

Pension Application for Isaac Smith

W.3537 (Former Widow: Abigail Finch) Isaac died Feb. 15, 1805. Abigail died August 5, 1842.

Children with Isaac Smith

Mary wife of Sylvanus Marshall
Parnelia wife of ___ Ferris
Elizabeth wife of _____ Anderson
Edwin Smith

State of Connecticut

County of Fairfield SS Stamford

On this 15th day of Sept 1837 before the Court of Probate within and for the District of Stamford in the said County and State the same being a court of record and holden at Stamford in the said district personally appeared Abigail Finch a resident of said Stamford aged seventy seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath testify and make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of congress passed July 4, AD 1835, that on the 21st of Jan AD 1778 she was lawfully married to Isaac Smith dec'd late of said Stamford who was a physician and surgeon in the army of the Revolution and that to the best of her knowledge & belief her husband the said Isaac Smith was a Surgeon's Mate under Dr. John Wood and went with Col. David Waterberry's Regiment to the North where he was in continual service as surgeon's mate in 2^d regiment for a period at least six months, on the first of April 1775 he enlisted in Col. Thomas' regiment as a surgeon for 8 months and served out the period of his enlistment during which period he was stationed at for Independence in Westchester County & State of New York except a short time while he was at the White Plains in service. She believes it was sometime in Sept. When the battle took place. In the spring of 1777 he enlisted as a surgeon in Col. John [Mead's?] regiment of Rangers & continued in his regiment in actual service till the war closed, during which last mentioned period her house was frequently used as a Hospital for the sick and wounded she further declares that her maiden name was Abigail Warring and that said Isaac Smith died on the 15th day Feb. AD 1805 and that her marriage is recorded in the public record of said Stamford.

She further declares that she was again married to the Rev. Nathaniel Finch on the 1st day of May 180[?] and that said Nathaniel Finch died on the 10th day of Aug AD 1829 and that she still remains the widow of said Nathaniel Finch. (Signed) Abigail Finch.

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Be it remembered that on this 8th day of January AD 1839, before me A.D. Wright a Notary Public for and within said State personally appeared Samuel Dean of s'd Stamford who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath testify in reference to what he has heretofore & in regard to the case of the widow Abigail Finch who is an applicant for a pension for her former husband's services (Dr. Isaac Smith) in the Revolutionary War, Deponent says that in order to be specific with regard to the services of Isaac Smith he must relate some of his own services at the time of s'd Smith's services from which he is enabled to call to mind many of said Smith's particular acts & services that he rendered to the army at s'd time. Deponent says that in the spring of 1777 he was in Jessy bell's company Col. John Mead's Regt & that said Dr. Isaac Smith enlisted into Col. John's Mead Regt & took a warrant from s'd Col. John as chief surgeon & Physician to his Regt. That s'd Smith lived on the lines & that his house was made in a hospital for the sick & wounded & that in the summer of 1777 over Mill's Hobby a notorious refugee was wounded & taken prisoner & ordered by Col. John Mead to be carried to S'd Smith's House & there was attended by s'd Smith that s'd Smith frequently gave certificats to the wounded to clear them from duty. Deponent says that he was in Col. Matthew Meads Regt in the winter of 1778 in Captain Silvanus

Browns company & all of which time said Smith officiated as the chief surgeon & done all that was required as a surgeon & physician. Deponent left soon after the Monmouth Battle was fought & celebrated the 4th of July at the White Plains in Col. [Enow?] Regt & from thence went to West Point & continued there until fall & from thence returned back on the line in connexion with s'd Col. Mead's Regt & there found s'd Smith with s'd Mead's Regt officiating as his surgeon s'd Smith was with s'd Mead when General Putnam went down the hill at Horse Neck which was in March 1779. Said Smith was with Col. John Mead's Regt when they went to Norwalk at the time it was burnt by the British as deponent was there at said time in Capt. Amos Smith's Company & there saw s'd Isaac, Deponent says that the summer of 1779 was attended with great butchering by the Horseman from below & that s'd Smith was very active & busy in attending the wounded, that in the winter of 1780 the lines were guarded by Col. Matthew Mead's Regt in connexion with Col. John Mead's Regt being the only troops on the lines as the horseman had entered winter quarters deponent almost daily saw s'd Smith during s'd winter & well recollects a particular instance of one Davis a waiter for Lieutenant Jessy Hoyt being wounded the time that a detachment went down to [Morissena?] the head quarters of the enemy & took Col. Hatfield & his staff & that Smith attended him deponent was in Capt. Reuben Scofield's Company in the summer of 1780. Col. John Mead's Regt s'd summer was remarkable for being closely beset by the enemy our guard being out often & wounded in such a manner that we were obliged to evacuate Horse Neck & make Stamford the dwelling point many were wounded during s'd summer & attended by Isaac & remembers well that one Samuel Waterberry was bodily wounded & attended by s'd Smith & for a long time thought to be mortally so one Capt Theal a British officer was mortally wounded & brought in & attended by s'd Smith s'd Theal was buried in Stanwich near by deponent was in Capt. Charles Smith's company in the winter of 1781 & continued in the lines til the French Army came in which was in June 1781 all of which time s'd Smith continued as chief surgeon to s'd John's Regt & well recollects in the s'd winter of 1781 that s'd Smith had his horse stole from him by one Nath'l Palmer a notorious refugee. In the summer of 1781 deponent entered Co. Hawthorn's Regt & went to white Plains & continue till some time in Sept & from there marched to Yorktown in Virginia & was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis in Oct 1781. Deponent says that he well recollect before he left in the spring of 1781, that one Galos a refugee commander was wounded & brought in & that s'd Smith pronounced his wound to be mortal, which was source of very great joy and gratification to many as s'd Galos was a terror to all of the inhabitants on the lines in the winter of 1782. Deponent entered the Fort in Stamford & continued there till the war closed. Deponent was often out on scouts & had frequent interview with the Troops of s'd Col. John Mead's Regt & during which time he recollects many other circumstances of s'd Smith's services as surgeon one of our men being wounded Smith was called & declared his wounds to be mortal & the soldier rejoiced that he had a few moments to live that he might pray to God for the salvation of his soul. In the summer of 1781 one Silas Chapman a commander of the refugees came up to plunder Esq. Wood's farm of Stanwich nearby & was wounded & taken prisoner & carried into the house of Joth Finch & Smith was sent by Col Mead to see him & dress his wounds some of our company wanted dispatch him at once for his former acts of cruelty but Smith replied let him alone & he will die of his wounds. That in the winter of 1782 one Samuel Hoyt & Harry Quaid notorious refugees were wounded & taken prisoners & brought in & attended by s'd Smith says that s'd Smith was held in high repute as a surgeon could cite more cases if it were necessary & further deponent saith not. (Signed) Samuel Dean.

Personally appeared Samuel dean & sworn to the truth of the above by him subscribed & I certify that he is a credible person. Before Me, N.W. Weight Esqr Notary Public I certify that all the interlincations were under the presence of the deponent. N. W. Weight Esqr