

Pension Application for John Smith

R.9856 (Widow: Sophia Yekley, born January 1, 1755. Married May 27, 1779. John died Dec. 23, 1812.)

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On the 16 day of October 1838, personally appeared before me one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for said County Sophia Smith, a resident of the town of Walkill in said county and State aged eighty four years on the 1st of January next who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress past [passed] July 4th 1836, that she is the widow of John Smith, how was a private Soldier in the army of the Revolution, that she has been informed and believes, her said husband served in a company commanded by Capt Buins Col. Pauldings Regt, at New York, and White Plains, iin 1776 and in 1777, he served under Capt. Faulkner at Fort Montgomery or Fort Clinton, and in 1778 was out on different tours under different officers on the western Frontiers against the Indians, and continued to be cald [called] out on different alarms on said Frontiers, and at West-Point, and other places along the Hudson River, till peace took place, & served under Capt. Jackson.

And she further declares that she was married to her husband the said John Smith; on the 7th of May 1779 by the Rev. Andrew King, a minister of the Presbeterian [Presbyterian] Church in the Town of Montgomery, County of Orang [Orange] aforesaid, that he name before marriage was Sophia Yekley that her husband the said John Smith died on the 23 day of December 1812 and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her said husband John Smith, as will more fully appear, by the proof hereunto annexed, and she has no documentary evidence in support of her said husband[s] service but has the family record of her marriage, which is taken from her bible, and hereunto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Sophia Smith.

Sworn & subscribed the day first above written by her making her mark she declaring that she is unable to write her name before me & I further certify that from personal inspection she is unable to attend court. H.K. Elliott, Judge of Orange Com Pleas.