

Pension Application for John Smith

W.25004 (Widow: Abigail) John was born Feb 1760, died Jan 27, 1852.
Bombardier & Corporal of Artillery
State of New York
Chenango County SS.

On this 12th day of April 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Chenango in the said State of New York personally appears John Smith aged fifty eight years last February resident in the town [of] Smithville in the said County of Chenango in the District and State of New York being by the first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress intituled an act to provide for certain persons, engaged in the land and Navel Services of the United States in the Revolutionary War that he the said John Smith enlisted as a soldier in the army of the United States in year 1778 at Goshen Orange County and State of the New York Line, Capt. Gershom Motts Company and Col. Lambs Regiment Artillery during the war that sometime after I was made a corporal that I was with the army at the taking of Cornwallis and served over five years and to the end of the war that I was honorably discharged at West Point in the State of New York in 1783 that some time after I was discharged. ; I handed to a Col. Payne my Discharge to obtain my wages for me and that I have never been able to obtain it since and do not kno[w] whether said Payne is living & if living where he resides and that I have kno [no] other proff [proof] of my discharge ounly [only] what is annexed these papers and that he is in reduced curcimstances and an indigent person and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. (Signed) John Smith.

Subscribed and sworn to the 12th day of Aprill 1818 before me. Isaac Sherwood one of the Judges of the Court of Common Plea in & for Chenango County and State of New York.

Letter in the file dated January 31, 1918 gives the following information.

John Smith enlisted in 1778 for over 5 years, Corporal, Captain Gershom Mott, Colonel Lamb, 2nd Continental Artillery and enlisted at Goshen, Orange Co., NY and applied for pension April 12, 1818. When applied for pension, he resided at Smithville, Chenago Co., NY, age 58 the previous February. He married 1780, Abigail Burrows. He died at Sempronius, NY, Jany 27, 1852 Abigail died at McDonough, NY March 17 or 19, 1852 and her pension was allowed for the benefit of their only surviving children in 1854: Lydia, Elijah, Daniel and Ruth Ann Smith and Polly Johnson. John was in the battle of Yorktown.

In addition to the military history of John Smith W. File No. 25,004, Rev. War, the following family data comes from the papers on file in the claim.

Children of John and Abigail Smith

Charity born December 1788.

Unnamed child born and died in infancy.

Lydia born March 1787.

John born ----died aged 18 yrs.

Levy born Mary 1791.

*Elijan born March 1793.

Daniel born December 1796.

Aaron born August 1800.

Davis born September 1802.

Polly born August 1805.

Arsenath born July 1809.

Ruth Ann born July 1812.

Children of *Elijah and Abigail Smith Born September 18, 1800.

Anny M. born June 18, 1820.

Sylvina born February 12, 1823.

Orlando born April 21, 1826.

Pamorus Delila born April 19, 1831.

Ruthana born August 1833, died March 25, 1834.