

Pension Application for David Smith

S.23922 Private, Ensign, Lieutenant. Captain Gilbert, Col. Thomas.

State of New York

County of West Chester SS.

On this [?] day of January in the year 1833 appeared personally before me in Ezra Lockwood Esqr one of the Judges of the Court of common Pleas of the County of West Chester and State of New York David Smith aged eighty 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated—In the early part of the year 1776 this Declarant was enrolled in a Company of Militia under the command of Captain Abijah Gilbert in the Town of Salem (now called South Salem), Jacob Hoit first Lieutenant, David Raymond 2^d Lieutenant and Joseph Coley Ensign in the Regiment under the command of Colonel Thomas Thomas. This company under the command of Lieutenant Hoit was ordered to Manaroneck in the said County of WestChester marched down there and was stationed at that place for a number of weeks during this time Lieutenant Hoit retained the command they were then discharged and returned home for a short time, they were then again ordered to the same place and marched down and remained there for some considerable time but how long is not distinctly recollected. That in the month of April 1777 as this declarant verily believes he was again ordered into service in the company aforesaid and was engaged against the British troops during their incursion into the State of Connecticut where they burned the Town of Danbury and where they took possession of Ridgefield that Declarant with the company to which he was attached were engaged with the British troops at Sangatuck a place on Long Island Sound where the British Army or troops embarked after burning Danbury as above mentioned. Declarant with the rest of the Company returned home after the British troops had embarked on board their ships. And declarant further states that from this period of the 6th day of July 1778 he was called into service under some one of the above mentioned officers a great number of time and that he was held subject to appear at a moment's notice armed & equipped according to [?] and with three days provision, at any point his superior officers might direct. And he further declares that from the commencement of the war to July 1778 he was in actual service or held himself in readiness and was subject to be called into actual service for the full period of three months. In July 1778 Declarant received a Commission as Ensign in the company of Capt. David Ponder in Colonel Thomas's Regiment he accepted the commission and was sworn into office. And this Declarant further states that after he received the said commission he returned immediately upon discharge the duties of the office of Ensign under the orders of Colonel Thomas. He cannot tell how long he served after this time until a new regiment was formed under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Thaddeus Crane to which his company was attached but he did perform several tours of duty one of which he distinctly recollects was at a place called Compond in WestChester County for the term of eight days under the above named officers. And he further declares that he held his commission as Ensign in Capt. Ponder's Company until the 14th April 1780 when he received a commission as 2^d Lieutenant in the company commanded by Capt. David Ponder in the Regiment of Colonel Thaddeus Crane that he acted as such officer in the said regiment from the 14th April 1780 until the close of the War. And he further declares that he was never absent from his duty when the said company and regiment was called into service. And this declarant further states that a Pay Roll was made out for the services of both offices and served during the command of Colonel Crane that certificates were given for the services of the officers and privates for Nine months pay that the certificates as he was informed and believes were allowed and paid; that this allowance to officers & privates was expressly for their services during the time Colonel Crane had command of the Regiment.—That his certificate was given for pay for nine months.

And declarant further states that he has no documentary evidence except his commission as Ensign and his commission of 2^d Lieutenant both of which are hereunto annexed and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Ezra Lockwood, one of the judges &c for WestChester County.