

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Smith R9701.5

Celia

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The State of Alabama Tallapoosa County: SS

On this the fifteenth day of July A.D. 1843, Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County and State aforesaid Mrs. Celia Smith, aged ninety-eight years, who being by me duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed the 4th day of July 1836.

That she is the widow of William Smith who was a Captain in the revolutionary war, said Captain Smith commanded a mounted Indian Spy company, that said captains Smith served as Captain of said company in the States of South Carolina and Georgia, he was at the siege of Augusta and Savannah in the State of Georgia and at Charleston in the State of South Carolina, Captain Smith had a great many skirmishes with both Indians and Tories, but from the advanced age of Declarant the particulars are not now recollected, Captain Smith built several forts in the State of Georgia one Wilkes County called Smith's Ford one on the Ogeechee [River], the name of which is not now recollected, Captain Smith's common business was to guard the frontiers of Georgia, Captain Smith served from the commencement to the close of the Revolutionary war as Captain of and Indians Spy Company, Captain Smith was commissioned, but by whom Declarant does not know, he was discharged after the close of the war, but by whom or where Declarant does not know, the Commission and discharge all both lost so that Declarant cannot find them. She further declares that she was married to the said Smith at least two years before the commencement of the Revolutionary war, but on what day or year she does not recollect. She was married in Cumberland County in the State of North Carolina. That her husband the said Captain Smith died on the 27th day of November 1824 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by the proof hereunto annexed, and that her name is not on the agency of any state in the United States, that this is the first and only application ever made either by her or her said husband for a pension or other benefit from the government of the United States, or any State Darien, and that she hereby relinquishes all claim or claims to a pension, but to the one now applied for, and that she has no documentary evidence of any kind, or knows of none to offer to sustain this Declaration.

S/ Celia Smith, X her mark

Sworn and subscribed to on the day and year above written, before me a Justice of the peace for the County and I further certify that the said Mrs. Celia Smith is from bodily infirmity unable to attend Court, and that said Celia Smith is of great character and stands fair as a lady of truth – In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the 15th day of July A.D. 1843

S/ William Cox, JP

[fn p. 3: Esther McBurnett, 94, a resident of Tallapoosa County Alabama, gave testimony that she saw Celia Smith and her husband Captain William Smith married about 2 years prior to the commencement of the revolutionary war in Cumberland County in the state of North Carolina; she also repeats the widow's statements regarding the services of the widow's husband in the war.]

[fn p. 10: On July 15, 1843 in Tallapoosa County Alabama, Ruth Buce, 68, a resident of said County and state gave proof that she is the daughter of Captain William Smith and his wife Celia Smith; that her parents had 4 children older than herself to wit "Mary who if living would be 75; Nicholas, who is dead, who if living would be 74; Thomas is now living or if he is dead I have not heard of it is in his 73rd year; Rachel is now in her 71st year. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[fn p. 36: Certificate dated March 10, 1846 from the South Carolina Comptroller General listing payments made to "William Smith" including the following, 96 days as a private in the militia paid to a William Smith Junior; payments to a William Smith a private in N. Martin's troop, Polk's Regiment Sumpters brigade of state Troops; payments to a William Smith for service as a private and Lieutenant in the year 1781 and 1782 (74 days as a private 52 days as Lieutenant); payments to a William Smith for 125 days duty as a private in the militia in 1781; payment to reimburse William Smith for a horse lost it in 1780 while serving under the command of Colonel Thomas; payments to a William Smith Captain of Ninety Six district under command of Colonel Thomas Junior; payments to a William Smith of Ninety Six district for duty as a Major from 16 August to 19 November 1780 under the command of General Sumter; payments to that same William Smith for service as adjutant from 15 July to 26 August 1782.]

[fn p. 8: On June \_\_, 1852 in Tallapoosa County Alabama, Elijah Jordan, filed testimony and a power of attorney in which she represents that he is the administrator of the estate of Mrs. Celia Smith widow of William Smith late of the County of Munroe, Alabama; that Mrs. Celia Smith died October 20, 1849 having applied for a pension but not having received same; that Mrs. Smith died leaving 5 children to wit James Smith who now resides in Texas, Thomas Smith of Pike County, Alabama; Sarah McBurnett, Celia Jourdan [Celia Jordan] and Ruth Buce, all of Tallapoosa County Alabama.]