

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Smock W3048

Margaret Smock

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State of Kentucky Marion County Sct.

On this the nineteenth day of November in the year 1838 Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for Marion County and State aforesaid Margaret Smock of Marion County and State aforesaid aged seventy years 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 the 7th 1838. That she is the widow of Henry Smock deceased who enlisted as a private Soldier in the State of Virginia under she thinks Captain Abraham Keller whose Company belonged to Colonel George Rogers Clark's Regiment and marched from the State of Virginia to the falls of Ohio now Louisville Kentucky and from thence to the Wabash River where they took the British forts, and after serving in said Regiment for either three or four years he received his discharge which discharge was in my possession sometime after my Husband's the aforesaid Henry Smock's death. I cannot state at this time positively what length of time the discharge called for but I recollect that the aforesaid Henry Smock always told me he had served four years. She further declares that she was married to the aforesaid Henry Smock in Linns Stationed in the State of Kentucky on the tenth of January 1788, that her Husband the aforesaid Henry died the twenty fourth day of April 1814, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794 Viz. at the time above stated.

S/ Margaret Smock, X her mark

[p 4: In a deposition attested on November 21, 1838 in Marion County Kentucky, John Smock, 50, gave testimony that he is the oldest child of Henry and Margaret Smock; that his father is deceased; that his father rendered service in the Army of the revolution; that he has read his father's discharge but cannot recall the length of time he served; that at the time of his father's death his discharge was in his papers and they may have been lost when his mother's house burned thereafter; that his father was for several years and associate or assistant Judge of the circuit Court in Washington County.

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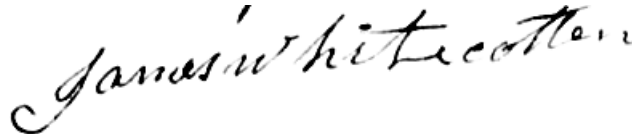
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State of Kentucky Marion County Sct.

The deposition of James Whitecotton taken this the 21st of November 1838 at his own house in Marion County before me a Justice of the Peace for the County of Marion and State aforesaid being first duly sworn according to law Doth State on his oath that he was well acquainted with Henry Smock who enlisted in the County of \_\_ near Winchester in the State of Virginia under Captain Abraham Keller who belonged to Colonel John Montgomery's Regiment this enlistment must have taken place sometime in the year 1780, he recollects perfectly well of seeing the aforesaid Henry Smock at Vincennes in the fall of the year 1780, he was then in Captain Abraham Keller's Company and attached to Colonel Montgomery's Regiment and on their March to Casscasky [Kaskaskia] in the now state of Illinois where the Regiment was stationed. He thinks until peace was made with Great Britain. He further states that the aforesaid Henry Smock after leaving the Army settled in the County of Washington now Marion where he lived and died.

He further states that he was frequently in the company of the aforesaid Henry Smock after he settled in Washington County and state of Kentucky and knew him to be the same Henry Smock that belonged to Colonel John Montgomery's Regiment which was stationed on the Wabash [River] in the now State of Illinois.

S/ James Whitecotton<sup>1</sup>



[p 7: Affidavit by the clerk of the Nelson County Kentucky County court that the records in his office reflect that Henry Smock and Margaret Brunt were married January 10, 1788 by Parson William Taylor.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private or 2 years in the Virginia service, Illinois Regiment.]

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Addendum to Henry Smock W3048

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

At a Court held for Marion County June 1<sup>st</sup> 1840 It is ordered to be certified that it appears to the court by satisfactory evidence by the oath of Henry Buckler a resident of said County of Marion state of Kentucky that Henry Smock who was a private in the Virginia line in the revolutionary war died leaving the following children & Grand children viz William Smock John Smock Raph[ae]l Gardiner Mary Gardiner late Mary Smock Thomas Gardiner Jane Gardiner late Jane Smock John Peterson Raphael Peterson William Peterson Samuel Peterson Allen Peterson, Henry Peterson, Thomas Bullock Celian Bullock late Celia Ann Peterson all of the above named Petersons are the Grand children of the said Henry Smock, and the above named Children & Grand children are the only heirs at law of the said Henry Smock dec'd.

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<sup>1</sup> [James Whitecotton \(Whitecotton\) S30780](#)

The deposition of James Whitecotton a resident of Marion County Ky taken at his own residence this 2nd day of June 1840 to be read as evidence in favour of the application of the Heirs of Henry Smock decd for the said Henry Smocks Bounty land due him by the State of Virginia

The deponent being Ninty years old deposeth and saith that he first became acquainted with the said Henry Smock in Campbell County in the State of Virginia about the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine or Eighty the deponent recollects the said Smock enlisted at about the above date in a Company of Captain Abraham Keller, whose company belonged to Colonel Montgomerys Regiment of the Virginia line, The deponent recollects perfectly well seeing the said Smock in the Company and Rigiment of the above named officers at Kaskaskia shortly after that place was Captured by General George Rogers Clark [4 Jul 1778] and the said Smock was then on is march with the said officers to attack Vincense [sic: Vincennes IN, surrendered to Clark on 20 Jul 1778] how long the said Henry Smock enlisted for or continued in the army the deponent cannot say but he new the said Smock after he settled in Washington now Marion County Ky and he knows he was the same man that belonged to Genl. George Rogers Clark Illinoise Regement

And further Saith not

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Whitecotton". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

The deposition of Mrs Margaret Smock a resident of Marion County Ky taken this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 1840 to be read as evidence in favour of the application of the Heirs of Henry Smock dec'd for Land Bounty due the said Henry Smock for services rendered by him during the Revolutionary war The deponent being Seventy One years old deposeth and saith that She is the widow of the aforesaid Henry Smock dec'd That she has every reason to believe that the said Henry did serve as a private Soldier in the Revolutionary war, That she has heard him frequently speak of his services and further she had the said Henry Smocks discharge in her possession from the death of the said Henry untill the Month of April 1838 at which time the deponent got her house with most of her furniture and said dicharge distroyed by fire. The deponent feels confedent the said dicharge certified that the said Henry had served as a faithfull soldier for upwards of three years and she thinks in the Company of Captain Abraham Kelly whose company belonged to the Illinoise Regiment under the Command of Genl George Rogers Clark. The said Henry Smock died on the twenty fourth day of April 1814 The deponent further declares she has no interest in said land Bounty, And that she is at this time a pensioner on the General Goverment for the services rendered by the said Henry Smock dec'd during the Revolution

And further saith not

Margaret herXmark Smock

Rejected July 27 1840