

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Smith W22271

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State of South Carolina } on this 3<sup>d</sup> day of October 1838 personally appeared before  
District of Charleston } the undersigned Mrs Catherine C Smith aged 66 years, and a  
resident of Charleston, who being duly sworn, 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 7 1838  
entitled an "act granting granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the  
widow of Samuel Smith late of the City of Charleston who was a private soldier in the artillery of  
Charleston during the War of the revolution, and served in same under arms two years, to wit,  
he joined said Corps in the year 1777 and served in same until he was captured while under  
arms upon the surrender of Charleston in May [12<sup>th</sup>] 1780. Deponent saith she has heard her  
said husband frequently relate the above account, and it is her belief. Deponent saith she has  
also heard her husband speak of his services at Beaufort, and at other places around Charleston,  
and of his sufferings from exposure while so in the line of his duty. Deponent saith he served at  
the Siege of Charleston, and at the fall of same was made a prisoner while under arms, and  
remained so a prisoner, until he with a number of other faithful Americans were confined "on  
board the Schooner Pack Horse", and upon an exchange of prisoners permitted to proceed to the  
North, where he continued an exile until permitted to return upon the evacuation of Charleston  
by the British [14 Dec 1782], the time of his imprisonment in the City and in the Schooner being  
14 months. (As will appear by reference to the history of the period by Doctor Ramsay [see note  
below].) She further declares she was married to the said Samuel Smith on the 31 December  
1792, as appears by an original entry in her possession, and that, her husband the aforesaid  
Sam'l Smith died on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 1829. That she was not married to him prior to  
his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1 January 1794. Viz at the  
time above stated

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year above } [signed] C C Smith  
written. Judge certifies the Credibility of the affiant }  
Tho. Lee Dist. Judge U States [one or two illegible words]

State of South Carolina } On this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October 1838 personally appeared before the  
District of Charleston } undersigned Mr John Cart aged 76 years a resident of Charleston  
and a revolutionary pensioner [pension application S8139] who being duly Sworn according to  
Law Depose that he was personally acquainted with the late Mr Samuel Smith of Charleston  
dec'd. that he knew him during the War of the Revolution as being engaged upon the American  
side ags't. the British, that he has reason to believe said Sam'l Smith served as a private in the  
Artillery and he has no doubt for 12 months previous to the surrender of Charleston to the  
British, in 1780, when said Sam'l. was made a prisoner and in about 12 months thereafter was  
among those who were imprisoned in vessels lying in the harbour, said Smith being in the  
Schooner Pack horse, from whence he was permitted after some time to proceed to the North  
upon an exchange of Prisoners, (as appears by the relation of Ramsay the historian where said  
Samuel Smiths name is to be found in connexion with this transaction), Dep't. saith that he has  
reason to believe that Mrs. C. C. Smith the widow of s'd Sam'l. was married to him in the year  
1792, that they are both from some of the oldest families in the state, and that, the widow now  
an applicant for a pension is entitled in the opinion of this Dep't. to have her statement received  
with Credit.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above } [signed] John Cart  
written & I also Certify the Credibility of the affiant }

[A similar deposition was made by Joseph Righton, pension application W22074. Job Palmer,  
pension application S21917, deposed similarly and that he had served with Smith in the  
artillery.]

NOTES:

David Ramsay MD wrote a history of South Carolina and a history of the Revolutionary War, but the list is found in neither of them. A handwritten transcription is, however, found in the complete pension application of the widow of Edward Barnwell, W8352.

On 2 Aug 1843 at age 71, on 1 Aug 1848 at age 75, and on 12 Oct 1848 at age 76, Catherine C. Smith applied for pensions under two laws passed in those years. The file includes a copy of the record of the marriage of Samuel Smith and Catherine Caroline Tennent, spinster, of Charleston performed by Rev. Isaac Stockton Keith. In Oct 1838 Mrs. Susanah Brown, 72, deposed in support of her sister's application.