

Smith, Alexander

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General answer, calling A. D. 64. 57

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June 7, 1932

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The evidence in support of your claim under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the assigned notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist which must be removed before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a cross (X). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your

A Statement, showing the Service of Alexander Smith

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Your obedient servant

State of Georgia

Wheeler County. On the 1st day of September 1832,
personally appeared in open Court before me, Walter H. Colquhoun,
Judge of the Superior Court of the county & State aforesaid,
now sitting, Alexander Smith, a resident of Wheeler County
in State of Georgia, aged seventy three (73) years & some
months, his present age not knowing, who first being duly sworn
according to law, with a his oath, make the following declaration,
in and to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed
Jan. 7th 1830. -

1st. That he was born in York County Pennsylvania in the
year 1759, is now seventy three years & some months of age,
he is no recd of his age, from that coming to Georgia in the
year 1776, when he began Revolutionary service in 1776,
his duty of service about settled & continued in service
doing one year constantly, discharged in March 1777 after
building Micks fort Columbia County, was a volunteer private
of Infantry under Captain Pratt, Commander of the station
principally in garrisoning Childers fort Warren County & building
& garrisoning other forts occasionally, & operating & defending
the frontier settlements of the State against the Cherokee
Indians & Tories. -

2d. - In March or thereabouts of the year 1777 moved
to Edgefield situated South of Crivins & in the latter part
of the year 1778, he thinks, entered service as a volunteer private
of Infantry under Major Middleton's company - this was about

Walker as a Volunteer Private of Infantry, George Ewing
Major, Elijah Clark Colonel, & marched with them to the
Siege of a Fort in which he was brought when some
of his men were captured which he thinks took
place sometime in the year 1782 in which General Lee
was the principal Commander on the American side, the
main Siege continued about a month of close attacking,
At the capture he was detached as the head of a party
to bring down & supply up Savannah river to support
the Army at a Siege. The whole of this service lasted
about half a year.

5th After the capture of a Fort was in many short tours of
duty as a Volunteer Private of Infantry during the fighting
of the Siege upon the British Fortifications in the year 1782
& 1783, two of which he recollects as of the greatest moment
& will still. One was in a call for Volunteers for
the month in which he entered & served under Daniel
Gordon Captain, George Barber Lieutenant & in which
he saw a great deal of work, this he thinks was in 1782, he
after this in 1782 or beginning of 1783 was engaged one
month in the Siege of Fort Mifflin on the Delaware River
near Philadelphia during which time he was in a
considerable skirmish or battle with the Cherokee Indians
at Wild Cat Creek, in Clark County Georgia.
He saw various services & was immediately afterwards
the first in a party of Volunteers to be sent to the War.

Whymary service Ft 12^{mo}

2nd 6^{mo}

3rd 1st 6^{mo}

4th 4^{mo}

5th 2nd 25th months in all.

Additionally. - He purchased under a Discharge for that day
serv'd date 13th Decemr 1793 at Fort's station Franklin
County, the being a frontier fort. - He also renders herewith
a Commission as second Lieutenant in the Miller's County
Regiment date 6th April 1791. - The fact he actually
is up to the Commission he acts on it only as a peace
officer, but both are in and as showing corroboratively by
age, military confirmation & respectability of character, &c.
at that day. -

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a Pension or reward
except the present & declares that his name is not on the
pension roll of the Congress of any State. - And that he knows
of no person by whom to prove his services as herewith set
forth, & that he has no original documentary evidence to
present in proof or confirmation of the same, only as herewith
rendering all Revolutionary vouchers which he once had
being long since lost & destroyed.

Given to L. Dubouche the day & year aforesaid.

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Affidavit of Alexander Smith
of Mornoother county, Georgia

George
Mornoother County, 3 Personally appeared before me W.
B. Eaton a Just acting Justice of
the Superior County Court in
for said County Alexander Smith, a resident of said
County & being the identical Alexander Smith, of my
own personal knowledge, who made his original Declara-
tion before the Superior Court of this County on the
19th Sept 1832, & his amended Declaration on the 30th
April 1833, to which this is annexed, who being
first duly sworn according to Law doth depose & say
as follows, further to amend his said Declaration in
order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of 7th
June 1832 as a Revolutionary soldier.

