

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Smith W27305

Sally Smith

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State of Georgia Pike County: SS: February 18th 1845 Special Inferior Court

On this 18th day of February 1845 personally appeared before the Honorable the Inferior Court held in and for the County aforesaid the same being a Court of Record Mrs. Salley Smith a resident of said County and State aged seventy-nine years who being duly sworn according to law 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 4, 1836. That she is the widow of Henry Smith who was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution and served in the South Carolina militia as private and Sergeant and in the Continental line and State troops of South Carolina as she has always understood and believes under the following named officers viz. Captain Ross [Isaac Ross], Colonel Middleton [Charles S Myddelton] and Generals Sumter [Thomas Sumter] and Marion [Francis Marion]. That she made the above representation to the Comptroller of South Carolina and procured the Documentary evidence hereto annexed which she refers to for proof of her husband's service as aforesaid with other Certificates of identity hereto annexed. That she is unable to give a narrative of her husband's services as aforesaid but is of opinion that his services were rendered in the State of South Carolina and that prior to her husband removing from said State he lost his discharges. Consequently she has no other Documentary evidence than that hereunto annexed. That she knows of no person now living who knew her husband while a soldier as aforesaid. And this declarant further declares that she was legally married to the said Henry Smith on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ 1778 in Fairfield District State of South Carolina by the Rev'd Jacob Gibson a clergyman of the Baptist order in accordance with the custom of said State and that they resided in said State until the year 1785 or 6 when they removed from thence to the County of Lincoln State of Georgia and that her husband on removing from his native State procured the Certificates hereunto annexed and from the County of Lincoln they removed to the County of \_\_\_ Jasper all of the said State of Georgia where her husband the said Henry Smith died on the 17th day of June 1818 leaving her as his widow and that she is still his widow. That she has no Documentary evidence of their marriage. That she knows of no person living who could testify to the fact. That her only family record is now here in Court which is not her husband's Original family record But that her husband in his lifetime procured the aforesaid Bible and that a gentleman by the name of Neal Urquhart made the entries Darien from the Original Family register by request of herself and husband in their presence and by their approbation down to the age of Rachel Smith their youngest child which is of her own knowledge a true family register and is referred to as such that the original family register has long since been worn out and destroyed and the above named taken in the loop thereof. That she has remained a widow ever

since the period of her husband's death all of which will more fully appear by reference to prove hereunto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court on the 18th day of February 1845.

Attest

S/ Wiley he Mangham, Clk

S/ Sally Smith, X her mark

[p 12: her son Henry Smith, 52, also a resident of Pike County Georgia, gave a supporting affidavit authenticating the family record.]

*Henry Smith* ]

[p 15: On February 2, 1846 in Pike County Georgia, Jesse M. Mathews, 65, gave a supporting affidavit in which he states he is the brother of the widow, Sally Smith; that when he, affiant, was 18 he was sent by his parents to live with his sister and her husband in order to go to school; that he recalls seeing among the papers of Henry Smith a discharge for 3 years service and he thinks he saw to certificates for service in the militia

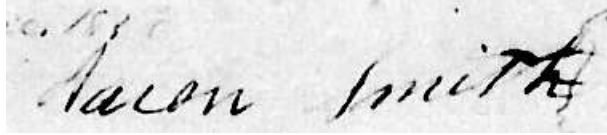
*Jesse M. Mathews* ]

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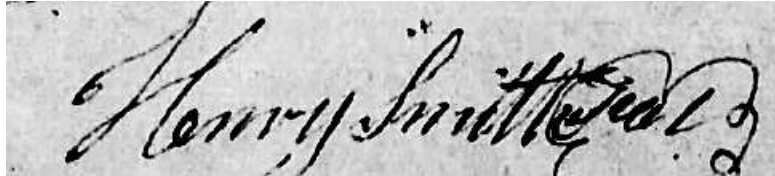
South Carolina Ninety Six Regiment: Whereas Henry Smith has been in my Company this year [indecipherable word] and has behaved as a Honest man and as far as I know a friend to the American Cause. Given under my hand this 28th day of January 1783 [? last digit unclear]  
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[p 19: Aaron Smith, son of the veteran, signed a power of attorney (the date is illegibly faint) in Pike County Georgia

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aaron Smith". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

[p 29: document dated February 4, 1812 signed by Henry Smith a resident of Randolph County Georgia

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Smith". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, possibly aged, paper.

