

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Stephen Smith W3049                      Nancy Smith                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 28 July 2021.

State of Kentucky  
Pulaski County SS

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1841 personally appeared before the County Court of the County of Pulaski in the state of Kentucky Nancy Smith a resident of the county and state aforesaid aged seventy two years old next August 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows: That she is the widow of Stephen Smith dec'd. who was a private in the 2<sup>d</sup> State Regiment of Virginia Artillery the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War. Henry Quarles [R17253] was his Captain, John Mazart [sic: John Mazarett R16059] was his Major and Thomas Marshall [VAS494] was his Col. part of the time until he (Marshall) was made Surveyor Gen'l of Land in what was then Western Virginia, and Elias Edmonds [VAS2004] was commissioned in the room and stead of the said Marshall

He the said Stephen Smith enlisted in the service as above, about November or December 1777 and rendezvoused at Little York on York River in Virginia and continued in the service of the United States most, if not all the time at Little York aforesaid until he had served out the full tour of his duty or term for which he enlisted which was three years, at which time towit Nov. or Dec'r. 1780 he the said Stephen Smith was discharged from the said Service. She has not got his discharge and does not know what become of it. The above statement of the service of said Stephen Smith is made from information derived from the said Stephen and others and is believed to be strictly true by this affiant. She states that her husband Stephen Smith – in consequence of his military services aforesaid he obtained a patent grant or land warrant from the Commonwealth of Virginia for the tract of 100 acres of Land whereon the said Stephen lived at his death and which is mention in his last Will and Testament

She further declares that she was married to the said Stephen Smith as well as she now recollects in the year 1788 on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September in King William County Virginia – the name of the parson who married her to the said Stephen was Henry Skyron she thinks a protestant minister, she recollects perfectly well that they were married at the s'd Parsons House – her husband and herself were both nearly illiterate – neither of them could write and they never kept any family record in a Bible or elsewhere of the marriage or births of their children. She has no written or documentary evidence of their marriage in her possession and it is not now in her power to proove the fact directly by living witnesses. From Virginia they removed in 1807 to Kentucky and settled on the tract of Land where they lived at the death of the said Stephen which death of the said Stephen was on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1811 in the County of Pulaski aforesaid —

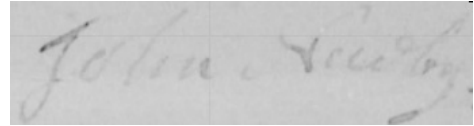
In all they had seven children – the oldest a male was born in 1790 18<sup>th</sup> of August, – she and the said Stephen lived together as man and wife from the time of their marriage af'd In 1788, until the death of said Stephen, and she has not since married but is now a widow. She was not married to him prior to his leaving the service – but the marriage took place previous to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1794, towit, at the time above stated.

She thinks proper here to state that when she was young they sometimes called her Nanny and Anny – her maiden name was Bur[?]ley – after she came to Kentucky she was invariably called Nancy —  
Nancy Smith

The Affidavit of John Newby [S31275] who being about 82 years old, and duly sworn states that he has heard the foregoing declaration of Nancy Smith read and so far as his knowledge of facts extends he concurs with her in her declaration He further states that he was acquainted with said Stephen Smith in his lifetime and knows that in the fall 1777 said Stephen Smith enlisted in the service of the United States and

Rendezvoused at Little York in Virginia under Capt. Henry Quarles Maj'r John Masyret and Col Thomas Marshall and afterward Elias Edmonds was Col. in the 2<sup>d</sup> Regiment of Virginia Artillery. This affiant belonged to the same company and Regiment and knows of his own knowledge that the said Stephen Smith actually served from 1777 to the spring of 1780 when this affiant left him in the service at Little York This affiant saw the said Smith [several undeciphered words] the year 1809 in Louisa County Virginia when he was at the s'd Stephen Smith's house who was then living with the s'd Nancy as his wife and had three living children then about the house which were recognized as their legitimate children the oldest a youth who seemed to be 19 or 20 years old. In 1809 they moved to Kentucky where affiant lived and they lived neighbours to affiant until the said Stephen died in 1811 This affiant knows of his death, he drew his will and knows that the said Nancy never has been married since This affiant never heard any thing else other than the said Nancy was the lawful wife of said Stephen and he believes her statement and declaration is true

Sworn and subscribed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1841 before the  
Pulaski County Court



[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The Bearer hereof Stephen Smith a Soldier in Marshalls Regiment of Virginia Artillery having duly served Three years the time for which he was inlisted is hereby discharged from the s'd Regiment. Given under my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day Sep 1780

To those Concerned

E Moody Capt [Edward Moody]

[several illegible words]

Garrison

The above is a true copy of a discharge lodged in the Auditor's Office  
May 26 1783 J Shackelford C.B.A.

Sir please to give Capt. Wm Spiller [William Spiller VAS2171] a Certificate to get my Land warrant, that is due me as a soldier in the state Artillery for three years.

To Maj;r Mereweather [sic: Thomas Meriwether]

Stephen hisXmark Smith

September [illegible]

#### NOTES:

A letter in the pension file states that a marriage bond had been found in the records of King William County dated 4 Sep 1787 and signed by Stephen Smith and Moody Breeding for the marriage of Smith with Ann Burnley.

The pension file includes a copy of Stephen Smith's last will and testament dated 28 Oct 1811 in which he bequeathed to Nancy Smith all his land "to the Stanford Road, which is the East End," as well as his land "on Salmans Creek known by the Iland," and that after her death the land and personal property would be divided among the three youngest children: Elizabeth Smith, John Smith, and Stephen Smith, reserving a half acre around the spring for the use of Elizabeth, John, Stephen, and Thomas Smith. He left to his son Thomas Smith the land on the west side of the Stanford Road. He appointed "my friend Nancy Smith" his Executrix.

On 17 Apr 1843 at age 74, 26 July 1844 at age 77, and 14 Oct 1848 at 81, Nancy Smith applied for pensions under later acts.