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Pension Application of Jesse Smith R9789

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The petition of Jesse Smith, a soldier of the Continental line, for bounty land.

The only proof which has been offered in support of this claim is the certificate of Lieut. Col. Wm Washington [William Washington] (that is to say a certified copy of it, from the War Department of the United States) and his discharge of this soldier.

Lieut. Colo. Washington has certified that Jesse Smith served faithfully three years as a soldier in the third regiment of Light Dragoons being the full time for which he engaged; & was discharged from the said Regiment on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 1779.

I report Jesse Smith entitled to bounty Land for a service of three years as a soldier of the continental line.

Respectfully submitted

To his Excellency Gov'r. Tazewell

John H. Smith Com'r. &c. June 24<sup>th</sup> 1834

This is to certify that Jesse Smith has served three years as a faithful soldier in the third Regiment of Light Dragoons in the service of the United States being the full time for which he engaged, and is hereby discharged from the s'd. Reg't. (signed) W Washington Lt. Col. L. D.

Philad'a. Dec'r. 13. 1779  
of Lincoln.

State of Virginia County of Henrico SS

On this 23 day of January 1855 before me R. S. Glazebrook a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Mrs. Lucy Smith a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed February the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853. That she is the widow of Jesse Smith deceased who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War from Virginia but as she was married to him some twenty years after the close of the war she cannot speak definitely as to the duration of his several tours of service during said war nor of any of his Officers except those whose names were familiar from circumstances which were calculated to make an impression on her mind. she has conversed with her dec'd. husband frequently on the subject of his service and heard him converse with others also and her impression is that the said Jesse Smith entered the service at an early period of the war and went somewhere to the North where he served a tour of some two or three years and that after he had served his time fully out on that occasion and was honorably discharged returned home to Virginia and about the year 1780 was drafted to go to the South but that he employed a substitute and did not go in which she is confirmed by a paper in her possession that again before the war closed probably in 1781 or 82 he entered the service under Capt Saml Price who was attached to Col Southalls [possibly Turner Southall's] regiment but commanded by Major Dick, this was the militia service. That Capt Saml Price died soon after and the Captaincy was offered to her husband the said Smith he having been some time in service & considered well informed in military matters that he refused it however as Barret Price a member of the company was the Brother of Capt. Saml Price and every way qualified for the station, that said Barret Price was made Captain of said Company and her husband was promoted but what office he held she does not know she thinks before the war was closed her said husband filled some important office under Col. Southall and that he was honorably discharged. That she was married to said Jesse Smith in the county of Henrico State of Virginia by Parson Blair of Richmond City on the last day of March or Ap'l. Eighteen hundred and five, and that he died in said Henrico on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1821 in the 81<sup>st</sup> year of his age and that her name before her

marriage to him was Lucy Cocke and that she has not married since the death of said Jesse Smith but is still a widow.

[signed] Lucy Smith

Manchester July 17 1780

This may Certify that Jessey Smith brought me an able boddyed man to take his place in the Militia from Henrico County to go to the Suthard

Obd. Smith Capt. T.C. [Obediah Smith]