

Pension Application for Abner Smith

S.14527

Private and Sergt, Captain Gilbert, Gen G. Clinton's Brigade

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832—
State of New York

City & County of New York SS.

On this Twentieth day of October in the year 1832, personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of New York, Abner Smith a resident of the City and County of New York aged seventy four years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832—That Deponent enlisted as a soldier in a company of Provincial or State Troops of New York Commanded by Captain Abijah Gilbert, in the spring of the year 1776, in the County of WestChester where he then resided, that the company was a part of the Brigade commanded by General George Clinton. That deponent served in said company on Long Island and retreated thence with the American Army to New York and thence to White Plains and was with the army at the time of the battle at White Plains—That after the Battle he was marched to Peekskill and Quartered at that place until the expiration of his term of service on the first of January in the year 1777 when he was discharged, Deponent further saith that he again enlisted as a private in the New York State Militia in the said month of January in the year 1777 in a company commanded [by] Captain Jesse Truesdell in the regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas and marched in said Company and Regiment in the expedition against Fort Independence during the same month of January; that deponent at this time served one month and a half and was at the expiration of his term of enlistment honorably discharged. That deponent again in the summer of the year 1777 or the year 1778 but which of the years or at what particular time of the year he is unable with certainty to state except that it was in warm weather enlisted as an orderly sergeant in a company of Dragoons commanded by Captain Samuel Delavan. That said company was a volunteer company raised to guard the American lines in the county of Westchester. That deponent served in said company of Dragoons as orderly sergeant from the said time of his enlistment until the fall of the year 1783 in the said County of WestChester when he was honorably discharged. Deponent further saith that he never received a written discharge but was at the expiration of each of his terms of service dismissed in the usual way in which soldiers in the militia or state troops were ordinarily discharged. That he has consequently no written discharge nor any other documentary evidence of his service during the revolutionary war. Deponent further saith that he knows of no officer with whom he served as aforesaid, being now alive, nor does he believe that any of the men, with whom he served are not serving unless it may be some of the privates who afterwards removed into the Western Country and of whom he has heard nothing for many years. Deponent further saith that he hereby relinquishes any claim whatever he may have to a pension or an annuity except the present and he here declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state. Deponent further saith that when he entered the company of Dragoons as before stated his horse was purchased fro his use by his father who was then a man of some property—and deponent after the war was a farmer residing in the County of WestChester and always in comfortable circumstances until a few years, when through misfortune he lost the whole of his property and that he is not entirely destitute and afflicted with asthma which at times entirely disables him for weeks together. (Signed) Abner Smith.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Abm Asten, Clerk Com. Pleas