

### Pension Application for John Smith

W.25033 (Widow: Elizabeth Rice) John was a glassmaker. Died 1828.

State of New York

County of Oneida

Court of Common Pleas, To wit.

On this fourth day of Sept'r 1821, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record in and for the said County according to the solemn adjudications of the Supreme Court of this state, and being a court which proceeds according to the course of common law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of its proceedings, and possessing the power of fine and imprisonment) John Smith aged seventy four years, resident in the Town of Vernon in said County who, being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows; in the companies commanded by Capt'n DeWitt & Sytes, in Col. VanSchaick's Regiment in the Continental Establishment, in the New York line, for the term & in the manner specified in his original declaration accompanying this Inventory—dated the twenty first day of April 1818—that owing to his not being able to procure testimony to prove his identity until this day (August third 1821) has been the cause of his not having presented his application for a Pension to the Hon; the Secretary of War.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war", passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts, or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed. That I have no family other than my wife who is about sixty four years old who by means of Rheumatic pains is unable to do service work—that I am old & infirm, and have no means of support—and stand in immediate need [need] of assistance from my country for support—The following schedule contains an accurate account of all my estate—viz—Real Estate None—Personal Estate viz—one old table of the value of Fifty cents—Seven chairs of the value of one dollar & twenty cents—Two iron kittles of the value of one dollar & fifty cents one pair of And Irons—Shovel & Tongs of the value of one dollar—Tea Kettle & spider of the value of one dollar.—Bake Pan & small Kettle of the value of one dollar & twenty five cents, Three Pails, one dollars, & old crockery and knives & forks of the value of two dollars and seventy five cents—Snuff Boxe & Sniff Six cents. (Signed with his mark) John Smith

In open court before. M. L. Miller, First Judge.

State of New York

Madison County SS.

John Smith being duly sworn says that he is a resident of the town of Smithfield in the County of Madison in the State of New York that he is seventy one years old and upwards. That by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of assistance from his country for support.—That he has never received a pension from the government of the United States. That he served as a soldier in the War of the Revolution on the Continental Establishment for the term of seven years & three months. That he enlisted during the war into a company then commanded by Captain Thomas DeWitt of First Regiment of the Line of New York Commanded by Colonel Gosen VanSchaack of General Clinton's Brigade some time in the year 1776 but the month is not recollected. That at the termination of the war he was honorably discharged at Snake hill in New Windsor which discharge is now lost. That he was at Fort Stanwix when it was besieged by General St. Leger and the Indians was at the Capture of Lord Cornwallis. (Signed with his Mmark) John Smith

Sworn the 21<sup>st</sup> April 1818 before me. Jno. Smith First Judge Mad. County.