

Pension Application for Elijah Smith

W.19063 (Widow: Elidah or Alida Bulson . Married April 5, 1778 in Dutch Church in Albany by the Rev'd Mr. Westerlo.) Alida died June 15, 1843. Elijah died December 14, 1825.
State of New York
Schenectady County SS.

John Victory a resident of the Town of Duaneburgh in said County of Schenectady aged eighty three years & upwards being duly sworn according to law deposed & saith that he was a soldier during the War of the Revolution & served under Captain Williams in the Regiment of Colonel Graham and also under various other officers scouting &c, and in the Militia during said War. Deponent lived in said War in the Town of Coeymans in County of Albany in said state from whence he entered the service aforesaid. That during said War Department became and was well acquainted with Elijah Smith who then lived a few miles from the present City of Albany & in said County of Albany. Said Elijah Smith was also a soldier in said War and served for a period of nine months in the company of Captain Riker in the Regiment of New York Troops commanded by Colonel Cortland. Said Elijah Smith served also in the militia of Albany County aforesaid under different officers and on numerous occasions. He served for some time in the summer of the year 1781 under Captain Goodwin in the regiment of Colonel Wiessenfels as a Corporal & also as Sergeant. Deponent did not serve in the same Regiment with the said Elijah when serving under Captain Riker & Colonel Cortland as aforesaid but was well acquainted with the said Elijah and frequently saw him while in said service in said Regiment. Deponent also frequently saw the said Elijah while serving under Captain Goodwin & Colonel Wiessenfels as aforesaid. Said Elijah was a married man when serving under Captain Riker as aforesaid and had but a very short time previous to enlisting into said company of Captain Riker been duly married to Elidah Bulson who also lived a few miles from the City of Albany & in said County of Albany (as deponent was then informed by the said Elijah & others) by the Rev'd Mr. Westerlo of Albany aforesaid. The parents of said Elida Bulson were at the time opposed to her marrying said Elijah which caused the said Elijah to take said Elida from home to be married. Deponent well remembers report of their said marriage soon after which the said Elijah & Elida returned to said Elida's father's house & not meeting with a welcome reception, the said Elijah immediately left & enlisted & served in the company of Captain Riker as aforesaid. Deponent saw the said Elijah while serving therein & on many occasions after the close of said war when he was living with said Elida. (Signed) John Victory.

Subscribed & sworn this twenty second day of February A.D. 1847 before me. And I certify that said John Victory the above Deponent is a highly reputable person and a credible witness whose testimony upon any subject is entitled to full faith and credit. Bradford Bailey, Justice of the Peace