

Pension Application for Daniel Smith

S.14513

Private, Captain Roe, Col. Drake

State of New York

Suffolk County SS.

On this twenty seventh day of September in the year eighteen hundred and thirty two, personally appeared before me, John S. Mount, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county, Daniel Smith a resident of Brookhaven in said county and state, aged eighty eight 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 entered the service of the United States under the following names officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered as a volunteer in a company of militia called a "Minute Company" in the town county and state aforesaid, sometime in the fall of the year 1775 or in the beginning of the year 1776— That the company was raised mustered and put into service upon the recommendation of the "Committee of Safety" for the defence and protection of that part of Long Island, and to cooperate generally with companies of the same description in other parts of the Island for the common defence— That the company was commanded by Capt. Daniel Roe and Lieutenants Hugh Smith and David Fanning—That he served in said company for five months and until he entered into another company as hereinafter stated. That Capt. Daniel Roe having received a commission in the spring of 1776 for raising a company of state troops, the charge and command of the "Minute Company" for the remainder of the term of its services devolved upon the above named Lieutenants.

That he enlisted as a private for the term of six months on or about the first day of June 1776 in the said town of Brookhaven in the company of state troops commanded by Capt. Joshua Rogers and Lieutenants William Clark and Ebenezer Phillips, which company belonged and was attached to the regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Drake in General Scott's Brigade, and that John Hulbert was the Lieut. Col. and ___ Hatfield the Major of said regiment—that after his enlistment he immediately was marched with the company to Huntington in the aforesaid county, and from thence took passage by water through Long Island Sound to the City of New York—That he was soon after sent from thence with a detachment under the command of Lieut. Thomas Baker to assist in constricting Fort Washington, and from there was ordered back to the city, where he arrived but a short time before the battle on Long Island—That he was in that battle and retreated with the army under Genl Washington to the city of New York.

That he continued in the service until the latter part of October when he was taken sick, and through the recommendation and influence of Doct'r Halsey obtained a furlough to return home. That after much difficulty he reached home, but was immediately taken a prisoner by the British forces then stationed at Satauket [Setauket] in said town of Brookhaven and remained a prisoner of war until some time after the expiration of the term of six months for which he enlisted—That he was released on parole, after having been put into the public stocks at different times and otherwise ill treated, and remained a prisoner on parole during the remainder of the war —That he knew Generals Washington, Sullivan, Sterling and Putnam—That he never received a written discharge, nor has he in his possession any documentary evidence relating to his claim—That he has resided in the said town of Brookhaven ever since the revolution—

That he was born in the year 1744 on the first day of April in Brookhaven aforesaid—That the record of his age is in the family bible, now in the possession of his son.

That Zachariah Greene minister of the Parish, John M. Williamson all residing in the Parish and neighborhood can testify to his character for veracity and their belief that he was a soldier in the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Daniel Smith.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. John S. Mount.

Letter dated March 15, 1921.

In response to your letter of the 14th instant, I have the honor to furnish you the history of the only soldiers named Daniel Smith, New York Troops, War of the Revolution, as described in your letter, that are found on the records of this Bureau; and you are advised that in order to make a proper search of the records for any such soldiers of Maryland named Daniel Smith, some of the following data is essential, names of some organization in which service was rendered, approximate dates of birth and death and place of residence at enlistment.

From the papers in the pension claim, S.14,513, it appears that Daniel Smith was born April 1, 1744, in Brookhaven, Suffolk Co., New York, where he lived when he enlisted and also when he was allowed pension in 1833. He enlisted in 1775 and served five months in Captain Daniel Roe's Minute Company of Suffolk Co., N.Y. He again enlisted in June 1776 and served in Captain Joshua Rogers' Company, Colonel Drake's Regiment, until late in October 1776, when he was captured by the British and he remained a prisoner on parole during the rest of the war. There is no data on file as to his family, except that he had a son, whose name is not stated.

From the papers in the pension claim, S.28886, it appears that Daniel Smith enlisted in April 1777, and served three years in Captain Doughty's Company, Colonel Lamb's Regiment of Artillery after which he enlisted and served three months in Colonel Dubois' Regiment. He was allowed pension on his application executed August 9, 1832, at which time he was 7[?] years old and a resident of New York City.

There is no data on file as to his family and the date and place of his birth are not stated.