

Pension Application for Doctor Smith

S.11425

State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this 23rd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Albany in the county and state aforesaid now sitting Doctor Smith a resident of the town of Westerlo in the County of Albany and State of New York aged 68 years and upwards 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He resided at the commencement of the Revolutionary War in the town of Salem in the County of Westchester in the State of New York and continued to reside there except when he was in the said service, until the close of the said war.

He served as a private soldier in the militia and was in actual service in an embodied Corps in the course of the revolutionary war at least one year.

He first entered the said service as a volunteer and joined Capt. Laurence company and Colonel Crains regiment at Salem aforesaid in the spring of the year 1780 and was marched to White Plains under the command of Major Nathaniel Delavan who belonged to the said regiments and after staying there a short time he was marched to Rey in Westchester County and from there to Fort Pits where they staid a short time when they was marched to Bedford and from there back to Salem where he was dismissed.

He does not recollect how long he was out in the service at this time—Shortly after he was called out on a scouting party and went to Bedford and to North Castle, and other places along the lines, and was in the said service, on alarms and on scouts along the lines, from time to time a great portion of this year, but he cannot identify the particular periods when he entered and left the service, he was called out to go so frequently.

In the spring of the year 1781, he again volunteered and joined Capt. Sacket's Company at Bedford aforesaid and served as a substitute for one Petit Loder, and was stationed at different places along the lines, he was in the said company at White Plains, North Castle, Middlepatent, and other places along the lines in Westchester County—This company was under the command of Colonel Sheldon as he understood who was a continental officer as he was called. After his time was out the length of which he does not now recollect he was frequently called out and stood Sentry, Patrolled the streets nights and was marched from place to place by his officers doing the duty of a private soldier in actual service until in the month of August of the same year.

He again entered the said service about the first of September 1781 and enlisted in Capt. Hunt's company and Colonel Wisenfelt's regiment as a volunteer for the term of three months, and joined the said regiment at a place joining the said town of Salem, thinks it was called Stephentown and was near Croton River—The said company and regiment immediately marched to Peekskill—where he was put onboard of vessel with the said company and regiment and sailed to Albany where they landed. He and the said company and regiment were immediately marched from Albany to Saratoga and there staid in barracks or huts until his time was out—while he was at Saratoga, he frequently went out on scouting parties, and went to Fort Edward. He and the said company and regiment built a Block House while they remained at Saratoga, he thinks the forces at this place were at this time under the command of Genl Stark. He was discharged at Saratoga but he marched in Colo Wisenfelt's regiment down to Albany before the said regiment separated, he received a written discharge from Capt. Hunt after having served his term of three months out which was in the forepart of December 1781—he then returned home to

Salem. While he was at Saratoga Cornwallis was taken and the soldiers at Saratoga had a day of rejoicing.

In the spring of the year 1782 he again joined Capt. Hunt's company and served as a substitute for one Justus Blanchard, and was marched down to Bedford Lounsbury's Hill and different places along the lines; the length of time he served at this time he does not now recollect. He was frequently called out after this, and until the close of the war on alarms or scouts, and to keep guard along the lines, but cannot possibly enumerate the different times, and the places he went to.

He served at two or three different times as a substitute for his brother Soloman Smith but cannot tell how long, has no doubt it was for more than two months. Sometime after the close of the war he received a certificate that he was entitled to nine months pay for services in Capt. Laurence's company of militia, which he sold to one Timothy Benedict for a dollar and a crown, he well knows that he was in actual service with the militia at least the said term of nine months making in the whole of his service at least one year—he received a written discharge from Capt. Hunt which has long since been lost—he has at this time no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person he can now procure to testify to his service.

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) Doctor Smith

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid. Johns G.Wasson, Clk