

Pension Application for Reuben Smalley

Unknown Pension Number

Private, Col. Bailey, Vermont Line.

State of New York

County of Washington

On the twenty eighth day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Washington aforesaid, now sitting, Reuben Smalley a private of Whitehall in the County of Washington & State of New York aged seventy in the County of Washington & State of New York aged seventy year on the 26th day of March last past, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of 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.

That he was residing at Norwich in the County of Windsor in the State of Vermont, in April 1776, when his father Elijah Smalley volunteered or enlisted in Capt. Joseph Hatch's Company under commandant Major Horsington in the Green Mountain Rangers, that he took his father's place in said company & marched to Royatton in Vermont, where they built a picket Fort, and where he remained with said company until the June following in 1777—The Battalion to which said company belonged consisted of three companies—the company of Capt. Hatch, being the only one stationed at Royatton. The other two being stationed, one at Onion River under Capt. Sacket, and the other at the mouth of Otter Creek under Capt. Hale—That in June 1777 he with his company marched to Onion River and from thence to Mount Independence, where they remained a few days, and then retreated to Castleton & thence on to Bennington, he being placed with the Baggage remained with it until the Battle of Bennington, and so being with the baggage was not in said battle. That after the battle the company to which he belonged went home & there remained five or six weeks and were not discharged and early in October of the same year, he marched with Capt. Hatch with his company in Col. Bailey's Regiment for Stillwater, and arrived on the East side of Hudson's River opposite to Stillwater about the time of the battle but did not cross the river until after the battle was encamped about half a mile. He volunteered in Capt. Millers company, Lieut Peter Loux Ensign John Tasbury in Col. Peter Gansevoorts Regiment and marched to Albany & from thence to Schoharie in New York when they were stationed three companies of levies for nine months, and there they kept garrison & scouted during the season. He does not remember the names of the officers of the other companies—His Major Commandent was Major Woolsey—the Col. being at Fort Stanwix—was dismissed on Christmas day having served eight months, he was [?] burned Stone Arabia and ambush then attended the funeral of Col. Brown who was killed by the Indians as he believes.

And he further states that while residing at New Concord New York in the early part of April 1781 a portion of the militia were called on & classed to serve for nine months, that he volunteered in Capt. Joseph Harrisons company joined Col. Willet's Regiment and marched to Albany & thence to Schoharie to the Middle Fort where he remained until July following when he was sent with a detachment under Lieut Thomas Skinner, with thirty men to a place called Woodstock on Catskill Creek about fifteen miles west of Hudson's River where he remained until the fore part of October when they went back to Schoharie & joined this company—about two weeks after their return, the enemy came to Schoharie & burnt the town, killed or took & carried away the cattle, horses & hogs—burnt the hay & grain in the barns, and attacked th effort which was successfully defended, and towards night retreated & attacked the lower Fort which was also defended & the enemy then retreated towards the Mohawk River and were pursued by the garrison & militia, up the Mohawk River to Fort Herkimer & Fort Plain, and on towards Oneida Lake. While on the pursuit they met some of the Americans who informed them

that the enemy had gone on board their boats—They pursued them retreated back to Fort Plain & then back to Stone Arabia. They there buried Col. Brown who with a party under his command had been stationed at Stone Arabia & having pursued a party of Indians, was led into ambush & killed with about thirty of his men. Col. Brown had been scalped by the Indians, and the Indians who had his scalp being killed by a rifleman, the scalp was obtained and replaced upon the head of the deceased Colonel, and buried with the body—this declarant was one of the bearers at his funeral. From this place they marched down the Mohawk River to Schenectady & were there discharged on the 26th December, this declarant having served nine months—during this campaign he knew Col. Willet & his regiment, Col. Brown, & Col. James Seeley of the Militia & Gen. Van Rensselaer also of the militia —on reflection the death of Col Brown should have been stated with service of 1780 as stated in this campaign that part should have been stated in 1780, all the other facts are truly stated as they should be according to his best remembrance.

1. That he was born at Washington, Litchfield County, Connecticut on the 26th March 1762.
2. Has a record of his age at home.
3. Was living in Norwich Windsor County Vermont when first called into the service and the subsequent times when called into the service at New Concord in the county of Albany & State of New York, and since the Revolutionary War has lived at Stephentown Rensselaer County, New York, where he resided about six years, thence removed to Cornwall in Connecticut where he lived three years—thence to Northumberland Saratoga County, New York, where he lived till the year 1817 and thence to Whitehall, Washington County, New York, where he has lived ever since & still lives.
4. For the first time of his service he volunteered as a substitute for his father—and for every other time he volunteered.
5. That he cannot state the names officers & Regiments more particularly than he has previous above stated them.
6. That he never received a written discharge.
7. That he is known by Thomas Bigelow, Thomas Griffith & Jonathan Paul.

That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service, and that there is no clergyman in his immediate vicinity.

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 or Territory whatever.
(Signed) Reuben Smalley.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. S. Leigh Clk.