

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Smoot W4075

Fanny

f53VA

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[Note: Neither the file as posted on Fold3.com nor HeritageQuest.com contains the application of the veteran. It is clear from the documents that are in the file that such an application was filed but what became of it is not reflected in either file. Consequently, I have transcribed the contents of a letter summarizing the contents of the file and the service of the veteran as follows:

From the papers in the pension claim, Widow File 4075, it appears that James Smoot was born May 25, 1764 in Lord Fairfax's Manor in the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia.

While living in Fauquier County, Virginia, he enlisted in August, or September 1780, served as a private in Captain Francis Triplett's Company, which joined the troops under the command of Colonel Daniel Morgan. He was in the battle of Cowpens [January 17, 1781] and was discharged after serving 5 or 6 months.

After remaining at home about 3 weeks, he joined the Army under General Weeden [George Weedon] at Williamsburg, was one of the guard stationed at Burwell's Ferry, was in an engagement at Williamsburg as a volunteer under Major Armistead and was discharged after serving three months, and returned home in June 1781.

About the 1st of July 1781, he entered Captain James Grigsby's Company, Colonel Elias Edmunds' Brigade, was at the siege of Yorktown, after the surrender he was detailed as a guard under Major Walsh, conducted the prisoners to Winchester and returned home in November, or December 1781, having served 5 months.

He moved from Fauquier County, Virginia to Wilkes County, North Carolina in 1783.

He married in Wilkes County, North Carolina, October 28, 1784, Fanny Vicks of said County.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 30, 1832, while living in Wilkes County, North Carolina, and died April 29, 1843. The widow was allowed pension on her application executed Made 31, 1843, while living in Wilkes County North Carolina aged about 86 years. She died December 5, 1848, leaving 2 children: Nancy Vickers and Susannah Parker, both residing in Wilkes County, North Carolina in 1854.

[f p. 7: On May 31, 1843 in Wilkes County North Carolina, Fanny Smoot, about 86, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Smoot who was a

private in the revolution and a pensioner at the rate of \$43.33 per annum for his service in that war; that she married him October 28, 1784; that they were married by James Fletcher in Wilkes County North Carolina; and that her husband died on the __ day of __ 1843. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 12: copy of a marriage bond dated October 28, 1784 issued in Wilkes County North Carolina to James Smoot & James Fletcher Esquire conditioned on the marriage of James Smoot to Fanny Vickers.]

[f p. 15: power of attorney dated April 9, 1853 filed in Wilkes County North Carolina by Nancy Vickers in which she states she is the daughter of Fanny Smoot deceased.]

[f p. 19: Affidavit dated March 18, 1854 filed in Wilkes County North Carolina by William Smithy and Elisha Vickers, residents of Wilkes County North Carolina, in which they state that they were acquainted with James and Fanny Smoot and that Nancy Vickers and Susannah Parker of Wilkes County all the living children and lawful heirs of said James and Fanny Smoot.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 since per annum commencing March 4th, 1848.]

[If anyone as the actual petition or application filed by James Smoot, we would like to post a transcript of it in our database.]