension application.]

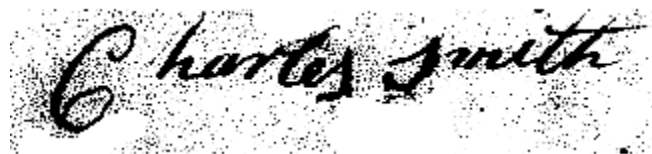
South Carolina Richland District} Before me personally appeared Charles Smith & being sworn,
saith the facts contained in the above Petition are true

Sworn to before me

this 4th day of December 1828

S/ ? Richardson, J. Q.

S/ Charles Smith



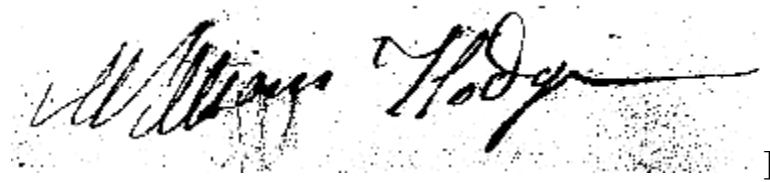
[p 33: The original of William Robbins affidavit dated the 6th day of September 1828 transcribed
above.



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[p 35: The original of Robert Watson's affidavit dated August 11, 1828 transcribed above which he signed with his mark.]

[p 36: The original of William Hodge's affidavit dated November 22, 1827 transcribed above.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Hodge", followed by a long horizontal flourish. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[pp 43- 50 : Receipts beginning March 28, 1829 and ending May 30, 1833 showing an annual distribution to Charles Smith of \$60 as his pension.]

[p 76: Petition dated October 13, 1847 filed by Elizabeth Smith the widow of Charles Smith seeking the arrears of pension due him at the time of his death on January 28, 1845. She signed this petition with her mark.]