

Pension Application for David Smith

S.42333

Private, Col. Dubois of the 5th New York Regiment
State of New York
Steuben County SS.

On this 17th day of October 1821 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for said county David Smith aged Sixty-one years last February, resident in the Town of Addison in said County, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the first of May 1820, that he served in the revolutionary ware [war] as follows, that he served three years excepting about one month in the company commanded by Captain Burney in the fifth New York Regiment commanded by Col. Dubois [Dubois]—that said service commenced sometime in the year 1776 or 1777 & ended in the year 1779 or 1780 as will appear more plainly by my original declaration on file in the war office bearing date on the 18th day of April 1818—That I have received a pension certificate from the war department of the United States which bears date on the 9th day of September 1819 & is numbered 15,209, which states that his that his pension [sic] was to commence on the 13th day of April 1818—and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March one thousand eight hundred & eighteen and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “and [an] act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war”, passed on the 18th day of March one thousand eight hundred & eighteen; and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule

I have no real estate whatever either in possession, reversion or remained (Personal Estate) one cow, one yearling heifer. I live in the family with one of my sons & have no family of my own, my occupation has been that of a Farmer but I am unable to pursue it owing to a breath, and the Rheumatism, with which I am afflicted.
(Signed) David Smith

Sworn to and declared on this 17th day of October 1821 before me. Stephen Prentiss.

State of New York
County of Essex SS.

David Smith of the town of Crownpoint in the County of Essex & State of New York in the County of Essex & State of New York being duly sworn deposeseth & saith that he served as a private soldier in the War of the Revolution for nearly three years on the Continental Establishment against the command enemy – that in the month of February (according to the best of his recollection) in the year 1777 he enlisted for three years in a company commanded by Captain Bovee in the 5th New York regiment (as well as he can recollect) commanded by Colonel Lewis Dubois—in the Brigade of General Clinton in the New York line of troops – that he faithfully served in the army until January 1780 a short time before his term of enlistment expires when he was honorably discharged-- & received a discharge accordingly which was soon after destroyed by washing his vest in which he carried it.

And this deponent further saith that further that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he stands in need of assistance from his country for support. (Signed) Daniel Smith

Taken sworn & subscribed the 13th day of April 1818 before me. Elisha Rhoades one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Essex.