

### **Pension Application for Jeremiah Smith**

W.19378 (Widow: Sophia) Married Sophia Harder October 6, 1785, Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack, Columbia County NY. Jeremiah died at Davenport, Delaware County on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 1838. Children: Michael J. Smith born Sept 6, 1787, Dorcas Smith born July 16<sup>th</sup>? 1793, Jeremiah Smith born July 13, 1812, Daniel Cleveland Smith born June 12<sup>th</sup> 1814, Henry Smith born May 28, 1816, Ira Smith born April 6, 1821, Michael Smith born Jan 29, 1823.

State of New York

Delaware County SS.

On this eighteenth day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before the subscriber Amos Douglass one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Delaware in the State of New York being a court of record, constituted by the Acts of the Legislature of the State of New York, Jeremiah Smith of the town of Davenport, in said County of Delaware, who is named in and has subscribed and sworn to annexed declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832, who being duly sworn according to law, deposed and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear more positively, than he has done in the annexed declaration as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades.

For the term of two months, in one year during the revolutionary war, I served as a soldier. For the term of three months in another year during the war, I served as a soldier. For the term of one month in another year during the war I served as a soldier; and for such service I claim a pension. And this deponent further says that he has no learning or education, and that he has not formerly tried to remember or recollect the events of the revolutionary war, or his services in the war, and that he cannot now recollect the times and places of his services, or the names and grades of the Officers of the army or under whom he served, more particularly than he has mentioned in the annexed declaration. And this deponent says that he served with and embodied corps called into service, by the authority and under the government of the State of New York, that he was either in the field or marching or in garrison; and for the time, during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit. And that he does not know of any person living who was in service with him, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service, except John Smith, whose affidavit is annexed to the original proceedings, and further says not. (Signed with his mark) Jeremiah Smith.

Sworn to and subscribed the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1833, before me Amos Douglass. Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Delaware.

State of New York

Delaware County SS.

On this twenty fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before the subscriber, Amos Douglass one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Delaware in the State of New York, being a court of record, constituted by the Acts of the Legislature of the State of New York, Jeremiah Smith a resident of the town of Davenport, in said County of Delaware, aged seventy eight years, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was called out or drafted into service, in the fall season, the month and year he does not now recollect, during the revolutionary war, in the town of Claverack in the then County of Albany, but now in the County of Columbia and state of New York in the company commanded by Captain Jeremiah Miller, in the regiment of Colonel Robert VanRensselaer in the militia of the State of

New York, for an indefinite period of time and immediately after the company was called out for service and embodied, we marched to Schoharie in the county of Schoharie and were stationed there with a few companies of Continental troops for two months, to guard and defend that place against the attacks of the British and the Indians and late in the fall season. The company was discharged by said Captain Jeremiah Miller and the general commanding officer.

That he was called out or drafted into service, in the latter part of the summer season, the particular month and year he does not now recollect, during the revolutionary war, in said town of Claverack in said County and State in the company of Militia commanded by Captain Peter Bortle and Lieutenant Jehoiakim Miller for an indefinite period of time, and after being called out & embodied the company marched to Fort Edward on the Hudson River in the State of New York, and was stationed there, with a few other companies for two months, and then marched towards Lake George, in order to join with that part of the American army, which was stationed at some fort on the banks of that lake, the name of the fort he does not recollect, and on that march before we reached the fort on the lake, we met a part of the American army marching towards the south, and then returned to Fort Edward and were stationed there for a month longer, and were then discharged in the fall season from service by said Captain Peter Bortle and the other officers.

And that he was afterwards and again called out or drafted into service in the latter part of the spring or forepart of the summer season, the particular month and year, he does not recollect. During the revolutionary war, in said town.

During the Revolutionary War, in said town of Claverack in said County and State, in the company of militia commanded by Captain Jeremiah Miller in the Regiment of Colonel Robert VanRensselaer for an indefinite period of time; and after being called out and embodied the company marched to the City of Albany and were stationed there with a few other companies in order to guard and defend that place against attacks [?] for one months time or a little longer, and were then discharged, by said Captain Jeremiah Miller.

And this deponent further says that he has not any documentary evidence of his service and that he does not know of any person, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except John Smith of Delhi, in Delaware County.

And in answer to the interrogatories put by the said judge, this deponent says that he was born in said town of Claverack in the then County of Albany but now in the County of Columbia and State of New York, in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty five, the month he does not know or has forgotten, and that he has not any record of his age, only the information of his parents and relatives, which he believes to be correct. And that he lived in said town of Claverack, when he was called and entered into the service as above mentioned and lived in that town for about five years after the revolutionary war, and then moved into the place, where he now resides in said County of Delaware and where he has resided for about forty four years past. That he entered into said service by being called out or drafted by the officers of the militia and that he does not recollect the names of any continental or militia officers besides those above mentioned or any other circumstances of the service. This deponent has no learning or education, and is ignorant of the events of the war and did not try to learn or remember the names of the different officers, that he was not in any battle and did not receive any written discharge from the service.

And that Peter P. Smith and Lewis Trellogg of the town of Davenport in said County of Delaware are and have been well acquainted with this deponent as much as eighteen years past and who can testify as to the character of this deponent for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

Here herby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark)  
Jeremiah Smith

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Amos Douglass, Judge of Court of Common Pleas of County of Delaware.