

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Smith R5499

Nancy Irvin¹

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State of Alabama Macon County

On this 22nd day of October 1855 personally appeared before me Lewis Alexander Judge of the Probate Court of the County of Macon and State aforesaid, the same being a court of record, Nancy Irvin a resident of the County of Macon and State of Alabama, aged ninety years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed on the 29th day of July 1848, and also for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the Act approved March 3rd, 1855, that she was married to one William Smith, in Moore County and State of North Carolina, by one John McIntosh, a justice of the peace that her name previously to such marriage was Nancy Bryan, that she kept no family record and for the want of education, is wholly unable to say anything about the time of such marriage, that after such marriage, said William Smith enlisted in Fayetteville in the State of North Carolina as a private in the revolutionary war with Great Britain but cannot tell what year said enlistment was made, having never been able to obtain any documentary evidence, and having no education, as before stated cannot tell anything about the time of such enlistment; that subsequently to such enlistment, said William Smith marched in the company commanded by Captain Boot, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Hawkins, from the place of enlistment, through the State of South Carolina to Fort Garrison in the State of Georgia, and from thence he marched to Fort Shother, where he either died or was killed, she never could learn which, does not know who served with him in the Army.

She further states that she was afterwards married to one William Irvin, in Jones County in the State of Georgia by one William Radcliff a justice of the peace, but Irvin kept no family records, and for the want of education cannot tell what year they were married in; that she frequently heard said William Irvin say that he enlisted in the State of Pennsylvania, and served in said Revolutionary war with Great Britain under General Washington and showed many scars which he said were from wounds which he (the said William Irvin) received in battles, she never saw any documentary evidence of such service, she therefore has no knowledge of the time of his enlistment, in fact knows nothing about such service more than what she has frequently heard

¹ Former widow. A note on the cover sheet of this file reads as follows: "This widow's second husband William Irvin also served in the Revolutionary War. See papers within."

him say. She does not know what year Irvin died in, but from the recollection of some of the family she supposes he died sometime between the year 1810 in the year 1815.

She further states that she has never married since the death of William Irvin, her last husband, that she is now a widow, and that she has never before made application for a pension nor for Bounty Land.

She further states the reason for not having made application heretofore was, that she was entirely ignorant of the law and her right; that persons for a number of years past, have told her that she was entitled to pension, but after hearing her statements, and professing to make some examination, told her afterwards that she could not get anything because she could not make the necessary proof.

S/ Thomas Baber [?]

S/ Mark Killingsworth

S/ Nancy Irvin, X her mark

[Robert Smith (relationship, if any, to the original veteran, not stated) gave a supporting affidavit in Macon County largely repeating the same statements has made by the widow and without saying that he personally served with either William Smith or William Irvin.]