Pension Application of Nathaniel Smith W1094 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

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Green County

On this 5<sup>th</sup>[?] day of January 1844 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace Mrs Susana Smith a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pension to certain widows

and in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1843 granting one years pay and pension to certain widows

That she is the widow of Nathaniel Smith who was a soldier in the Virginia line in the war of the Revolution That the aforesaid Nathaniel Smith enlisted in the Regular service near the commencement of the war in the County of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] in the State of Virginia and served Five years and Eight month her husband the aforesaid Nathaniel Smith enlisted under Captain Rucker [first name illegible, but probably Angus Rucker of the First Regiment, Virginia State Line commanded by Col. William Grayson] and the rest of the Officers she at this time cannot recollect but her husband often spoke of Capt Bluford [probably Abraham Buford, Captain of Culpeper Minutemen in 1776] and well recollects of hearing her husband the aforesaid Nathaniel Smith say that he obtained a furlow to come home from an Officer by the name of Strother she further declares that she often heard her husband the aforesaid Nathaniel Smith say he was in the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and Stony point [16 Jul 1779] and divers other battles she cannot at this time recolect. She further declares that she was married to the said Nathaniel Smith in August Seventeen hundred and Eighty four. That her husband the aforesaid Nathaniel Smith died November 1824 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred and Ninty four viz at the time above stated and she further declares that her husband the aforesaid Nathaniel Smith sold his discharge to Col Barber [sic: Thomas Barbour] of Orange Virginia. Susana herXmark Smith

NOTE: In the file is an ornate family record reading as follows:

John Moyers Son of George Adam Moyers & Mary Moyers was born in Virginia State Washington County on the 16th of August 1778

Luciana Smith daughter of Nathaniel Smith & Susana Smith was born in Maddison [sic: Madison] County in Old Virginia about four miles from the Courthouse on March 22nd 1788 John Moyers & Luciana Smith aforesaid were married by Mr. Caldwell esq'r. in Green County Tennessee State at her Mother's house on January 1st N. Year's DAY, 1807