

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Eli (Ali or Aly) Smith R9751                      Jane                      fn20VA  
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### **A list of children born to Eli smith and Jane his wife**

Ericas born on 11<sup>th</sup> of September 1784  
Patrick born on 4<sup>th</sup> 1786  
William born the 25<sup>th</sup> October 1788  
Eli born the 27<sup>th</sup> January 1791  
James born the 9<sup>th</sup> February 1793  
Elizabeth H {?} 23rd September 1798  
Nancy born November the 8<sup>th</sup> 1799  
Ali Smith was born May 29<sup>th</sup> 1814

In order to obtain the benefit of the third section of the act of Congress of the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836 and the joint resolution July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838  
State of Tennessee,  
Campbell County

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 1843, personally appeared in open court before the worshipful county court Mrs Jane Smith a resident of said county and state foresaid 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 July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836 and the joint resolution of July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 that she is the seventy eighth year of her age and is the widow of Aly <sup>(Eli)</sup> Smith who was a private and Indian spy in the Virginia militia in the war of the revolution of that he entered the service in the year of 1778 to 1779 and served at different times of the following named officers viz. Col Campbell Captain Scott and Captain Thompson she further declares that her husband the afore said Aly Smith entered the service at the above stated time and continued to act as a spy and then military duty up to the close of the war of the revolution and that her husband was drafted in the same expedition that the battle of the Kings mountain was fought but being apprehensive of Indian hostility he was sent back to gard [guard] the frontier she further declares that the services performed by her husband the aforesaid Aly Smith both before and after the marriage exceeded three years in the War of the Revolution and owing to the laps [lapse] of time she cannot arrange the officers or the drafts as they were performed but as to the three years' service she is positive one half of the time as a spy as the other part of the time guarding forts she further declares that she was married to the sd [said] Aly Smith on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Aprile [April] 1783 and her husband before said Aly Smith died on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April eighteen hundred and thirty six and she has remained a widow ever since.

her  
Jane X. Smith  
mark

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1843 entitled and act granting one years pay and pension to certain widows

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State of Tennessee Campbell County }SS On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 1843 personally appeared on open court, now sitting Jane Smith a resident of said county and state afore said aged 87 years and after being duly according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the prevision made by the act of Congress passed March 3r 1843 granting one years pay and pension to certain widows for particulars she refers to the above declaration that she was married to her husband the aforesaid Aly Smith in the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 1783 and her husband the afore said Aly Smith died on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 1836 and she has remained a widow ever since

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Supplemental materials added by Will Graves

State of Tennessee Campbell County: SS

On this 10th day of November 1843 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County Mr. Richard Crabtree a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged seventy-eight years and after being duly sworn according to law doth make the following affidavit. That he is well acquainted with Mrs. Jane Smith who resides in the County and was well acquainted with her husband Aly Smith up to the time of his death which took place in April 1836. That he knew them to live together as man and wife for some time before the close of the war of the Revolution up to the time of his Aly Smith's death and knew the said Aly Smith to be a soldier and Indian Spy in the Virginia militia under Captain Campbell Captain Scott and Captain Thompson. Affiant further swears that the services rendered by Aly Smith was full three years under the above named Officers the greater part of the time as a spy and was considered a good spy and woodsman. Affiant further swears that he is at this time receiving a pension of [indecipherable amount] for services rendered at the same time that the aforesaid Aly Smith was in service and the aforesaid Aly Smith was much longer in the service than Affiant.

S/ Allen McDonald, JP

S/ Richard Crabtree,<sup>2</sup> X his mark

State of Tennessee Campbell County: SS

On this 4th day of November 1843 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County Mrs. Rachel Hatfield a of said County in the eighty fourth year of her age and after being duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration that she was well acquainted with Aly Smith Deceased and his wife Jene Smith at this time a resident of this County and being well acquainted and present when Aly Smith and Jene Denna was joined in wedlock by a Mr. Simon Cockerl [sic, Cockerel?] Esquire on the 8th day of April 1783 the aforesaid Rachel Hatfield further states that she well knows that the above named Aly Smith was in the service of the revolution anywhere [from] 5 or 6 years off and on some 2 or 3 years as an Indian spy.

S/ Rachel Hatfield, X her mark

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<sup>2</sup> I could not find a veteran by this name who was granted a pension by the Federal Government for services rendered as described by this affiant. It is possible he was a pensioner under the Virginia state statutes. There was a pensioner by the name of [Richard Crabtree W8642](#) but his services do not match those claimed by this affiant.