

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Thomas Smith R9846

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State of Georgia } S.S

Morgan County }

On this the 12th day of April 1845 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for the County and State aforesaid Mrs. Sally Smith a resident of said County and state aged Eighty nine years past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the third section of the Act of Congress of the 4th July 1836. That she believes she is 89 or ninety years of age That she is the widow of Thomas Smith who was a soldier and served in the War of the Revolution and bore the rank of Lieutenant in Cavalry and Captain of Infantry in the Virginia Malitia That he resided in Henry subsequently [after 1786] Franklin County Virginia and volunteered about the commencement of the War of the Revolution and served a Tour as Lefttenant in a Company of Horse from Henry County that he afterwards was Commissioned a Malitia Captain in said County of Henry in Col [Abram] Penn's Ridgement and by seigniority served Two other Tours as Captain of the malitia drafted and one other Tour as Captain of a company of volunteers She is satisfied that her said husband served in all considerably upwards of two years for which she claims a pension And deponent further declares that her said husband Thomas Smith died on the [blank] day of March Seventeen hundred and Eighty four from home under the care of a Physician at Pittsylvania C H And deponent further declares that she was legally married to the said Thomas Smith in the sixteenth year of her age viz on the sixth day of May Seventeen hundred and Seventy-Two in the County of Pittsylvania or Henry [formed from Pittsylvania in 1777] subsequently Franklin County State of Virginia by a Protestant Clergyman and resided in Henry subsequently Franklin County until the death of her said husband and for the space of 6 or 7 years thereafter and removed from thence to the State of Georgia Green [sic: Greene] County from thence to Morgan County where she has resided for the space of near thirty five years from her best recollection That the leaf hereto annexed purporting to be a family Registry is their Original Family Record in the hand writing of her said husband and contains a true registry of their Childrens ages in the order of their Births and has been in her possession ever since her said husbands death That she has always understood and believes that John Jenkins [pension application W7894] now a resident of Pike County Georgia was acquainted with her said husband during the War of the Revolution and partly in the same services That she has remained a widow ever since the period of her said husbands death all of which will more fully appear by refference to Documentary evidence in her possession and proof hereto annexed.

Sally herXmark Smith

Sworn to and submitted on the day and year first mentioned before me a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for the County of Morgan State of Georgia I further Certify that Mrs Sally Smith the declarant is personally known to me and that from Bodily infirmity she is unable to attend our Court — Also that the leaf hereto annexed purporting to be a family registry is the same refered to by her in the foregoing Declaration and was taken from a Psalm Book in her Possession and hereunto annexed with three wafers by me in her presence In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand officially this the 12th day of April 1845

Wiley hisXmark Harper John H Kilgore Joseph P Pennick JIC Morgan County Georgia
[Betty Smith, 68, and Lucy Harper, 66, certified the following family record of their parents.]
William Smith the son of Thomas Smith and his his wife was born the last day of March in the year 1775

Betty Smith the daughter of Thos Smith and his wife was born Desember the 16th in the year of our Lord 1776

Lucy Smith the daughter of Thos Smith and wife [two illegible words] was born January the [rest illegible]

John Smith the son of Thos Smith & his wife was born May the 2 1781

Bird Smith the son of Thos Smith & wife was Born August the 4 in the year of our Lord 1783

[Reverse side]

~~Colmond Smith the Son of Thomas Smith and his wife was [three illegible words] born the 29 of March 1775~~

Betsy Smith the daughter of William Smith & his wife was born 9th January 1800

State of Georgia } Personally appeared before me Hartford Green a Justice of the Inferior for
Pike County } said County John Jenkins a revolutionary Soldier and Pensioner and after
being duly sworn according to law saith that Sally Smith now a resident of Morgan County is his
Sister and that she was marraid to Thomas Smith by a protestant Clergyman by the name of
Gwillam in Henry County and State of Virginia afterwards Franklin County and farther that he
was present when the marraige took place

And farther that he Thomas Smith the husband of Sally Smith his sister in the Cavalry under
Captain Jesse Herd [Jesse Heard] in Actual servis something like three months but do not relect
[sic: recollect] the exact time said Thomas Smith was a Lieutenant but I cannot recollect how
long he served as Lieutenant but was under Major [George] Waller and Col. Penn who was Col. of
Henry County after this he was Commissioned Captain how long he served I do not relect. the
date of Marraige I do not relect but it was before the ware broke out. Several years

After the ware was ended Thomas Smith went to see a Phisician and Died at William Jenkins in
Pittsylvania County State of Virginia after his death my Sister Sally Smith came to Georgia and
settled in Green County this state and lived for a number years then moved to Morgan and has
lived ever since and is still the widow of Thomas Smith and has never Marraid since the death of
Thomas Smith.

