

Pension Application for Ezekiel Smith

W.22237 (Widow: Elsa) Elsa born April 10, 1760. Married March 10, 1783. Ezekiel born July 21, 1754, died March 1, 1821.

State of New York

County of Monroe SS

On the 1st day of November 2848 personally appeared in open court Ephraim Smith of the town of Ogden in said county aged sixty four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the amount due to the heirs of Elsa Smith widow of Ezekiel Smith deceased under the act of 7th July 1838.

This declarant states that he is the son of Ezekiel Smith who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution as this declarant had heard his father say that his said father was a native of the State of Rhode Island and that when quite young he removed to the State of New York County of Dutchess (Dutchess) and town of NorthEast—that he was in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War at various times—that he entered the service in the early part of the war—as this declarant has heard his said father say. And was at the Battle of Bunker Hill that the names of his officers on the tour of duty in 1775 he does not know—that some time after this period of service he enlisted into the New York Regular Line in a company commanded by Capt. Pellon in Dutchess County in said state—and served about nine months—that the name of his Colonel is not remembered—that he was in the battle of White Plains as he has heard his said father say—that after this term expired he again enlisted or was drafted into a regiment commanded by Col. Willett, and served in New York State about nine or ten months near the close of the Revolutionary War in a company commanded by Capt. Whelp.

This Declarant further states that his said father died on the first day of March 1821.

This Declarant further states that his father was married to Elsa King (this Declarant's mother) on the tenth day of March in the year 1783 as appears by the annexed family record which is the original record that belonged to this declarants said father and has been in existence and has been familiar to this declarant from his earliest recollection—that it was prepared by his said father and contains as this declarant believes a true statement of the time of his marriage and birth of children.

This declarant further says that about twenty five since he took a transcript of said record containing the time of his parents birth and the birth of their children—and that said transcript has been preserved by this declarant and has been used as his own family record, and that it contains the date of the births of this declarant's own children also—that it was made in his family Bible and that the entire leaf containing the above entries is hereto annexed.

This Declarant further states that his said mother died on the seventh day of January in the year eighteen hundred and forty seven (1847) – that after the death of her said husband she did not again intermarry.

This declarant further says that his said parents left six children surviving whose names are Ephraim, Daniel, Herman, King, & George Smith & Rhoda Weckham—and further saith not. (Signed) Ephraim Smith.

Sworn & Subscribed this 1st day of November 1848 before me. J. Cutler, Com. of Deeds