

Bounty Land Application for John Smith

B.L.Wt. 1563-100
State of New York
Herkimer County SS.

I, Ander'w Smith of the Town of Stark in the County of Herkimer being duly sworn doth depose and say that John Smith was his father that he enlisted for and during the War in Colonel VanSchaick Regiment of the New York Line on the continental Establishment that he served to the close of the war as he informed this deponent and was entitled to One hundred acres of Land from Government as he informed this deponent, but never got his land. That he the said John Smith died about twenty seven or twenty years ago—leaving this deponent Abram Smith, Fredick Smith & John Smith his legal heirs, and this deponent says that his father John Smith who was a private soldier in VanSchaick's Regiment never got his land promised him by government for his services, nor neither has the above named heirs ever got their land warrant for the same.

Now know all men by these presents that I authorize William B. Goff my true and lawful attorney for me, and in the name of the rest of the younger heirs to demand from the Secretary of War of the United States a Land Warrant in the name of John Smith or in the name of this deponent being the oldest heir at law, and the rest of the said John Smith deceased, and I also authorize the said Wm. B. Goff to appoint any attorney or substitutes that he may think proper in procuring the land warrant aforesaid.

Given under my hand and seal this 17th day of November in the year 1828.

(Signed with his mark) Andrew Smith.

Sworn before me this 17th day of Novr 1828, Adam Hawn [?]

Letter in file dated July 21, 1938

The data which follow were obtained from a claim for bounty land, based on the service of John Smith in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of birth of John Smith were not given, nor were the names of his parents stated.

John Smith enlisted, date and place not shown, served as a private in Colonel VanSchaick's 1st New York regiment, and continued in the service until the close of the war.

John Smith died (definite date not given), and at his death left the following "Heirs at law"—Son, Andrew Smith, Abram Smith, Frederick Smith, and John Smith.

Andrew Smith a resident of Stark, Herkimer county, New York, in 1828, then stated that he was oldest heir at law.

The above named heirs at law were allowed one hundred acres of bounty land, on account of the service of the John Smith as given herein.

The papers on file in this claim contain no further discernable data relative to family.