

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Elisha Smith R9723

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State of South Carolina } On this 2[?] Day of April 1846 personally appeared  
Spartenburgh [sic: Spartanburg] District } before the Court of Ordinary for Spartenburgh District,  
South Carolina now sitting for the Dispatch of public business Elizabeth Smith a resident of Spartenburgh  
District South Carolina, aged 86 years, who being first 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 4<sup>th</sup> 1836 or 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838 and 3<sup>d</sup>. March 1843 & 17<sup>th</sup> June 1844, granting pensions to certain  
widows: that she is the widow of Elisha Smith who was a private in the Virginia Cont[inenta]l line or  
State Troops, in the war of the Revolution that he resided in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County in the state  
of Virginia when he entered the service that he entered the service first tower about the year 1774 the  
length or term of service not known, neither the name of his officers, but his second term or tower of  
service was in the year 1776. he inlisted for twelve months and was in Capt. Bluffard's [sic: Abraham  
Buford's] Company in Col. Steavens [sic: Edward Stevens's] Redgment [Culpeper District Battalion]. that  
he served his twelve months and was pressed to stay two months and did state two months, which made  
fourteen months he served that tower, and that he was afterwards cauld out about the year 1781. the lenth  
of this last tower not known. She further declares that she was married to the said Elisha Smith sumtime  
in the month of May 1780, and that her husband the aforesaid Elisha Smith died on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March  
1832. That she was married to him prior to his last tower of service, for this declarent well recollects Her  
privations while her husband the aforesaid Elisha smith was in the service after they was married – which  
marriage took place at the time above stated. Elizabeth herXmark Smith

NOTES:

A letter in the file quotes James Smith, son of Elisha Smith, as saying that his father served in the company of "Capt Jamison." This would have been James Jameson of the Culpeper District Battalion.

Jesse Cannon deposed that Elisha Smith's last term of service encompassed the time of the surrender of Cornwallis on 19 Oct 1781, and that during that tour he was called on to summon the midwife for the birth of Elisha Smith's child. James Smith presented as evidence a family record written by his uncle, John Smith, and transcribed as follows:

The age of two oldest Children in my bibel Mary was born June the 1<sup>st</sup> 1781 and John in April 12<sup>th</sup> 1783