

Pension Application for John Smith

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State of New York

County of Onondaga SS.

On this twenty ninth day of August A.D. 1839, personally appeared before me Johnson Hall one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Onondaga aforesaid John Smith a resident of the County of Onondaga and State of New York aged eighty nine years who being first duly sworn 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. That as near as he can recollect about the year 1777 he belonged to a Company of Militia in the County of Dutchess in the Town of Charlotte commanded by Captain Silas Husted. That sometime in the summer of that year he was drafted for three months service and was stationed at Poughkeepsie in said County as a guard to guard the Town the British having a few days previous fired upon the Town. That there was but one company stationed there at that time, which company was drafted from the regiment of Militia commanded by the Col. Morris Graham. That he does not recollect the names of either of the Company officers under whom he served. That he served about two months and then hired a substitute to serve the remainder of the three months tour—That previous to the last mentioned service and soon after the commencement of the war, but the particular year he cannot now recollect, he was employed by the Government to work in the Lead mines at or near the place called Nine Partners in the County of Dutchess. That he worked the said mines aforesaid for the space of four or five months. That he cannot distinctly recollect the name of the persons who had the charge of working said mines, but he thinks his name was Thompson. That he is positive he was employed by government and was in the service of the United States. That about the year 1779 or 1780 he was employed by government as a teamster and served as such at least three months in drawing hay and provisions to FishKill for the use of the army. That he is a very aged and infirm old man and although he recollects enduring many hardships during the war—he cannot now recollect sufficiently to specify where, how, or in what manner he rendered his services to his Country—other than those above mentioned. That he was born in the County of Dutchess about the year 1750. That he has no record of his age. That he does not recollect the names of any of the regular officers who were with the troops while he was in service except General Washington, whom he saw at FishKill. That he never received a discharge from the service. That about the close of the War he removed from Dutchess County to Livingston Manor and from there he removed to NobleTown in Columbia County where he resided for several years. From thence he removed to Bethlehem in the County of Albany, from thence to Lee in the County of Oneida & State of New York and from thence, in the month of March 1835 he moved to Onondaga where he now resides.

That he is known in his present neighborhood to David Tilden and Harry Conklin who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. That 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) John Smith.

Sworn & Subscribed before me this 29th day of August 1839. Johnson Hall, Judge of Onondaga Common Pleas.