

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Smith W8734

Rebecca

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State of Kentucky Barren County SS

On this 17th day of September 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Barren Circuit now sitting Thomas Smith of Barren County Kentucky aged seventy-one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

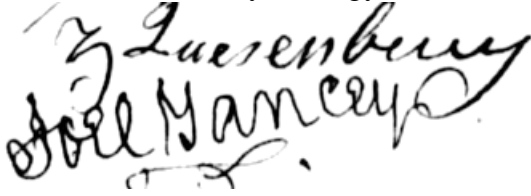
That he was born in Camden district South Carolina on the 9th Of January 1762 & entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service as a drafted militia man about the first of October 1778 in Captain James Knox's Company Major Brown's Battalion, Colonel Singleton's Regiment General Richardson's Brigade. That he was drafted in the district where he was born and then resided, and joined the Army in Charleston South Carolina and lay at the quarter house 3 or 4 weeks, then marched to Purrysburg on Savannah River, and remained there until he was discharged about the middle of February 1779. That the relief had not arrive, and he volunteered under Major Brown and remained 2 weeks more, and left the Army about the first March 1779, having served 5 months as a private.

He further states, he was drafted in the same district (Camden) about the first of November 1782, under the command of Captain Cooper, and was marched to Orangeburg to guard the Magazine at that place, where he remained until about the first of February 1783, having served three months as a private – That he did not, at the end of either of the terms of service, received a written discharge. That he was discharged by orders of his officers verbally. That he removed to Fayette County soon after the war lived there several years, then removed to Mercer County Kentucky & thence to Green County Kentucky, and lived there until about 1817 when he moved to Barren County in which he now resides and has lived there ever since. That Zacheus Quesenberry a clergyman and Joel Yancey lives in his County and neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution. He states that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service – That he has no record evidence of his age, but relies upon his Father's record, when he lived with him which he recollects – That he refers the Department to the Honorable Joel Yancey and Zacheus Quesenberry who are well acquainted with him and can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his service as a Soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to an annuity or pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory. Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first above written.

S/ Thomas Smith, X his mark

[Zechaus Quesenberry, a clergyman, and Joel Yancey gave the standard supporting affidavit.



Handwritten signatures of Zechaus Quesenberry and Joel Yancey. The signature of Zechaus Quesenberry is written in a cursive script, and the signature of Joel Yancey is written in a similar cursive script below it.

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[fn p. 9: On September 18, 1845 in Barren County Kentucky, Rebecca Smith, about 74, made claim for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating she is the widow of Thomas Smith, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that her name prior to her marriage was Harriman; that she married Thomas Smith in Mercer County Kentucky July 18 1791; that they were married by the Reverend John Rice; that her husband died February 14, 1834 and she has remained his widow.]

[fn p. 12: the marriage was verified by the clerk of court of the Mercer County Kentucky.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount commencing March 4th, 1843.]