## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Buckner Smith W1325 Frances [fn77]
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State of South Carolina, Pickens County

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1829, personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the District of Pickens in South Carolina, Buckner Smith, aged about 72 years and a resident of the district of Pickens who, being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1820 that he, the said Buckner Smith enlisted for the term of three years or during the continuance of the war of the Revolution on the day of in the year 1781 in the State of North Carolina at Hillsborough Court house in the Company commanded by Captain John Clendenin in the regiment commanded by Col. Archibald Little [sic, Lytle] of the Continental establishment and perhaps in the North Carolina line--that he continued to serve in the said Corps until about some time in 1782 or 1783. That he served at least 18 months in actual service under such enlistment, after which time he was discharged from the service at Orange County in the State of North Carolina--that he was in the battles of Eutaw, Camden, Guilford, Siege of Ninety-Six, that he has lost or mislaid his discharge and that he has no other evidence now in his possession of his said services, except the affidavits of Joshua Thompson and James Payne and, in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, 1820, solemnly swears that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1818, and that he has not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any other manner, disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish his property so as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled, "An Act to Provide for Certain Persons Engaged in the Land and Naval Services of the United States in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, 1818. He has not, nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or other debts due him, nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed by him subscribed: To wit: one cow worth about \$10, two sheep worth about \$3, household furniture worth about \$30, and farming tools \$6. Total: \$49.

S/ Buckner Smith

Sworn to and declared on in open Court the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, 1829, before me. S/ William L. Keith.

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Georgia, Jackson County

Personally appeared before me James Payne and after being duly Sworn Deposeth and saith that Buckner Smith was a Revolutionary Soldier and served under Captain John Clendennon in a company of Infantry. S/ James Payne, X his mark Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1828 S/ Sylvanius Ripley, J. I. C.

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The State of South Carolina, Anderson District

Personally appeared Joshua Thompson before me the subscribing Justice and being sworn in due form of law and on his oath saith that he knew Buckner Smith to be a revolutionary soldier in the time of the revolutionary war and served under Captain John Clendennon in a company of infantry.

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Sworn and subscribed to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 1848. S/ James Douthit, JQ S/ Joshua Thompson

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State of South Carolina, Pickens District

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1832 Personally appeared before the Honorable Richard Gantt in the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas Buckner Smith a resident of the District of Pickens aforesaid aged 83 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was Drafted and entered the service as a Militia man just before Gates defeat at Camden he was in that battle under Captain Thomas Craig of N. C. Colonel Williams and General Caswell and served three months. He was afterwards drafted and served three months under Captain Walker of Col. Young's Regiment of N. C. militia and was at the Battle at Brier Creek in Georgia was also at the battle at Buford's Bridge in N. C. under the same officers. He Enlisted under Captain John Clendenin of Colonel Arch'd Litle's [sic, Archibald Lytle's] Regiment N. C. line and was with General Greene [Nathanael Greene] at the Battle at Guilford, and was also at the Battle of Lindley's Mill, where he was wounded in four places, in his body, head, thigh and hand and has now the scars to witness. He was also at the battle at the Hanging Rock. He is poor and infirm has now no other witness except that Benjamin Grist who was with him about 18 months, the term of his Enlistment was three years or during the war he had served about 18 months when peace was made. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ William L. Keith, Clerk

S/ Buckner Smith, X his mark

[Jacob Lewis, a clergyman, and Joseph Grisham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The State of South Carolina

Personally appeared before me Richard Thurston, one of the Justices assigned to keep the Peace in and for the District of Greenville in the State aforesaid Joshua Thompson of said District a person to me well known – and made Oath, that he the deponent Enlisted and entered the service of the United States under Captain John Clendennon in Orange County in the State of North Carolina. This deponent does well recollect that Buckner Smith was at the time one of the Company that the said Buckner Smith & this deponent did serve out the terms of their Enlistment 18 months, that during their services they were in a Battle at Cane Creek in Orange County under Captain Clendennon, Colonel Mebane's Regiment, General Butler & Col. Mebane were present at the Battle at Cane Creek. The said Buckner Smith was a private soldier of the Company and did his duty faithfully, & was discharged at the Haw fields near Hillsboro N. C. at the expiration of his time of Enlistment. This deponent from age & want of recollection cannot State the precise day month or year but does know that the said Buckner Smith was a faithful Soldier for the 18 months above Stated. And is of opinion he did other Services for the United states than that which he did with him and Captain Clendennon's Company of Infantry.

Sworn to & subscribed this  $21^{st}$  day of May 1833. S/ Joshua Thompson S/ Richard Thurston, JP

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The State of South Carolina, Pickens District

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the Pleas for the District of Pickens and State aforesaid Benjamin Grist of said District a person to me well known who being duly Sworn Deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Buckner Smith of said District during the War of the Revolution. That he does well know that the said Buckner Smith was a private Soldier of Captain Clendennon's Company of Colonel Lytle's afterwards Maban's [sic, Robert Mebane's] Regiment N. C. line and they were in the same mess from January 1782 of July 1782 and this deponent does believe that the said Buckner Smith did Enlist for Three years or during the War they served in the same Company for 18 months and was together in the Battle at Sheader's [?] Mills where the said deponent does know that the said Buckner Smith was a regular Soldier and did his duty faithfully.

Sworn to this 12<sup>th</sup> of June 1833 before me. S/F. N. Garvin, JP

S/ Benjamin Grist, B his mark

[fn p. 14: On April 5, 1853, Frances Smith, 36, filed for a widow's pension stating that she married Buckner in Pickens District; that they were married by John Sharp, Esq. on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 1847; that prior to their marriage, she was Frances Dodd; that Buckner died on the 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> of October 1851.]

[Veteran had a son named Ephraim Smith was filed a power of attorney in 1853]

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Benjamin Grist W1170

[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 Continental line.]