Pension Application of Samuel Smith W22271
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State of South Carolina } on this 3rd day of October 1838 personally appeared before
District of Charleston } the undersigned Mrs Catherine C Smith aged 66 years, and a
resident of Charleston, who being duly sworn, 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 1838
entitled an “act granting granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.” That she is the
widow of Samuel Smith late of the City of Charleston who was a private soldier in the artillery of
Charleston during the War of the revolution, and served in same under arms two years, to wit,
he joined said Corps in the year 1777 and served in same until he was captured while under
arms upon the surrender of Charleston in May [12th] 1780. Deponent saith she has heard her
said husband frequently relate the above account, and it is her belief. Deponent saith she has
also heard her husband speak of his services at Beaufort, and at other places around Charleston,
and of his sufferings from exposure while so in the line of his duty. Deponent saith he served at
the Siege of Charleston, and at the fall of same was made a prisoner while under arms, and
remained so a prisoner, until he with a number of other faithful Americans were confined “on
board the Schooner Pack Horse”, and upon an exchange of prisoners permitted to proceed to the
North, where he continued an exile until permitted to return upon the evacuation of Charleston
by the British [14 Dec 1782], the time of his imprisonment in the City and in the Schooner being
14 months. (As will appear by reference to the history of the period by Doctor Ramsay [see note
below].) She further declares she was married to the said Samuel Smith on the 31 December
1792, as appears by an original entry in her possession, and that, her husband the aforesaid
Sam'l Smith died on the 24th day of November 1829. That she was not married to him prior to
his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1 January 1794. Viz at the
time above stated
Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year above } [signed] C C Smith
written. Judge certifies the Credibility of the affiant }

[Similar deposition was made by Joseph Righton, pension application W22074. Job Palmer,
pension application S21917, deposed similarly and that he had served with Smith in the
artillery.]
NOTES:

David Ramsay MD wrote a history of South Carolina and a history of the Revolutionary War, but the list is found in neither of them. A handwritten transcription is, however, found in the complete pension application of the widow of Edward Barnwell, W8352.

On 2 Aug 1843 at age 71, on 1 Aug 1848 at age 75, and on 12 Oct 1848 at age 76, Catherine C. Smith applied for pensions under two laws passed in those years. The file includes a copy of the record of the marriage of Samuel Smith and Catherine Caroline Tennent, spinster, of Charleston performed by Rev. Isaac Stockton Keith. In Oct 1838 Mrs. Susanah Brown, 72, deposed in support of her sister’s application.