

Pension Application for Henry Smith

R.18007 (Widow: Huldah)
State of Connecticut
Town of Danbury
Fairfield County SS.

On this twenty second day of April in the year A-D one thousand eight hundred and fifty one personally appeared before me a county Judge in and for the county and State aforesaid Cyrus Smith who being duly sworn according to law doth declare and say that his father Henry Smith entered the service of the United States for the Revolutionary War between the United States and Great Britain in the month of July on or about the twenty ninth day of said month in the year A-D one thousand seven hundred and eighty as a Private in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Morris Graham in the continental line in the State of New -York and continued in actual Service until the twenty first day of May in the year A-D seventeen hundred and eighty three. Deponent further declares and says that his father Henry Smith as aforesaid entered the Continental line as a Private under Captain Adriel Sherwood and severed as a Private until the close of the war;

Deponent further states that his father Henry Smith aforesaid departed this life on the 9th Ninth day of January eighteen hundred twenty eight and that his mother Hulda Smith whose maiden name was Huldah Olmsted departed this life on the tenth day of April in the year A-D eighteen hundred and thirty eight.

Deponent further declares and says that neither his father or mother ever received or applied for a pension previous to their death he therefore makes this declaration in order to obtain the arrearages of pension due his mother and father as aforesaid (deceased) under an act of congress passed on the fifteenth day of May in the year A-D eighteen hundred and twenty eight;

Deponent further declares and says that he has one sister who resided when last heard from at Buffalo in the State of New York. Deponent further states that he has not heard from his sister Mrs. Harriet Tibbitts for the space of ten years—and upwards; and that he has one brother living in Oxford New York State whose name is Nelson Smith and that he hears from him every month. (Signed) Cyrus Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year first above written.

Edward Taylor Judge of the county Court for Fairfield County, State of Connecticut.

Letter in folder dated April 1, 1940, written in response to and inquiry.

In compliance with your request of recent date you are furnished herein the Revolutionary War record of Henry Smith as found in papers on file in claim for pension, R.18007, based upon his service in that war.

The date and place of birth of Henry Smith and names of his parents were not given.

Henry Smith married in the month of September or October, 1781, in Wilton, Fairfield County, Connecticut, Huldah Olmsted. The date and place of her birth and names of parents were not stated.

Henry Smith died January 9, 1828, and his widow, Huldah Smith, died April 10, 1838.

April 22, 1851, their son, Cyrus Smith, then aged about fifty or fifty-five years, and a resident of Danbury, Fairfield County, Connecticut, applied for the pension which might have been due on account of the Revolutionary War service of his father, Henry Smith, and stated that he served from July 29, 1780 to May 21, 1783, as a private in Captain Adriel Sherwood's company, Colonel Morris Graham's New York regiment. A report from the Comptroller's Office, Albany, New York, was submitted, which showed that one Henry Smith served as a private in Captain Adriel Sherwood's company in Colonel Morris Graham's regiment, until May 21, 1783, having served thirty-three months, and twenty-two days.

The claim for pension was not allowed as it was not proved that the Henry Smith who rendered the service as shown by the state report from Albany, New York, was the father of the said Cyrus Smith.

Nelson Smith, son of Henry Smith and his wife, Huldah, was living in 1851, in Oxford, Chenango County, New York, but in 1851, had not been heard from for many years.

The papers on file in this claim contain no further discernible data relative to family.