Referred to P. Service states in original Declaration. - When he
in this service, he resided in Columbia County, Georgia. - He being
that he entered service in the town of Walland 1776, where he enlisted
Military private, under State Authority. - He states in the original
that he entered in service one year & six months, he is considering
as he was almost continuously engaged, but observing the small
explanation of the Department & that allowance is only taken

Apogee Capt. Miantola called for fifteen volunteers to
repell Leland. Campbell announced Apogee's intention
one of that fifteen, I was not the British at Spirit Creek
ten miles below Apogee where we waited the attack
of the British troops until the night of the 11th when
at Apogee could have further time allowed them to cross the
river into South Carolina we had some distant firing & heard
a temporary cessation of hostilities. I was then
you will observe here, in saying it was Campbell notice of them
of the British army, the conclusion I believe true. I returned
under Miantola to Apogee, I crossed into South Carolina
immediately following the principal American force I was stationed
at Liberty Hill, South Carolina now called Campbellton, two miles
above Apogee, under Capt. Miantola reinforced by Drury
Paine Harris Major Arthur Hammond John D. Williams & others
where I remained three months watching the British movements
at Apogee, marched there under the same officers last
mentioned to the battle of Stone South Carolina going by
Galphington, then by Orangeburg, then back to Ashley river,
then near Bacon's bridge, then to Charleston having in
custody some British prisoners some deserters & some captured
stragglers, remained there two days, marched them back to
Ashley river then the American Gen. Quaker, marched them
under General Lincoln who was principal commander
who had taken command at Liberty Hill to Stone-ferry
where the battle took place between the American &
British Army in which I fought, it was at the battle
I acted as First Sergeant for the 1st & 2nd regiments to

9. The battle three months. He does not mention who commanded
the British troops in that battle the British were apparently
defeated but were reinforced from James Oglethorpe when we
retreated back to Ashley river, Head Quarters where he
was stationed one week or more, was destroyed then by
Captain Pace without any written discharge in the month
of June, 1779, making that life in this whole service then
six months as set forth in original Declaration. Whilst
in this service I stationed at Liberty Hill he was stationed
I stationed at Peach Bluffs twelve miles below Augusta
with Captain Pace the part of his command for two weeks
as a Corps of Guard & Reconnaissance. I think the
number was then the eighth men I was from there we went
on the march to Stone joining the main army from which I fell
at Galphington. All his service as a Volunteer Militia from the
then months in said capacity.
Reference to Dr. Service is stated in original Declaration. My service
in Columbia county when he entered the service, entered as a Volunteer Militia
of Infantry ^{under} that without independent of Captain Pace at Reading
and Wilkes county, made then to help the Reconnaissance & to the country
near this is the Cherokee station of having during which time for few
days hardly at any thing went to Locusts & Elberts fort on Georgia river
near Elberts camp for two weeks went to rails fort whilst stationed at
Elberts fort I receiving the request ultimately rails fort was two miles
from Elberts fort this was in October 1779, in the march out to the
Oakhatche trail, the track of a band of Cherokee Indians who had
captured some three or four children of a family of the name of Wolf
from Broad river, Wilkes county, near overtook the family
before then they came on their great Canoe when they found
were left burning & a Wild Turkey which they probably leaving
our army had not time to get to the rails fort.

four days -

Referenced by A. Service as State in original Declaration. In the month of July 1821, after service then residing in Milkes county Georgia was a Volunteer Private of Infantry under ^{Milke} that name. His officers as State in original Declaration, on August 1st found them at Augusta in the Siege of Augusta, in which he was fought & continued until the place was captured as State in original Declaration, which Siege & military duty & time which followed, in which he served was six weeks or ^{for} less than a month. After Augusta was taken was discharged there without any written discharge by Capt. Wm. Mather on June 1st 1821. Wm. Mather was his Lieutenant there. ~~He was discharged on one day~~ of Augusta, & marched thru Latowas street.

Reference to 5th Session as State is original Declaration
All other sessions under the office State is original, but the
resided in Miller county Georgia, under the office as State
private of property in same State which is, Chas. Clark
Esq., St. Louis, Mo.

Reference to the service as stated in original. The
times of service of these two troops are differently stated. The last
State should have been first State. They are now in State as
follows. — The entire service then ending in Wilkes County, Georgia
in the month of July 1782, as a Volunteer Force of Infantry under the
Authority, Sergeant James Robert Mann Captain William Strat
Lieutenant John St. Beards. They now landed in Wilkes County, Georgia, where
there were two more what came to Sullivan's Fort on Broad River where
we were stationed during two days protecting the surrounding country
against the Indians. The service returned the same month, returning to the
State County going to the service. The service was discharged without any further
discharge by Capt. Mann at Fort Sullivan.

