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Pension Application of Robert Smith R9697

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State of Tennessee }

Campbell County } SS

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1843 personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace for said County and state aforesaid Mr [sic] Blessing Smith a resident of said County aged Eighty eight years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 4<sup>th</sup> 1836 and the Joint Resolution of July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 That she is the widow of Robert Smith who was a private in the Regular service of the United States being in the War of the Revolution That he enlisted in the County of Batatort [sic: Botetourt] in the State of Virginia for during the war under Captain Samual Gill [probably Samuel Gill] as she thinks of this she is not positive but well knows he marched to the South and was under the Command of Gin Green [sic: Gen. Nathanael Greene, commander of the Southern Department beginning 3 Dec 1780] and served to the close of the war and that her husband the aforesaid Robert Smith entered the service in the year 1779 and the marriage took place in the fall of Seventeen hundred and seventy eight That her husband the aforesaid Robert Smith departed this life 9<sup>th</sup> day of December Seventeen hundred and Eighty six and she has remained a widow ever since Blessing herXmark Smith [On 7 Nov 1843 Mrs. Jane Hudson, 75, deposed that she had been at the wedding of Robert and Blessing Smith, and that she "heard Robert Smith say that he was under Gen Green in the Southern Campaign and that he was at the battle at York at the taking of Cornwallace" (sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781).]

NOTE: On 13 Nov 1852 Sarah Shoopman of Jacksboro in Campbell County TN claimed to be the lawful heir of Robert Smith and assigned power of attorney to obtain benefits for his service.