

Pension Application for Benjamin Smith

R.9674 (Widow: Abba or Abigail) Benjamin died May 1833.

State of New York

Secretary's Office

I certify that it appears by the Military Register in this office that on the first day of January 1777 Benjamin Smith enlisted as a soldier in the Fourth New York Regiment commanded by Henry B. Livingston, Capt. Jackson's Company to serve during the war and was mustered to January 1782. Arch'd Campbell, Dep. Sec. of State

Albany Dec'r 17, 1845. Paid fees 25 Cents

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of 7th July 1838 granting half pay and pensions to certain widows—and of the act of March 3rd 1843 and of June 17th 1844.

State of Pennsylvania

County of Luzerne SS.

On the 2^d day of December 1845 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Judge of the Courts in and for the County aforesaid, Abba Smith of Exeter in said county aged eighty years—After being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 7 of July 1838 granting half pay and pensions to certain widows and of the act of Congress of March 3^d 1843 and of the act of June 17, 1840—That she is the widow of Benjamin Smith who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and Long Island in the State of New York. That he enlisted in the year 1777 seventeen hundred and seventy seven for during the war, under Capt. Jackson served under Genl Putnam was in the Battle of Brandewine and several other battles, was twice taken prisoner by the British, was wounded in his left leg by a ball and two buck shot which remained in his leg until his death—That he obtained an honorable discharge and drew Bounty Land—This deponent further deposeth and saith that she was married to the said Benjamin Smith in the town of Hempsted on Long Island in the fall of the year 1783 seventeen hundred and eighty three—that her said husband died in the month of May 1833 eight hundred and thirty three. That she knows of no record or documentary proof of her marriage and believes there are none. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place before the first of January 1794 viz at the time above stated—That she has not since married but remains his widow. (Signed with her mark) Abba Smith.

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 2^d day of December 1845. Henry Pattebone, Associate Judge.