

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Smith W6082

Rebecca

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[fn p. 25]

State of Georgia Walton County: On this the 27th day of May 1850 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County Rebecca Smith a resident of said County aged eighty-six years 9th day of August 1849 who being first 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 7th 1838 entitled An act Granting half pay and Pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of David Smith who was a private in the militia under Captain Robert Maxfield Colonel or Major Reid and Colonel Pickens and under Captain Burnes and Captain Lawrence [perhaps a mistaken reference to John Laurens] in one or two scouts against the hostile Indians that from her recollection her husband stated that he served a part of his time as a volunteer and a part of his time as a drafted soldier that he was in 2 or 3 engagements but does not recollect the length of time he stated that he served his country nor the battles he was in but recollects of hearing him speak of being in one or more battles in South Carolina with the Indians that her husband served in Abbeville District and the adjoining Districts in South Carolina under the above named Officers that she does not now recollect of hearing her husband say how long he served in the Revolutionary war but has heard him speak of having to be out from home in the Army nearly all the time for 2 or 3 years as he could not stay at home in safety from the Tories and the Indians that she knows of no way of finding out how long her husband served unless the records in the War office will show or the records in South Carolina will show his term of service. She further declares that she was married to the said David Smith in the month of March in the year 1783 that her husband the aforesaid David Smith died on the 27th day of March 1833 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 namely at the above stated time. She further states that she had by her said husband nine children born in lawful wedlock six of whom are living the is Joseph Smith, Mary Smith, Catherine Clack, Hannah Johnson, John Smith & Elizabeth Williams. She further states that she has no record proof of her marriage as the Bible that contained said record was burned up in a schoolhouse a number of years ago in South Carolina but her marriage she states can be proven by her sister if living and Mrs. Lindley in Lawrence district South Carolina [Laurens district].

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me.

Test S/ W. M. Varnum

S/ Rebecca Smith, X her Mark

[fn p. 14: On September 9, 1852 in Cobb County Georgia, Jonathan Lindley of Cobb County Georgia testified that he is 81 years old; that he was born in Abbeville District South Carolina in the year 1771; that he is the brother of Rebecca Smith the widow of David Smith an applicant for

a pension; that he knows that David Smith did serve as a soldier in the revolution; that David Smith married his sister Rebecca in 1782 or 83; that they were married by Esquire Downs; that the affiant's father [not named] was killed in the revolutionary war and that thereafter his sister marrying David Smith, he, the affiant, lived with them until he was grown. The affiant signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[fn p. 18: On November 20, 1850 in Laurens District South Carolina, Mrs. Mary Abercrombie, 86, gave testimony that she is the sister of Rebecca Smith of Walton County, an applicant for a pension for the service of her husband David Smith in the revolutionary war; that her sister Rebecca is 88 years old last August; that her sister married David Smith 68 years ago last March; that they were married by Esquire Downs; that she understood that David Smith served as a soldier in the revolution under Captain Robert Maxfield.]

[fn p. 20: On May 26, 1855 in Laurens district South Carolina, William Lindley, 70, gave testimony that he is the nephew of Rebecca Smith; that his father, Thomas Lindley, was the brother of Rebecca Smith; that David Smith enjoyed the character of a revolutionary soldier in the community where he lived. He also signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[fn p. 29: On February 11, 1855 in Walton County Georgia, Catherine Clack, 60, gave testimony that she is the daughter of David and Rebecca Smith; that her parents had 5 children older than she viz. James, Mary, Ruth, Joseph and Job. That James died in February 1850 – that Ruth died when about 15 years old – and that Job Smith died in June 1840; that she has no record of her own age but she knows she was 60 years old on the 9th Day of February; she recalls that her brother Job was 2 years lacking a few days older than herself; that she married in Jackson County Georgia about the first of December 1810 to George W Clack; that they were married by Thomas Camp; that her oldest child Starling was born September 2, 1811 and her last child William D. was born January 8, 1835. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[facts in the file: Job Smith was born February 15, 1793, son of the veteran and his widow; he married August 10, 1817 Nancy who was born March 7, 1795, they were married in Jackson County, Georgia as, Joel Smith died in the month of June 1840 and the widow, Nancy Smith was living in 1855 in Walton County Georgia. The following data relates to the children of Job and Nancy Smith:

Joseph born April 9, 1819

Green W born May 27, 1820

Mary Caroline born January 7, 1822

Drewcillah born March 31, 1823

Truman Kellogg born May 17, 1824

Susannah born March 13, 1826

Sanford M born January 19 1828

Jane born February 16, 1830

Nancy Adeline born May 9, 1832

Henry S born May 5, 1839

The following data are relative to the children of Catherine Clack and her husband George W Clack, are shown as follows:

Starling born September 22, 1811

Polly born August 28, 1813

John I. or J. born June 26, 1815

Matey [?] born July 4, 1817

Rebeckah born March 8, 1819

Thomas born May 9, 1821

Joseph I or J born January 16, 1823

James born January 16, 1826

Elizabeth born March 28, 1828

Seaborn I or J born April 22, 1830

G. W. born ? 13, 1832

William D born January 8, 1835

it is also shown that Elizabeth Caroline Clack was born May 12, 1841; Catherine Clack was born July 22, 1845; William Clack was born January 8, 1855 [their relationship to family not stated].

[fn p. 60: Certificate dated September 6, 1851 from the South Carolina Comptroller listing payments made to a David's Smith for militia duty during the revolution. No dates of service are given although it is stated the service was rendered after the fall of Charleston [May 12, 1780]]

[fn p. 62]

State of South Carolina Laurens District

On this the 29th day of May in the year 1855 before me a Magistrate within and for Laurens District and state aforesaid personally appeared Charles Allen¹ aged about ninety-one years a resident of the state and district aforesaid who after being sworn in due form of law does upon his oath make the following statements. That he is the identical Charles Allen who was a private in the Revolutionary War and is now a pensioner of the United States at the right of \$48 per annum. That he was a greater part of his time during his services under Captain Duval, Captain Earle and that he was occasionally with Captain Robert Maxwell during the latter part of the war. That he remembers clearly that there was a private in Captain Maxwell's Company by the name of David Smith that he had but limited personal acquaintance with said David Smith, but that he heard him often mentioned by his fellow soldiers and that he once saw him with Captain Maxwell in service and that he always understood said Smith was generally in service in Captain Maxwell's Company and that he always understood he was a true Whig and faithful friend to the American cause during the entire Revolutionary Struggle, that he is this deponent's services and that alluded to of the said David Smith were mainly performed in the Western & North Western part of South Carolina under General Pickens, Colonel Anderson and other officers. That from his great age and impaired memory he is unable to describe minutely the services above alluded to.

He further declares that he well knew Rebecca Lindley in the time of said war, and before the war and that they were school children together that after the war he was cordially informed and always understood that the said Rebecca Lindley was married to the identical David Smith who had been and always understood served in Captain Maxwell's Company in the Revolutionary War. That he is unable to state the length of his services or give the dates further than that it was rather in the latter part of the war. That he had no knowledge of any other David Smith in the Revolutionary Army except the one above described. That he had but little knowledge of them after the war as he did not live near them, but he understood they moved off

¹ [Charles Allen S17819](#)

to Georgia. And he further swears that he is a disinterested witness.

S/ Charles Allen, X his mark

[fn p. 72: On January 25, 1856, James L Orr gave an affidavit that he was well acquainted with Charles Allen who died about 2 weeks prior to Orr giving his affidavit. That Allen preserved his faculties in an extraordinary degree up to the date of his death.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848 for her husband's service as a private in the horse service, militia, of South Carolina.]