[pp 51-54: certificates from these South Carolina Comptroller general listing services rendered by a Henry Smith during the revolution including service from September 22, 1780 to January 20 1783 as a private; for service as a private in Ross's Troop, Middleton's Regiment, Sumpters brigade of State troops;<sup>1</sup> for services rendered as a private and Sergeant in 1781 & 1782; for 50 days duty under Lieutenant Smith; 31 days service under Captain Thompson; 10 days service under Lieutenant Dervin; 50 days service as Lieutenant; 116 days service in the militia, 50 days as a private of which 24 were performed as horseman in Colonel Taylor's Regiment on an expedition at Congaree Fort, 26 days as footman in a Regiment at Biggin Church; 66 days as Sergeant of foot in the Regiment at Orangeburg all as certified by Captain William Robertson & Colonel Thomas Taylor.] [fn pp. 73-77: more detailed certificate from the South Carolina Comptroller listing the services rendered by a Henry Smith as well as reimbursements to him for various expenses.]

[pp 3-6: misc. family records as follows (very faint, some entries as indicated are illegibly faint):  
Henry Smith was born November [faint] 1789  
Elizabeth Smith was born April 24 1796  
Caroline M. Smith was born 17th of January 1814  
Joseph R Smith was born [illegible] 30th 1817  
[illegibly faint entry]  
Aaron J. T. Smith was born 18 [?] March 1822  
[illegibly faint entry] 1815  
Wm ? Smith departed this life 7 January 1817  
Mastin R. Smith departed this life 7th of December 1825  
Sarah Ann Smith departed this life October 11 1826  
Henry Smith Senior was born in the year of our Lord 1757 in September  
Sally Smith wife of Henry Smith Senior was born January 1757 Ot 1786  
John Smith son of Henry Smith and Sally his wife was born in the year of our Lord October 25th 1779  
Moses Smith was born April 3rd 1782  
Elizabeth Smith was born 8th of March 1784  
Mary Smith was born December 27th 1786  
Sarah Smith was born 15th of January 1788

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<sup>1</sup> This record is no longer contained in the South Carolina Audited Accounts for this soldier.

Aaron Smith was born November 21st 1789  
 Henry Smith was born April 15th 1792  
 Joseph Smith was born August 12th 1794  
 Rebecca Smith was born April 6 1796  
 Nancy Smith was born February 2nd 1798  
 Martha Smith was born May 12th, 1800  
 Rachel Smith June 180?  
 James M. Smith was born December 14th 1820  
 Henry W Smith was born October 10 1832  
 Jabes M. Smith was born July the 16th 1844  
 Henry Smith Senior departed this life on the 17th of June 1818  
 John Smith Son of Henry Smith departed this life on 20th of February 1819  
 Joseph Smith Son of Henry Smith departed this life 3rd September 1812  
 John Urquhart son of Alexander deceased 3rd September 1822  
 Polly Smith wife of Moses Smith departed this life on October the 28th 1824  
 Moses Smith Husband of Polly Smith died October the 27th 1828

[The veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$23.08 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for the service of her husband as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts <sup>2</sup> relating to Henry Smith	AA26
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[p 21: Printed form of Indent No. 2030 Book X dated June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1784 “delivered to Mr. Henry Smith this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of three pounds pounds five Shillings and two pence Sterling for arrears of Cloathing due him for Services in Sumter’s [Brigadier General Thomas Sumter’s] Brigade per Certificate of the Commissioners for adjusting the Claims against said Brigade &c.”]

[p 22: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Thomas Sumter, Thomas Sumter Junior and George James. How these men acquired an interest in the Indent is not disclosed by the documents in this file.]

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<sup>2</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person’s surname first in the “Full name” box followed by a comma and the person’s Christian name.