

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Smith R9833

Rachel

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State of Kentucky Cumberland County Sct:

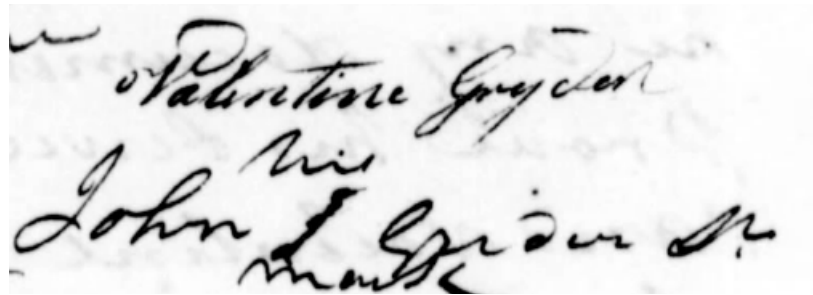
On this 12th day of December 1832 personally appeared before me Francis H Winfrey one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Cumberland aforesaid State of Kentucky Samuel Smith a resident of Cumberland County State of Kentucky age 77 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States of America in the year 1778 in the County of Birk [sic, Burke] State of North Carolina as a volunteer Militia man under Captain Thomas Whitson Lieutenant John Morgan he does not recollect the name of the Ensign he immediately was marched on to Davidson's Station on the frontier of North Carolina where he remained for some considerable time spying and scouting about after the Indians and was after some time sent on to Griders Fort [sic, Crider's or Cryder's Fort] a distance of about 60 miles which he performed similar services he was kept spying, scouting & guarding at and about the forts & frontiers from early in that year until about Christmas he cannot state precisely the length of time he was in service but positively states and charges that it was nine months he thinks it was longer but will not positively charge for more than nine months which time he charges he did serve he further states that he did not volunteer for any particular length of time, his engagement was to serve as long as his officers and the Government would require the object was to guard the frontier, scouting & spy after the Indians & therefore did not turn out for any specific time but has no doubt as he has before stated that he served more than 9 months; and was Honorably discharged by Captain Whitson and returned. He further states that he is now aged and so much afflicted that he cannot attend Court indeed he has been for many months unable to go out of his house without assistance. He states that he was born in Pittsylvania County of Virginia in the year 1755 agreeable to the information of his parents which he believes to be true. He has also a register of his age which he believes truly made which corresponds with the above date. He remained in Virginia until he was 18 or 19 years of age when he moved to North Carolina, Birk County where he remained until about 1802 when he moved to Kentucky Cumberland & settled where he now lives. He further states that he took

no written discharge for his service nor has he any documentary Evidence he can prove his service by John Grider Senior and Valentine Grider whose affidavits he herewith presents annexed hereto. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed before me a Justice of the Peace the day & year aforesaid
S/ F. H. Winfrey, JP
S/ Samuel Smith, X his mark

We Valentine Grider¹ residing in the County of Cumberland and John Grider Senior² residing in the County of Adair do hereby state on oath that we are well acquainted with Samuel Smith who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we knew him in the Revolutionary war. We believe him to be the age he has stated in said declaration and he further state that we know that the said Samuel Smith served as a volunteer under Captain Thomas Whitson in the service of the United States as he has stated in his declaration. That we have no doubt but state most positively that he did serve as he therein states both as to the manner and time sworn to and subscribed the day & year before me.

S/ Valentine Gryder
S/ John Grider, Sr., X his mark

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature reads "Valentine Gryder" and the bottom signature reads "John Grider Sr.". There is a small "X" mark to the right of the bottom signature, indicating a mark for a signature.

[fn p. 12: On February 4th, 1852 in Cumberland County Kentucky, Rachel Smith, 94, filed an affidavit in which she states she is the widow of Samuel Smith, a pensioner at the rate of \$30 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she is filing this affidavit for the purpose of drawing the pension to which he may be entitled under the laws of Congress; that she resides in Cumberland County Kentucky and has for the space of 46 years previous to which time he resided in Adair County Kentucky; that she married her husband in the year 1777.]

[fn p. 15: on July 22, 1852 in Russell County Kentucky, John Grider, Senior, 79, testified that he was well acquainted with Samuel and Rachel Smith in Burke County North Carolina; that they lived together as man and wife and had 2 or 3 children (John, Nancy and Martin) who were of such age and size that he is confident that they must have been married as far back as 1776.]

[fn p. 16: On July 29, 1852 in Russell County Kentucky, William Perryman,³ a revolutionary war pensioner, aged 94, gave testimony that he was a resident of Burke County North Carolina during the early part of his life and lived within a mile of Samuel Smith and his wife Rachel

¹ [Valentine Gryder W11082](#)

² [John Grider W358](#)

³ FPA S31300

(formerly Rachel Grider); that they lived together as man and wife; that he believes they must have been married about the year 1776.]

[fn p. 18: On ___ day of ___ 1852 in Cumberland County Kentucky, Rachel Smith, 95, filed for her widow's pension under the 1836 act stating she is the widow of Samuel Smith; that she married him about the 7th day of August 1776; that her husband died June 4th 1851 and that she remains his widow.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]