

Pension Application for Joseph Smith
S.11418 Born Aug 18, 1757.
State of New York
County of Tompkins SS.

On this third day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting for the said County Joseph Smith a resident of the Town of Dryden in the said County of Tompkins and State of New York aged seventy four years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make 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 officers and served as herein stated.

That in the month of August in the year 1776 deponent does not recollect and cannot state of the day of the month, he enlisted in a company which deponent believes were called New Levies, under Captain William Pearce in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Jacobus Swartwout. The Brigade was commanded by General George Clinton—Deponent enlisted for the term of five months, at the Town of southeast in Dutchess County—Deponent served in the same company for the whole period of his enlistment, being five months and was discharged on the first day of January 1777 at the Town of New Windsor in the County of Ulster State of New York. He was a resident of the said Town of South East at the time of his enlistment and enlisted as a substitute for one Elijah Sabins—That he joined the Regiment for duty at Kings Bridge—They retreated from there to White Plains—and in a few days Marched to Peekskill—They went from Peekskill to Murderers Creek a few miles above West Point on the Hudson River in the said Town of New Windsor and worked at Chevaux de frizes until they were discharged.

That the Regiment to which deponent belonged was not during the period of his said enlistment engaged in any Battle—That the Regiment was not joined with any continental troops during the time—That after deponent was discharged as aforesaid he enlisted under Captain Abraham Schenck (who belonged to the above mentioned Regiment) for one month, for the purpose of keeping Guard at Constitution Island, and deponent served in it until the first day of February 1777 when they were relieved by a Company of Regular Troops, and deponent was discharged—Deponent does not remember the name of the captain of the company by whom they were relieved.

There was a Lieutenant of the name of Dodge—Does not know what Regiment they belonged to—The names of four persons were inserted in the discharge which included the name of deponent and was retained by one of the other persons, and has never been in the possession of Deponent—That deponent does not know of but one person by whom the said service can be proved, his name is John Jewett who was Fife Major in the Regiment to which deponent belonged he resides in the County of Tioga a distance of about forty miles from the place where this court is held, and deponent is unable to procure his attendance at this court and deponent has no written evidence of his said service—deponent enlisted and served as above mentioned as a private soldier—The Regiment belonged to the New York Militia.

Deponent enlisted again in the month of August 1777 does not recollect the day of the month, to serve three months under Captain Elijah Townsend in a Regiment of New York Militia commanded by Colonel Henry Ludington and served the full period of his enlistment. He enlisted at Fredericksburgh in Dutchess County and was discharged at Crumpond in Westchester County—Deponent joined the Regiment at Tarry Town. And they remained in that vicinity in the County of Westchester, excepting about ten days in the County of Dutchess at Red Mills and Fishkill, until they were discharged—There were no regular troops stationed in company until the said regiment during the said three months—while in this service deponent several times saw General Putnam who had his quarters a few miles up the river from where deponent was stationed. The Regiment to which deponent was attached was employed during the said three months in scouting parties and on guard—Deponent did not receive any

written discharge—and has no documentary evidence of his services—Does not know of any person living by whom his said service can be proved unless it be the above named John Jewett, who also served in the same regiment, but in a different company. Deponent enlisted on his own account as a private.

Deponent enlisted again in the month of April 1779 the day of the month he does not recollect under Captain Robert Woods, in a Regiment of New York Militia Commanded by Col. Albert Paulding— He enlisted at the aforesaid Town of South East where deponent then resided, to serve until the first of January following—and was discharged the week before Christmas following at Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess—Deponent served during all the said time in Captain Woods Company, except about two weeks when he was attached to a company of the same Regiment commanded by Captain Robert Hunter.

Deponent joined his company at Fishkill. They then went to Poughkeepsie and then to Esopus. From Esopus they went to Warwasink. They remained there four or five days and then went to Peen Pack on the Neversink River. They remained there stationed in two Picket Forts about two months—and returned to Warwasink and Mumbackus in the County of Ulster—They remained there about a week and returned to PeenPack and remained about a month. They then went to Fishkill when the company to which deponent belonged joined the Regiment. The regiment remained about a week at Fishkill and then went to Stoney [Stony] Point. They remained at Stoney Point until December – they then went to Poughkeepsie and remained until they were discharged—After the company left Warwasink as above mentioned to return to PeenPack they were ordered to join Generals Clinton and Sullivan who were then on the western expedition and marched as far as Orgnaga [Onondaga?] for the purpose of joining them—when they got to Orgnaga they found a paper fastened to a tree informed that General Clinton had gone down the Susquehanna River Eleven days before—they then returned to PeenPack as above stated—Deponent was not during the said period stationed in company with any regular troops. There were Continental troops at Stoney Point when deponent arrived there under, according to the recollection of Deponent, the command of Brigade in General Meigs—Deponent is not certain that he commanded but is certain that he was there—does not remember the names of any other Continental officer who were there—Deponent was not engaged in any battle during this service—Did not receive a written discharge—Does not know of any person living by whom his last mentioned services can be proved, and has no documentary evidence—He enlisted on his own account as a private soldier.

He hereby relinquishes every 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.

Deponent further says that he was born in the Precinct of South East in the County of Dutchess and State of New York—on the 18th day of August in the year 1757.

He has no record of his age, he draws his knowledge from the information of his parents at each of the times deponent enlisted as above mentioned he lived at the said Town of South East.

The first time deponent enlisted as above mentioned he entered as a substitute for one Elijah Sabins—on all the other occasions it was on his own account.

Since the Revolutionary war he has resided at South East in the County of Dutchess at Ballston in Saratoga County at Half Moon in the same county at Schenectady in the State of New Your about 24 years ago he removed from Schenectady to the Town of Dryden and has continued to reside there ever since.

Since the above declaration was prepared deponent was informed that Jonas Youmans was living at the Town of Campbell in the County of Steuben whose was in the service with deponent and whose testimony he has obtained to be annexed to this declaration.

Deponent is acquainted with the following named persons, who are his neighbors and are present viz; Peleg Ellis, Stephen Krum, Matthew H. Johnson, & others. (Signed with his mark) Joseph Smith

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. S. Sowell