

### **Pension Application for Lemuel Smith**

W.19060 (Widow: Sarah Hawley and Lemuel Smith were married November 17, 1777. Sarah Hawley was born AD 1758, daughter of Ezekiel Hawley.) Lemuel died September 18, 1841. Children: William, Joel, Mary, Peter H., Clarissa Devolf & Ruth Farnsworth. Lemuel served as a private and a sergeant. State of New York  
County of Oneida SS.

On this seventh day of September 1832, personally appeared before the Subscriber a Judge of the court of Common Pleas of Oneida Co. Lemuel Smith a resident of said county and state, aged eighty 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: That he was born in Feby 1752, town of Huntington Long Island, State N. York. No record of age except Bible—Resided at Huntington Long Island when he entered service. Since the war he has resided at Pleasant Valley Dutchess Co., NY—North Salem NY and now Augusta, Oneida Co., NY.

That in the year 1775 he sailed from New York on a whaling voyage to coast of Brazil—and on his return home was chased into Martinico by a British armed vessel—where his ship and cargo was disposed of – and learning that was continued between this country and Great Britain, he purchased equipments, guns, bayonet, carlouch [cartridge?] box & belt to be prepared to enter into the service of his country, and arrived at New York in April 1776.

That in the month of May 1776 he enlisted for seven months the first troops that were raised in Capt. Joshua Rogers Com’y marched to New York and was attached to Col. Samuel Drakes Regiment, belonging to Gen. Scott’s Brigade.

That the troops remained in New York until a short time before the battle on Long Island, when they crossed over to Flat Bush on the Island and was there when battle was fought—After the battle was in retreat to N. York—from there to Kingsbridge lay encamped a few days at Kingsbridge—from thence to White Plains—was there at time of battle—marched a few days after battle to Peekskill—from thence crossed North River to Haverstraw where we joined Continental Troops and remained until December when he was discharged having served his seven months. Gen’l Lee he thinks had command of Continental Troops.

On expiration of seven months service went to North Salem, Westchester Co., NY where he enlisted in the fall of 1777, into Capt. Noah Boughton’s Company. Col. Luddingston or Loudonton, Regt, Ebenezer Purdy Major and served for the term of two and a half or three months in the neighborhood of Tarrytown. Serving in both of the towns as a private soldier. After this service he was appointed First Sergeant in the militia and living near what was called the lines, was frequently called out in alarms, sometimes for a week sometimes for one, two, to four & five days—and the whole time would certainly amount to three months service and according to his best recollection, much more. This deponent knows of no witness living except the persons whose affidavits accompany this to prove his service and papers annexed [?] as to his character.

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. (Signed) Lemuel Smith.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Nathan Kimball, Judge of Oneida Common Pleas.