Patrol service at General's Fort now Wilkes County, Georgia, in
the spring in the summer, for three months as a Volunteer
Infantry under State Authority, General James Captain
George Patton, Lieutenant, at which Fort he continued, & continued
against the Indians & Tories for forty five days within which
time however his company made an expedition against an Indian
party of Creek Indians. Let or near the Broad River now Wilkes
County we made a large Detachment of troops under General
Oliver Clark. — Cunningham Colonel, says now forgotten by
Clark taking command of the whole body at Wild Cat Creek
came in a body of Creek Indians (concerning State Chieftains in my
original) combined by the Indians when we had a battle killing two
Indians one white man by the name of Gills, took two white
men prisoners whom we hung on our return march at the Big
Shoals a Creek river. At Indian company. The service
was performed in June & July 1783. — Marched back through now
Oglethorpe County by from the Big Shoals a Creek river,
was discharged at the Big Shoals by Clark and by General
Clark. — ^{for his capture of} ^{the Indians were}

Hester, &c. being, was dead and a July 1780 without
 any written discharge. The whole being now by the name of
 Long & Lafferty.
 Summary service by this amended Declaration.

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Having in the foregoing detail of service been as near as he
 is able to be, but yet he regrets of the loss of money as he can not
 state precisely how long the amount his declaration by adding the
 following service which he prays may be taken, & that of his affidavit
 personally appeared before me the undersigned, a justice of the Supreme
 Court of Magistrate County State of Georgia Alexander Smith
 who, being duly sworn, deposed & said, that by reason of poverty
 & the consequent loss of money he can not more precisely state the
 precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recol-
 lection, he served out less than the former mentioned period, but
 the following years. For some months to twenty eight days I served
 as a Private. For three months I served as First Sergeant for small
 service I claim a pension.

And the said Alexander Smith further deposed & swore
 that during the time of service set forth in the foregoing original
 & amended Declaration that he served with a regular corps
 called and service by public authority; that during said service
 he was always in the field during

which the service was performed, he was not employed in any other
pursuit. —

And the said Alexander Smith further deposes & says that
when he removed from Milledgeville, Georgia, as stated in his original
Declaration, he settled in Columbus county, upon which is situated his
said original Declaration; he resided in Columbus county, State of Georgia,
(which during the Revolutionary War was a part of Wilkes county, for
forty years & upwards, following the Revolutionary War, removed then
to Wilkes county, State of Georgia, in the year 1823, removed thence to
Franklin county, State of Georgia, in the year 1825, removed thence to his
present residence in the year 1830. — He is known in his present
neighborhood by John Keith, clergyman, & Thomas Ware
who have both testified in his original Declaration, to his
character for veracity, & their belief in his services as a soldier
of the Revolution; besides this he is known by his
neighbors to David Keith one of the justices of the Inferior
or County Court, & Levi M. Adams clerk of the Superior
or Circuit Court for this county. —

Given by & subscribed before me this 19th day of
September 1833. —

W. B. DeLoach, J.C. Alex^d Smith

I, Levi M. Adams, clerk of the Superior
Court of Milledgeville county, State of Georgia, do hereby
certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings
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The time the British Colonel Brown first took Savannah
& Oglethorpe & during this service was engaged in a skirmish at
Spirit creek 60 miles below Oglethorpe, harassing Brown's
return in a notice he made in Burke's paper, after this
retreat across the Savannah river into South Carolina
& entered service in the same capacity under Captain
Drury Price. Lt. Col. Hammond colonel made him
in 1780. It is the battle of Stono, South Carolina,
where he acted as first lieutenant. General Lincoln
commanded the Americans at the battle of Stono,
was defeated there by Captain Price, who he thought
was in the year 1779. The service was monthly, an
actual service.

3d. - Oglethorpe returned to Georgia in 1780, about the year 1780 he thinks, - entered service as a volunteer
private of Infantry under Captain Royal Black, 1st
Drury Colonel, this sometime in the year 1780, - went
on a campaign against the Cherokee Indians & was then
assigned the posts on the frontier settlements. - After this
time for a year or more Georgia was almost entirely
given up to the Tories & Indians & he took spirit &
was kept down by the rule of the British etc. he
until the American victory in the South drove the
patriots to embark & escape to Oglethorpe.

4th. In 1781 he removed to Wilkes county & more
active service.