

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Smith R9696

Betty

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State of South Carolina Greenville District: Personally appeared Henry Smith before me in the court of ordinary for the District & in the State aforesaid & being duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension in right of his mother, Betty Smith late of the district & State aforesaid now deceased under the act of Congress passed in the year of our Lord __giving pensions to the widows of Revolutionary Soldiers to which he is entitled as her representative together with his sisters Mrs. Mary Jenkins & Mrs. Ann Butler her only surviving children.

That the said Betty Smith was at the time of her death the widow of Henry Smith a Revolutionary Soldier who died in Orangeburg district South Carolina on the __day of October 1790 as this deponent is informed & believes & as will appear by reference to evidence herewith furnished. That said Betty Smith having removed some eighteen years after her husband's death to Greenville district there died on the 13 May 1843 having never married after the death of her said husband Henry Smith, being aged at the time of her death eighty-three years wanting about five months. That said Henry Smith & Betty Smith were married according to the family record on the 10th of October 1782 which appears to have been before the Expiration of his last term of service in the revolutionary war.

This Deponent further states that his said father Henry Smith served a period of two years & 8 months as a private soldier in the militia during the war of the Revolution & 10 months of that time as a Dragoon according to the evidence of said service in the State of South Carolina which is furnished by the record proof submitted with this declaration & which corresponds with the tradition & reputation connected with the said Henry Smith.

That the only children of the marriage of said Henry Smith & Betty Smith now surviving on this Deponent Henry Smith the youngest child who was born 2 months after his father's death, & Two Sisters of his Mary Jenkins widow of Owen Jenkins now living in Greenville district aforesaid & Mrs. Ann Butler widow of James Butler when last heard from living in Randolph County in the State of Georgia.

S/ Henry Smith



Sworn to & subscribed before made this the 26 July 1855 as witness my hand & seal of office
S/ Robert McKay, O. G. D. [ordinary Greenville District] [seal]

"Henry Smith was born by the grace of God July the 18th day 1757 and married October the 10th day 1782

Mary Smith daughter of Henry Smith and Betty his wife was born August the 30th 1783

Ann Smith was born June the 18th 1786

Henry Smith son of the aforesaid was born December 13th 1790

[fn p. 12: Certificate dated April 24, 1858 from the South Carolina Comptroller listing payments made to a Henry Smith as follows December the 7th 1778 to 56 days duty at 10 shillings per day
March the 3rd 1779 to 23 days duty at 10 shillings per day

April the 10th 1781 to 210 days duty at 10 shillings per day

February 8 1782 to 264 days duty at 10 shillings per day certified by Anderson Thomas Captain
the records show that Henry Smith applied for payment for his services on June 15, 1784 and
was actually paid with interest on June 29, 1785.]