John Jenkins

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 30th day of April 1845

[Thomas Smith's commission. See note below.]

The Commonwealth of VIRGINIA

To Thomas Smith Gentleman, greetings: KNOW YOU that our GOVERNOUR, on
Recommendation for the Court of the County of Henry hath constituted and appointed you
Captain in a Company of Militia in the said County. In Testimony whereof, these our Letters are
sealed, with the Seal of the Commonwealth, and made Patent.

Witness THOMAS JEFFERSON, Esquire, our said Governour, at Richmond, the Tenth Day
of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty: 78.

[signed] Th Jefferson

The state of Virginia to Capt Thomas Smith Da

To pay Due him as Capt in the Melita }

From the Twenty Fifth of April to } 55 Days

The Eighteenth of June }

Pittsylvania Sc

This Day Capt Thos Smith Came Before me a Justice For the said County and made Oath
that the above Acct is Just and that he never rec'd any satisfaction For [two illegible words]

Given under my hand this 18th Day of October 1781. Henry Conway

Henery County 1781

Capt Tomas Smiths pay Rool for a Malatia tower of duty

	days			
Capt Thomas Smith on duty	55	@		
Lieut Nathan Swanson on duty	55	@		
Insig'n. Richard Edmondson on duty	55	@		

[Two fragments of orders:

...House with all your Company

...that. All those Divisions that have

... be Draughted that Day. You

...our Bounds, as well Regulars, as
... S'd. Day to March. Should that
..., and those that did not march
... are no assain to Collect them.

I am S'r
Your humble serv't;
Abraham Penn

Sir

You are hereby stri...
man out of your Company ...
as have not appeared with G...
Rowlands on the 29th instant ...
under command of Capt. Ma...

NOTES:

Thomas Jefferson did not become Governor of Virginia until 1 June 1779, so the "78" in Capt. Thomas Smith's commission may indicate that the commission was made retroactive to that year.

A paper in the file reads: "4 orders signed Abraham Penn Col. dated respectively Feb'y. 4 1779, Aug. 7, 1780, May 16, 1781 and May 26, 1781 and one order signed George Waller, dated Feb'y. 14, 1782. The above papers have been removed from this claim to be forwarded to the War Department. A. E. P. Nov. 7, 1911."

On 31 Aug 1852 Elizabeth Smith, about 75, second child of Sally Smith, made a deposition to obtain her mother's pension for herself and the other children. She stated that her mother died in Morgan County on 26 Sep 1846, leaving besides herself Bird Smith and Lucy Harper as surviving children.

A document dated 16 Aug 1802 in Greene County GA granted William Smith guardianship of Bird Smith, said to have been "possessed in his own right, of a considerable estate."

In the file is a copy of the will of Sally Smith dated Jan 1842 making the following bequests: to daughter Betsey Smith land on which Sally Smith lived and most of her property, including Negroes "Lucinda and her child Ancey, Peter, Suckey and her two Children, Lucinda and Doalin;" to son Bird Smith Negroes "Emely and her increase, which are now in his possession, also Alford and Seaborn;" to daughter Lucy Harper negroes "Robert, Jiney & Doreas;" to the children of William Smith Negroes "Jack & Nancy" and \$300. In addition, she willed that her "negro man Bailey have the privilege of choosing his master, and that he be sold at a fair valuation," with the proceeds of his sale divided among heirs; that her land in Cherokee County be sold and the proceeds equally divided among her children and their heirs. Executors were Bird Smith, Betsey Smith, nephew Greenbury Jenkins