

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Smith R9795

Margaret

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South Carolina Williamsburgh District: SS: On this 9th Day of April 1846 personally appeared before me William B Graves a Magistrate in and for the district of Williamsburgh Mrs. Margaret Smith a resident of Williamsburgh District in the State of South Carolina Margaret Smith aged eighty-seven years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Thomas Smith who was a soldier in the militia in the revolutionary War, that he enlisted and held the office of Sergeant as she was always informed by him and others, that he as she always understood fall in several Battles and got wounded in the thigh and was once taken by the British at Charleston and confined in prison for some time. She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Smith in January 1783 and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of said Thomas Smith her said Husband as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed & that he died sometime in 1819.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me

S/ W. B. Graves, Magistrate

S/ Margaret Smith, X her mark

South Carolina Williamsburgh District: Be it known that on this 8th day of April 1846 before me W. B. Graves Magistrate in and for the district of Williamsburgh personally appeared Archibald Campbell¹ a resident of the same district aged eighty-four years who on oath states that he was a Soldier of the revolution and is now a pensioner on the rolls of the State of North Carolina at the rate of \$60 per annum that he was well acquainted with Thomas Smith the Husband of Margaret Smith of the district & State aforesaid and served in the revolution with the said Thomas Smith at least 3 years. They were both under Captain John McCauley who commanded a Militia Company in South Carolina. The affiant thinks that the said Thomas Smith was in the service when he joined the Company which was about 6 months after Lord Cornwallis crossed the Santee at Leneud's ferry. They remained in service together off and on another times Came [???] in until the close of the war from 4 to 5 years – affiant may not be accurate as to the precise time but he cannot be mistaken in stating that said Thomas Smith served more than two years. Some of the officers' names under whom we served were Captain John McCauley, first Lieutenant John Dickson, 2nd Lieutenant William Skillen who were all under General Marion the said Thomas Smith has been dead at least fifteen years his widow Margaret Smith is still living & has never married since his death.

S/ Archibald Campbell

¹ [Archibald Campbell R1622](#)

Archibald Campbell

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year above mentioned before me. And I do further certify that said Archibald Campbell is a very respectable and credible witness.

S/ W. B. Graves, Magistrate