

Pension Application for John Smith

R.9773

State of Michigan

Wayne County SS.

John Smith being duly sworn says that he is now in the eighty first year of his age; that he was born in the town of Salisbury in the State of Connecticut, from which place his father removed with him when quite young into the County of Dutchess [Dutchess] in the State of New York, at which places he, this applicant resided at the breaking out of the Revolutionary War; that in the year 1777 he went with a body of militia from said County of West Point where he labored upon the fort for a month and drew his regular rations as a militiaman; that in 1781 he was drafted into the service as a militiaman and proceeded to Fishkill and remained there a few days and proceeded to Peekskill and remained there about two days and was ordered to Verplank's Point, where he remained about a month in the service of the country and was made a Corporal in the company to which he belonged; from this place he was ordered to return home having on this occasion spent about three months in the service; That in 1781 or 1782 he was employed by one Peter Bishop who then resided on Livingston's Manor, so called, in transporting arms and military stores from Boston to Albany and other places on the North River, in which business he was engaged [engaged] for about three months and for which he has never received any pay in consequence of the unexpected solvency of said Bishop; nor has this deponent ever received directly or indirectly from any source whatever any compensation for any part of the services aforesaid; that the company to which he belonged was commanded by a captain by the name of Huystroot while at Fishkill, Peekskill and VerPlank's Point, and by a captain of the name of Hartnell at West Point. (Signed) John Smith.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 21st day of January AD 1841. Walter W. Dalton, Notary Public, Way County Mich.