

Pension Application for John P. Smith

W.19050 (Widow: Gertrude Herder. Married May 2nd, 1775, by John C. Fryenmoet, Pastor of R. P. Dutch Ch., Kinderhook, Columbia County, NY. John died October 25, 1840.)

State of New York

Delaware County SS.

On this 8th day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the county of Delaware now sitting John P. Smith a resident in the town of Davenport in the County of Delaware & State of New York aged eighty three years who being first duly sworn made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officer & served as herein stated. He resided in Claverack in the County of Columbia and State of New York in the fall of the year during the Revolutionary War but what year does not recollect and during his said residence as aforesaid was called out as a private soldier under Captain Miller, Col. Henry Vanrenselaer marched from Claverack to Oneida Lake in the State of New York, was stationed there one month, had a battle with the Indians and British regulars at Oneida was in the battle at the expiration of the month was dismissed & returned to Claverack in said County of Columbia.

In the latter part of the fall or fore part of the winter of the same year again called out under the command of the above named officers and marched from Claverack to Johnstown in the State of New York stationed at Johnstown for better than a month to guard against the Indians & British troops fought no battles during this campaign was dismissed & returned to Claverack.

He was again called out in the winter can't tell the year under the command of Major Asylstine [sic Esseltyne?] marched from Claverack to Newburgh on the North River stationed there about one month to guard against the landing of the British. Had no battle with the enemy was dismissed & returned to Claverack.

Called out the next summer after he was stationed at Newburgh under the command of Captain Miller marched from Claverack to the town of Livingston in the County of Columbia stationed there a little over a month to prevent the Tories from recapturing the spy called Filly who was executed at the town of Livingston during his station there. After the execution of Filly was dismissed and returned to Claverack. This was in the summer season.

After the execution of the spy was again the same summer called out & marched from Claverack to Esopus in the County of Ulster under the command of a captain whose name if not recollected stationed at Esopus about one month to prevent the British from sailing up the Hudson River was in no battle—dismissed & returned to Claverack Col. Henry VanRenselaer commanded the regiment.

In the fall of the same year was again called out under the command of Capt. Miller, Col. Henry VanRensalaer, Gen. Robert VanRensalaer & marched from Claverack to Hurly in the State of New York on the West Side of the Hudson River crossed the river at Hudson and marched down the west side of the river stationed there about three weeks was dismissed & returned to Claverack. Had no engagement with the enemy.

During each of the several above mentioned services or campaigns he belonged to the regiment commanded by Col. Henry VanRaselaer and the Brigade commanded by General Robert VanRanselaer that he always served under the command of Capt. Miller but one when he was stationed at Livingston in the County of Columbia whether he served as a volunteer or drafted militia man he does not recollect but believes that he was drafted. He cannot more explicitly than he has above describe the time of his several services nor the names of any other of his officers.

He does not recollect that any of the regular troops served with the troops he served with. He has no record of his age but his Bible. There are no persons living except one Jeremiah Smith within his knowledge but his brother Jeremiah Smith by whom he can prove his services in the Revolutionary War.

He has resided in the town of Delhi & Davenport in the County of Delaware aforesaid for thirty years last past & for the last sixteen years in the town of Davenport where he now resides. Previous to his residence in the County of Delaware aforesaid he resided in Claverack in the County of Columbia, NY.

He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) John P. Smith

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid, C. B. Sheldon Clerk