

### Pension Application for Jesse Smith

W.6084 (Widow: Mary) Jesse died in September 1822

B.L.Wt.7776-1000Sgt. Issued July 16, 1790 to Wm. J. Vreedenburgh Assignee and B.L.Wt.189-60-55.

State of New York

County of Saratoga SS.

On this twenty second day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court in the Court of Common Pleas of said County, the same being a court of record with the said County proceeding according to the course of common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of account, keeping record of it[s] proceedings. And having the power of fine & imprisonment Jesse Smith aged sixty one year resident in the said county in the state aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declares that he enlisted in the fore part of April seventy six in the company of Capt. Benjamin Pelton in Colonel Richmons regiment General Mr. Dobles Brigade, New York line for the term of nine months and after serving his time was honorably discharged at Morristown New Jersey and in that campaign was at the capture of the Hessians at Trentown [Trenton] and the British at Princetown likewise the Battle at White Plains previous.

That he enlisted (the eleventh of March 1777) in Capt. Philip Beviers Company Col. Lewis Dubois regiment No. 5 New York line for during the war & was taken prisoner sixth of October following (1777) at the siege of Fort Montgomery and confined aboard the prison ship Jersey from which he made his escape by swimming ashore then returned home and obtained permission from General Washington to Continue at home until the succeeding spring then joined his Regiment at New Windsor was with General Sullivan western expedition in (1779) was at the capture of Lord Cornwallis 19<sup>th</sup> Oct'r 1781 and continued with the army until the ninth of June 1780 when he was honorably discharged by General Washington at a place called Snake Hill orange County State of New York with the Badge of Merit for six years of good and faithful service. When the five New York regiments were consolidated he then fell into Capt. Henry Dubois company Philip VanCortland's Regiment and when discharged was in Capt. Henry Paulding's company which ought to have been mentioned before. Sworn to in open court.  
(Signed) Jesse Smith

Thomas Palmer, Clerk of Saratoga.

An Inventory or Schedule of the property of Jesse Smith.

One cow of the valu 16.00  
Two pigs \$1.25 each 2.50  
One bed & bedding 20.00  
One table 2.00  
One stand 1.50  
One [?] 2.00  
One [?] old trunk 2.00  
One small 1.50  
One small tin .75  
Six common chairs 75 cts each 4.50  
Two pails 50 cts per pail 1.00  
One green pot 1.00  
One kettle .50  
One tin tea kettle .50  
One tea pot earthen .25  
One set tea cups saucers .25  
Two small bowls (eathern) .18  
5 knives & forks 1.00

6 table spoons .37  
6 tea spoons .25  
6 earthen plates .75  
2 earthen milk pans .25  
2 earthen milk pans .25  
2 glass decanters .75  
1 vineg cruise .09  
1 cutting knife .25  
2 smoothing irons .50  
1 small spider .50  
1 earthen pitcher .25  
1 small looking glass .75  
1 half barrel meat cask .75  
1 small pickle tub .50  
2 tin candle stands .25  
1 pr. Sniffers .12 ½  
1 member mug .25  
A razor shaving box and brush .50  
One cake of soap part used. 06  
Shoe brushes .25  
One bible .50

\$65.43

Scarcity wearing apparel for myself and wife. The cow and the greater part of the above articles I have purchased with my pension money. Real property I have now either in law or equity. My family consists of myself and wife. Am by trade a Taylor [tailor], I have lost my thumb off my left hand and my hand is much withered and the joints in the same stiff which added to my advanced age renders me unable to work at my trade. My health is otherwise much impaired and my constitution broken. My wife like myself is old and sickly and unable by labour to contribute to our assistance I have a room in the town of Milton in the said county for which I pay \$25 per year & 25 cents per week for the pasture of my cow. My pension is my only dependence without it I and my wife must resort to private or public charity for a living. My would is whole and warm with the love of country, notwithstanding its broken shattered and decayed tabernacle. (Signed) Jess Smith

Sworn to in open court, Thomas Palmer Clerk.