

### **Pension Application for George Smith**

W.15853 (Widow: Mary) Married Mary Tyler, at her father's house, in the Town of Walkill, County of Ulster, 22 March 1781 by Reverend Nathan Kerr, Presbyterian Church at Goshen. George died March 1803.

State of New York  
Orange County SS.

Thomas Knight of the town of Walkill in said county being duly sworn says that he was aged seventy seven years on the eighth day of February last past. That he was a soldier in the army of the Revolution and belonged to a company of which Benjamin Sawyer was Captain. That in the year 1776 this deponent was in the service of the United States in Captain Sawyer's company for the term of three months said service commenced in the first part of the month of June in said year & was stationed at Fort Montgomery on the Hudson River. That while he was stationed at said Fort that this deponent was a Sergeant in said company & was well acquainted George Smith late of the Town of Walkill in said County that while in such service he saw said Smith in the service of the United States in a company of Militia under the command of Isaiah Vail and that from the best of deponent's knowledge & belief that said George Smith served in said year at said Fort at least as much as three months and that in the month of December in the year last aforesaid this deponent was then in a company of militia of which Joseph Conklin was captain called to Peramus & the State of New Jersey and that he was stationed at Peramus, Ramapoo & the English Neighbourhood, that said company was under the command of Colonel Herring, that while in said service he knew said George Smith who was a private in captain Vail's Company and that this deponent was engaged in said service for the term of three months and that deponent believes that said George Smith served at the places last aforesaid the term of three months that[t] he well recollects that said Smith was in said service best he is enable to state whether Captain Vail's company belonged to Colonel Herring's or Colonel Newkirk's regiment.

That in the year 1777 this deponent was again in the three month service at Fort Montgomery aforesaid then belonging to a company under the command of David Sweezy this deponent then was appointed & performed the duty of quarter master that while in this service he there saw said George Smith in said service in Captain Vail's Company & this deponent verily believes that said Smith served the term of three months at the place last aforesaid & that his said term of service expired a few days before the capture of said fort. That deponent cannot be mistaken in said last mentioned service, this deponent remained until after the capture of said fort & then marched to [Murdue's?] Creek. That immediately after the capture of Fort Montgomery there was a general alarm & the militia was called out en mass. The he recollects that said Smith was again called out under the aforesaid call & went with this deponent up the Hudson River as far as Hurley & the[y] followed the British Army back to [Murdue's?]Creek & from there down the Hudson River as far as the [Spiker's?] devil Creek. That this deponent & said Smith was absent at least six weeks but this deponent cannot distinctly recollect that Captain Vail was out in the last aforesaid service but he well recollects that said George Smith was in said service.

That in the month of May in the year 1781 this deponent volunteered into a company of Militia of which David Sweezy was Capt. Timothy Tryon was Lieutenant and \_\_\_Middaugh was Ensign. That said Company belonged to Colonel Jacob Newkirk's Regiment that said company volunteered for the term of eight months & was stationed at Dewitt's Fort and this deponent performed the duty of Adjutant in said regiment. That he well recollects that during said eight months he very often served and George Smith was frequently there on alarms, that he sometimes remained at said fort for five or six days & at others from ten to fifteen days & one tour this deponent recollects that said Smith was there in the service for three weeks to guard against the Indians said fort being situated on the western frontier of Ulster County now orange that said Smith was there under different officers, but witness is unable to state under whom but he thinks he served during said year under Captain Little, Captain

Sawyer & Captain Vail. That witness believes that he saw said Smith in the service at Fort Dewitt at least three months during the aforesaid year.

That in the last of May or the first of June in the year 1779 this deponent was again called into the service at Decker's Fort in Ulster County under Captain Sweezy, Colonel Tusten's Regiment, that he then done the duty of a Quarter Master & was engaged at the place last aforesaid for the term of three months that he there again saw George Smith in said service on alarms or drafts at Decker's Fort twice on alarms one was on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July just at the time of the Minisink battle & remained there at least three weeks & one before the last aforesaid time for the term of ten days & again on another alarm said Smith was again there two weeks. This deponent being the Quarter Master saw said Smith daily while there as he came to deponent for his rations, deponent is confident said Smith served between two & three months at said fort during the year last aforesaid, after this time deponent served principally in the State of New Jersey & did not again see said Smith in the service of the United States, but this from his own knowledge & from the information he has received of the service of said Smith he verily believes that said Smith served two years during the revolutionary war. And further says not. (Signed with his mark) Thomas Knight.

Subscribed & Sworn before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1837. J. B. Armstrong, Justice of the Peace.

Letter dated September 11, 1924.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.15853, it appears that George Smith enlisted and served as a private in the New York Troops as follows:

In 1776, six months in Captain Isaiah Vail's Company, Colonel James McClaghry's Regiment.

In the summer of 1777, three months in Captain Isaiah Vail's Company, Colonel James McClaghry's Regiment.

In 1778, three months in captain Isaiah Vail's Company;, Colonel McClaghry's Regiment.

In 1779, two or three months in Colonel James McClaghry's Regiments.

In the spring of 1781, about ten days, names of officers not stated.

He married March 22, 1781, at Walkkill, Ulster County, New York, Mary Tyler, who was born March 6, 1764, in Putnam County New York. She was his second wife, name of first wife not stated. He died in March 1803. His widow, Mary was allowed pension on her application executed May 15, 1837, while a resident of orange County, New York.

A daughter, Hannah Bush, was born December 24, 1766, in Goshen, Orange County, New York. She stated that when she was 14 years of age her mother died.