

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jeremiah Smith R9794

Margaret

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State of Tennessee Coffee County: On this 25th of April in the year 1838 personally appeared before me James Wilkinson one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Margaret Smith a resident of the County of Coffee and State of Tennessee aged eighty-four year who 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 Congress passed July the 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Jeremiah Smith who was a Private Soldier in the North Carolina line under the Command of Captain Allens-~~Company~~ of the 2nd Regiment. He enlisted in the year 1777 for during the war and was regularly discharged 30th January 1780. She further declares that she was married to the said Jeremiah Smith on the 31st day of March 1771. That her husband the aforesaid Jeremiah Smith died on the \_\_ day of September 1823 and that she has remained a widow ever since that Period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and year above written.

S/ Margaret Smith, X her Mark

[fn p. 55]

State of North Carolina Lincoln County: On this 17th day of June 1838 personally appeared before me R. M. Alexander an acting Justice of the peace for & in said County Captain Samuel Caldwell<sup>1</sup> aged eighty years, who is a resident of Lincoln County and who is a Pensioner of the United States, and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with Jeremiah Smith & Margaret his wife and that they were married on \_\_ day of March 1771. This affiant was present and saw them legally married. Sworn to & subscribed before me the date & date above.

S/ Saml Caldwell



[fn p. 58: On June 18, 1838 in Lincoln County North Carolina, Lawson Henderson, 66, testified

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<sup>1</sup> [Samuel Caldwell W528](#)

that he was well acquainted with Jeremiah Smith and his wife Margaret sometime between the year 1776 and 1782; "at which time they were living on the plantation belonging to the father of this affiant on the South side of the South fork of the Catawba River in the County aforesaid [Lincoln] and at which time the said Jeremiah Smith followed the trade of a Blacksmith..."; That he understood that Jeremiah Smith had served in the revolution and that Jeremiah Smith married a woman by the name of Caldwell who was a distant relative of his father.]

[fn p. 22: On September 14, 1853 in Grundy County, Tennessee, John Smith, 87, gave testimony in Grundy County Tennessee that he well remembers the revolutionary war; that he was raised in the state of North Carolina; that he lived with the family of Jeremiah Smith during the time that Jeremiah Smith served in the Continental line of the state of North Carolina for at least 18 months; and that Margaret Smith who died in Grundy County was the wife and widow of Jeremiah Smith and that when she died she were survived only by James Smith as her only surviving child and heir at law. The relationship, if any, of John Smith the affiant to Jeremiah Smith the veteran, is not stated.]

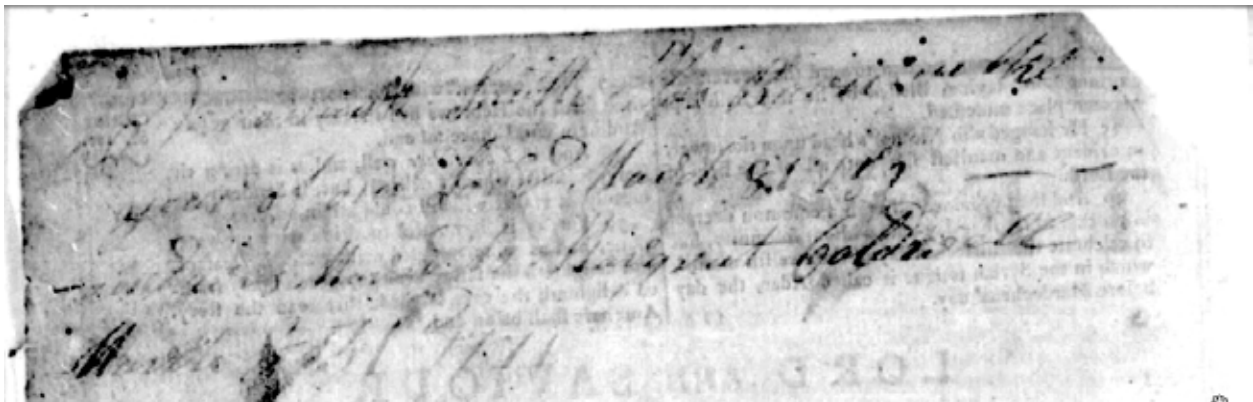
[fn p. 24: On September 14th, 1853 in Grundy County Tennessee, Susannah Smith, 84, gave testimony that she was raised in North Carolina; that she knew Jeremiah Smith and his wife;; that Jeremiah Smith "married a relative of hers" and had a child by the name of James; that Margaret Smith the widow of Jeremiah Smith died leaving James Smith as her only child and surviving heir at law.]

[fn p. 27: On May 29th 1851 in Sumner County Tennessee, John Patterson, 85, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Jeremiah Smith or Jerry Smith as he was sometimes called during the time of the Revolutionary War; that he lived in Lincoln County North Carolina and married Margaret Calwell [sic, Margaret Caldwell?]; That Jeremiah Smith served part of his service under Colonel Hal Dixon and General Greene.

S/ John Patterson Senior

*and in the Continental Army*  
*John Patterson Sr*

[fn p. 49: What appears to be a Bible record entry which is very faint and appears to read as follows: "Jeremiah Smith was born in the year of our Lord March 8 1752 and was married to Margaret Coldwell March 31 1771."



[fn p. 53]

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears by the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Jeremiah Smith a private Soldier in said line enlisted in Captain Allen's Company of the 2nd Regiment in the year 1777 for the War and was discharged 30th January 1780. That one other Jeremiah Smith, (or the same one) enlisted in said line on the first of January 1782, in Captain Jones's Company of the 10th Regiment for 12 months and died the 14th day of September 1782. Given under my hand this 19th day of January 1838.

S/ Wm Hill

[fn p. 3: On July 21st, 1852 in Grundy County Tennessee, James Smith filed a claim stating that he is the son of Jeremiah Smith and Margaret Smith; that his father died about the year 1823 leaving his mother Margaret as his widow; that he, affiant, is 63 years old passed and the 8th child of Jeremiah and Margaret Smith; that if there oldest child were still alive she would be at least 75 years of age; that his mother Margaret Smith died on the 25th day of November 1845 leaving affiant as her only heir at law.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish above the letter 'i' in "James".

[fn p. 16: The printed list of 1852 gives cause of suspension as follows: "For proof of identity that the soldier in Secretary Hill's certificate was the husband of claimant, and proof of marriage."]