

Pension Application for Simeon Smith

S.4849 Born 1751 at Brookfield, Mass.

Green Mt. Boys

State of Pennsylvania

County of Erie SS.

On this [blank] day of [blank] the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Erie aforesaid Simeon Smith a resident of Girard Township in the County of Erie and State of Pennsylvania, 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 provisions made by the Act of congress, passed June 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in June or July in the year 1775 with Lieutenant Graves and served under the following named officers: to wit, Col. Eastman, Major Brown, Captain Robert Cochran, First Lieutenant of the company was ____ Graves and Ensign Butterfield; that he entered the service at Walpole in the County of Cheshire in the State of New Hampshire and was marched from thence he was marched to St. Johns in Canada, where the Company and Regiment to which he belonged, remained for five or six weeks besieging the fort at that place, but before the surrender of that Fort, the said regiment was ordered down the River St. Lawrence to Serille and while at the latter place in the month of November 1775 he assisted in taking a number of British vessels laden with arms ammunition and provisions, then laying wind bound in the river between Montreal and Serille; and while at Serille, the time for which he entered the service expired, namely the first of December; but before being discharged he was again marched back to St. Johns, which Fort had been taken by the American Troops when the Regiment to which he belonged was marching to Serille; that from St. Johns he was ordered and marched to Montreal, at which place Gen. Montgomery was then raising troops to go to Quebeck; that at Montreal in the month of December he again enlisted to serve until the 15th of April next following and served under the following named officers; Col. VanSoike or VanDyke, Major VanDyke or VanScoike, Captain Benedict, Lieutenant McCone. From Montreal he was marched with Capt. Benedict's Company of Chambrille, where I remained with the said company until the 15th of April 1776, when he was discharged and returned home; that during the year 1776 or 1777 he went to Albany in New York by the said Lieutenant Graves, who procured for him fifty three dollars being his share of the prize money for taking the British vessels laden with provisions &c in the St. Lawrence river as above stated; that he had a written discharge signed by Capt. Benedict, but he lost it and has now no documentary evidence & that he knows no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services, excepting the reputation of his service hereto annexed. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present—and declares that his name is not, on the Pension Rollof the agency of any State that he moved from Peenhoke in the State of New York into the County of Erie, where he now resides about two years ago and that during that time he has formed no acquaintance with any clergyman in his neighborhood or immediate vicinity.

In answer to Interrag' says he was born in Brookfield Massachusetts in the year seventeen hundred & fifty one & had no record of his age—all his papers were burnt with his home about fifteen & sixteen years ago.

After the war moved to Salem Washington County in the State of New York, thence moved to Madison County New York & resided there about eight or ten years thence moved to Pembroke in Genesee County & thence to his present residence in Erie County Penn's about two years ago in July 1830—that he enlisted as a volunteer as foresaid. (Signed) Simeon Smith

Sworn & Subscribed in Open Court 15th October AD 1832. Edwin J. Kelco. [?]