

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Smith W25006

Obedience

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To James E Heath, Esquire Commissioner of Pensions

The Petition of Jackson Smith who respectfully represents that: he is the Son of the late Major David Smith of Hinds County in the State of Mississippi: That his said father was born in the State of North Carolina on the 9th day of October 1753 in Anson County where he continued to reside until the beginning of the Revolutionary War: That at an early period of the War, the exact time it is impossible now to state, he joined the Revolutionary Army as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina State Line and continued to serve as such until the close of the War; That it has always been traditionary in the family that he was engaged in the Battle of Kings Mountain which took place on the 9th day of October 1780 [sic, October 7, 1780], and also at the Siege of Augusta in the following year; That he has found it impossible to obtain the Commission of his Father or any family papers whatever touching his service as before mentioned, that may however be readily accounted for from the fact that his Father's family has, for many years, been scattered through several states of the Union and no family papers whatever have been preserved as far as he has been able to discover; As a proof however, of his Father's Service as above stated, the annexed paper marked (A) is presented, which shows that various payments were made by the State of North Carolina to Lieutenant David Smith, the Father of your Petitioner, for his services as an officer of the Army of the Revolution, amounting in the whole to about two hundred pounds Sterling (specie); That shortly after the close of the Revolutionary War, your Petitioner believes, his said Father removed across the mountains and became a resident of what is now called the Counties of Todd and Logan in the State of Kentucky, having been among the very earliest settlers in that part of the Country: That on the 3rd day of November 1791 he was married to Obedience Fort, of the State of North Carolina who had emigrated to, and then resided in the same neighborhood with your Petitioner's Father: That by said marriage he had ten children born respectfully, as appears from the entry in the Family Bible, now in your Petitioner's possession the is: Sally, John W. N. A.; Benjamin, Josiah C., Ester, Obedience, Piety, Emeline, Jackson, and Shelby: of whom John W. N. A., Benjamin, Obedience, Piety, Emeline, Jackson and Shelby survived their Father: and Piety, Obedience, Jackson and Shelby their Mother; That your Petitioner's Father continued to reside in Todd and Logan Counties, State of Kentucky, until the year 1822, when he removed to Hinds County in the State of Mississippi, where he resided until he died on the 3rd day of December 1835; That your Petitioner's Mother survived her Husband,

and, about the year 1836 left the State of Mississippi with a portion of her family, and settled in Harris County in the State of Texas where she died on the first day of March 1847 as appears from the Record evidence on paper here with annexed marked (B).

That it has only recently occurred to your Petitioner to make application to the Government of the United States for the amount of the Pension due to the Legal Representatives of his Father, to wit; from the 4th day of March 1831 up to the 3rd day of December 1835, the time of the Death of his Father, and also, the amount of the Pension due to your Petitioner's Mother, to wit; from the 4th day of March 1836 until the 4th day of March 1841, and from the 4th day of March 1843 until the first day of March 1847 the date of the death of your Petitioner's Mother.

Your Petitioner makes this application as one of the heirs as above stated, and also as the Administrator of his Father's Estate, of which he was made the Legal Administrator, by the Judge of the County of Washington in the District of Columbia, as will appear by the paper herewith annexed marked (C).

Your Petitioner begs to submit a further evidence of the facts above set forth the accompanying certificates and papers which he has recently obtain from persons well known in this city, the New York Petitioner's Father well during his life. He also submits, as further evidence of the above if it is necessary, the family Bible of his Father, with the various entries therein contained.

S/ Jackson Smith



[fn p. 14: Certificate of the North Carolina Comptroller listing payments made to a David Smith for military services during the revolutionary war. The certificate is dated January 28, 1852.]

[fn p. 15: Death certificate issued in Harris County Texas reflecting the death of Mrs. Obedience Smith late of Houston, and the widow of David Smith late of North Carolina; she died March first, 1847 leaving her surviving the following children: Mrs. Obedience A Runnels; Mrs. Piety L. Hadley; Mr. Shelby Smith; and Mr. Jackson Smith.]

[fn p. 4: family record: **handwriting is challenging and many entries are unclear—don't rely of the accuracy of this transcription**]

Deaths

David Smith died 5th December 1835
Hester Smith died 18th of October 1800
Hester J Crutcher died the 13th of June 1818
J C Smith died 2nd April 1833
Geo. B Crutcher died 4th [?] June 1832
B. F. Smith Died 10th July 1841
Margaret E. Jack died 19th July 1841
Susett G. Smith wife of J. C. Smith 1st Aprl. 1837
J. W. N. S. Smith Jany 1843
Emiline M. Smith 9th Sept. 1844
Runnels Smith March 4th 1845
Robert Waker Smith Nov. 16th 1846

Births

S. L. Smith was born 2nd April 1807
Emeline M. Smith was born ? August 1809
J. W. N. A. Smith was born 14th April 1794
B. F. Smith was born 2nd Jan. 1796
J. C. Smith was born 2nd April 1798
Shelby & Jackson Smith was born 19th May 1802
Hetty C. Crutcher was born 6th June 1818
George C. Fall was born 26th Feb 1837
Phillip H. Fall was born 23rd Sept. 1839
Clinton L. Terry wasw born 1830 Feby 5th
B. J. Smith was born ~~2nd April~~ 1821 11th March
Obedience Fort Fall was born on the 8th January 184?
Julia Emmy Hadley was born 3rd November 18??
H. J. G. Runnels 22 April 18??
D. B. Smith was born on the 23rd of Feb. 1824
A. N. Smith on the 18th of January 1822
J. E. Smith 11th of Apr. 1828
L. ? Smith 11th of Apr. 1826
David Smith born 18 Oct 1841
Joseph Holt Smith born 3d June 1843
Randolph Terry born Feby 1843
Runnels Smith February 27th 1845
Robt. Walker Smith 26 Feby 1846
Louiza D. Smith Oct 7th 1847
Eliza C. Smith 18th Sept. 1839
Ravan Smith Jany. 19th 1843
David Smith was born 9th October 1753 NC
Obedience Fort was born 31st Jan. 1771
L. D. Smith was born 2n Jan. 1793
E. Smith was born ?? May 1800
? J. Smith was born 3rd Feb. 1802
? A. Smith was born 15th Feb 1805

Marriages

Jackson Smith Sarah M. Crosby Feby 4th 1838
James T. Fall & Hedy Crutcher 31st of December 1836
H. G. Runnels to O. A. Smith Aprl. 8th 1823
J. C. Smith ??? Susette G. Johnson 1831
Shelby Smith Caroline C. Johnson 1840
B. F. Ferry to Margt Bingham 12th Oct 1841
David Smith & Obedience Fort was married Nov. 3, 17??