

Pension Application for Isaac Smith

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Declaration of Isaac Smith in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Genesee County SS.

On this sixteenth day of October in the year eighteen hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas , now sitting in the town of Batavia in and for the said County of Genesee in said State of New York, being a court of Record and having a seal, Isaac Smith, a resident of the town of Attica, in the County of Genesee and State of New York, aged sixty nine years on the 10th March 18, 1832, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officer and served as herein stated.

That on the 1st April 1779, while he was residing in the town of Fredericksburg, in Dutchess County, N.Y. he volunteered in the state militia of the State of New York, in a company of Rangers commanded by Capt. Hawlett and said to belong to Col. Paulding's Regiment, for nine months—That Forsythe was Quarter Master.—and that he cannot recollect and other company or Field officers—that he went on the lines in West Chester County, N. Y. and to White Plains and was in a number of small skirmishes with small scouting parties of the enemy—that at one time he and six other men took fourteen prisoners by surprise and took them to Howe's head quarters—that he served the whole of the nine months and was discharged at Stony Point on the 1st January 1780. That he has lost his discharge—that he then went home to Fredericksburg.

That on the 15th April 1780 he volunteered again for seven months in the N.Y. State militia under Capt. Williams and Lieutenant Odel and in Col. Harper's Regiment, and served on the Mohawk River at German Flatts until the fore part of July, when he enlisted into the United States Army and served in Col. VanCortland's 2^d Regiment of the New York Line under the following named officers for the remainder of the time for which he volunteered, which was seven months and an half—that he was in Capt. Denscum's Company—his other company officers he cannot recollect—that Adjutant Tallmage is the only Field officer he can recollect besides the Col.—that he went to Tappan Bay on the Hudson River where Gen. Washington lay with his army—that he was one of the guard that conducted Major Andrew to the Gallows and saw him executed at Orange Town. That in the fall, he went with his company to Schenectady to guard provisions to Fort Stanwix—that the boats froze up and they were obliged to leave them and he then went to Albany and was there discharged on the 15th November 1780—that he served only seven months – that he has lost his discharge—that he then went home.

That on the 15th April 1781 he volunteered again for seven months in the New York State militia and went to Saratoga and served in Col. Willett's Regiment and that Wizenfelt was Lieut. Col. and in a company commanded by Capt. Gordon, and Lieut Brewster—that he was waiter to Lieut Col Wizenfelt—that he served most of the time at Saratoga and on the North River in its neighborhood until the 15th November 1781 when he received his discharge at Albany and again went home—that he served the whole of the seven months--& that he has lost the discharge.

That some time in April 1782, but on what day he cannot recollect, he volunteered again for seven months as he thinks but does not know but that it was for nine months in the New York State militia and went to Fishkill and mustered under Col. Wizenfelt, and was in a company commanded by Capt. White—He thinks Capt. Dodge, a Continental officer, belonged to the Regiment—That he belonged to one of three companies called out to go and join the Regular Troops at the south and that he went to Pompton, N.J. and remained in huts on Pompton Plains some time and was put into Capt.

Johnson's Company for a few days and in Col. VanCortland's Regiment and remained till about fall when he was ordered back to the north and went to Schenectady and took charge of bateaus and guarded them to Fort Stanwix, and then went to Snake Hill near Newburgh and remained there until some time in December when he was discharged; that he served seven months and an half and then went home—that he has lost all of his discharges and has no documentary evidence of his services.

That he was born in the town of Frederick's burgh, in the County of Dutchess, N.Y. on the 10th March 1763—that he has a record of his age taken from his father's Bible, which is in the possession of Rebecca Eddy, his sister who now lives at Frankfort, Oneida County, N.Y.—That Elder Landow Hood and Josiah Gardner reside in his neighborhood, are well acquainted with him and can testify as to his [character] for veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier of the Revolution. That since the was he has lived in Fredericksburgh about two years, in Hoosack, Rensselaer County, N.Y. about 4 years, in Saratoga, Saratoga Co., N.Y. about 4 years, in Richfield in Otsego County N.Y. about twenty years and in Attica, where he now resides, about 19 years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Isaac Smith

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. Timothy Fitch, Clerk
[Transcriber's note: March 14, 1855, Isaac made another deposition to get Bounty land and stated he lived in the County of Wyoming, in Middlebury. He was 92 years of age.]

Letter dated June 12, 1903, State of New York, Comptroller's Office, Albany, N.Y.

Replying to your inquiry of the 6th inst., would say that the Revolutionary records on file in this department contains the names of several Isaac Smiths, who served in the New York Line regiments the Dutchess, Orange and Westchester County regiments and in the several regiments of Levies. In the files of the Department, however, is a letter from Marstton Farnham, dated Attica, Wyoming Co., N.Y. June 25, 1855, asking that search be made for the Revolutionary record of Isaac Smith, pensioner, who served in Colonels Weissenfels and VanCortland's regiments of Continental Troops.

This letter also states that he served in the regiments commanded by Colonels Harper and Willett. The Department is of the opinion that this is the Isaac Smith whose record you desire, and all that appears on the records here in relation to him is as follows:--

A muster roll of Capt. Mills's Company in the service of the United States, commanded by Col. VanSchaick, states that he enlisted January 22, 1776.

A Pay Abstract of the Levies attached to the Second New York regiment of Infantry, commanded by Col. VanCortland in the year 1782, states that he joined May 29 and was discharged December 12.

A Pay Abstract of the Levies that join the Second New York regiment in 1782 shows that certificate due Isaac Smith for services was paid on January 27, 1787, to John Drake.

His signature appears on an order to deliver to Col. John Drake all wages due him for services in the Second New York regiment, commanded by Col. VanCortland, for the year 1782. Dated December 25, 1787, and witnessed by David and Jese Smith.

On a pay abstract of the Levies that joined the Fourth New York, under the command of Col. Weissenfels in the year 1780.

There is no record of his service in Colonel's Harper's and Weissenfels' Levies.