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Pension Application of John Smith R9727

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State of North Carolina } SS

County of Stokes } on this 2nd day of February 1849 personally appeared before me Charles Banner a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Stokes aforesaid Elizabeth Smith a resident of Medows district in the County aforesaid and State aforesaid aged one hundred & four years in May last, 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 the 4th 1836. that she is the widow of John Smith who was a private enlisted soldier in the army of the United States in time of the Revolutionary War and served under the following named officers as she has just reason to believe from the history he gave of his service. that in the Beginning of the Revolutionary War her husband the said John Smith entered the Service in the County of Spotsylvania County in Virginia under a Captain White Cotton [Whitecotton?] & a Lieutenant named Lew or Lue and served six months or more, she cannot recollect exactly she thinks under General Lee or a Colo. Lee [Gen. Charles Lee] and said he fought in the Battle of Bunker hill [see endnote] & then return'd. home under a furlow in which time this appliant whose maiden name was Elizabeth Johnson intermarried to the said John Smith in Spotsylvania County Virginia the 6th day of May she thinks in 1776 by the Rev'd. Stephenton & thinks the marriage licence bond can be found in the Records of the County of Spotsylvania, and after her marriage as aforesaid her husband the said John Smith return'd into the Service and remained in Service six months or one year she does not recollect exactly but he said he was in the Battles of White plains [28 Oct 1776] and Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and shortly afterwards became a cripple by accident and was discharged & sent home to her in said Spotsylvania County where he and this appliant remained together in union as man & wife for about eight years then removed to Hallifax [sic: Halifax] County in Virginia and lived together in that County untill Feb'y. 1817 when her husband died. their marriage took place at the time first above mentioned and during the time they lived in union together as man and wife she this appliant had born of her body Eighteen Children named as follows (towit) Mary aged 71 years, William 69 years dead – John 67 – Langly 65 – Jeremiah 63 – Nancy 61 – James 58 – Solomon 54 – Sally 51 – Joseph 48 – Elizabeth 46 & Barshaba 42 [see end note] years old the other six was born dead & not named – that her husband the aforesaid John Smith did in Hallifax County in Virginia in Feb'y. 1817 But has no family Record. And that she was a Widow on the 4th of July 1836 and still remains a widow as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed

And from bodily infirmity is not able to travel to court to make her declaration as aforesaid the truth of which I am fully satisfied –

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year first above mentioned at her place of residence in the County of Stokes aforesaid at her sons house where she came to from Hallifax about two months past before me

Elizabeth herXmark Smith

[Certified by Solomon Smith.]

NOTES:

Virginia troops were not engaged at the Battle of Bunker Hill on 17 June 1775.

If Elizabeth Smith was indeed 104 years old and had a child aged 42, she would have been an unlikely 62 years old at the time it was born.