

### **Pension Application for Levi Smith**

W.2261 (Widow: Elizabeth) Levi was born Mar 20, 1764 at Derby Conn. Died at New Milford, Litchfield Co., Conn. June 7, 1842 or June 18, 1841.

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Declaration: In order to obtain the benefits of the 2d Section of the Act of 3d February 1853.

State of Connecticut

Litchfield County SS.

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1853 before me Judge of the Probate Court for the District of New Milford, personally appeared Elizabeth Smith a resident of New Milford in the County of Litchfield, State of Connecticut aged eight two 82 years, who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed on the 3d February, 1853, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War.

That she is the Widow of Levi Smith who was a private in the Army of the Revolution and a pensioner of the United States on the roll of the Connecticut agency under the Act of June 7, 1832 at Eighty dollars per annum his pension certificate was issued at the War Department 20 May 1833.

She further declares that she was married to the said Levi Smith on the ninth day of July—one thousand eight hundred and twenty six and that her husband the aforesaid Levi Smith died on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1842. That she was not married to him prior to the 2d day of January 1800, but at the time above stated. She further declares that she is now a Widow. (Signed with her mark) Elizabeth Smith.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. Frederick Chittendon, Judge of the Probate for the District of New Milford in the County of Litchfield & State of Connecticut.

State of Connecticut

County of Litchfield

Probate, District of New Milford SS.

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August AD 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Probate for said district now sitting at New Milford in s'd District & County, Levi Smith a resident of said town of New Milford aged Sixty Eight 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 provision of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That in the winter of 1780 - 1 he enlisted in the Company commanded by Capt. Job Wright (1) of the New York forces at Spencer in the State of New York and in April 1781 he marched to Saratoga where he joined the Regt commanded by Col. Willet and remained there till August of the same year and then marched from there to Albany where he was first mustered in Augt 1781. He remained there about two weeks and then returned to Saratoga where he remained till November of the same year when the company to which he belonged was ordered to Ballstown for winter quarters where he remained till the month of May 1782 and then marched to Johnstown & there joined the regiment again, at which place he remained till the month of September of the same year when he & a part of the Regiment went to Fort Timmerman on the Mohawk River to keep garrison where he remained till about the 1<sup>st</sup> of October of the same year and then joined the Regiment again at Fort Plain where he remained through the next winter & summer till the month of Sept'r 1783 (2) and then marched to Fort Herkimer on the Mohawk River where he remained a few days only and then went to Fort Stanwix on the Mohawk and then assisted in building a stone house & block house at which place he remained till the last of November of the same year, and then marched to Schenectady where he continued till the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 1784 (3) and was there & then regularly & honorably discharged which discharge was signed by Col. Willet, but which he has unfortunately lost—General Stark (4) commanded at Saratoga while the declarant was there—His Lieutenant's name was Jesse Hubbel (5) who was afterwards, while the declarant was in the service, appointed adjutant, his Ensign's name was Bingham—His orderly Sergeant was Seth Rowley.

He was born at Derby in Connecticut March 20<sup>th</sup> 1764. At about the age of 8 years (as he is informed) he removed to Spencertown in the State of New York at which place he resided when he entered the service. After he left the service he returned to Spencertown where he remained till December of the same year 1784 when he returned to Derby since which time he has resided in Derby Oxford, Southbury & New Milford in this state at which latter place he now resides and has resided for about twenty two years past.

He has no documentary evidence of his services—He annexes hereto some testimony to prove his services taken to substantiate his claim for a pension on a former occasion. (6) He knows of no other witnesses name than Lake Champlain whose testimony he can prove and is not certain that they are living.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his names is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Levi Smith. (7)

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Nathaniel Perry Judge of the Court of Probate  
End Notes—W.2261—Levi Smith

1. The regiment did not exist until April 27, 1781 when Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett and the other officers were appointed to raise of regiment of Levies. Levi probably enlisted in May. On August 12, 1781, he was mustered in as a 3 years man in Captain Job Wright's Company. According to the Descriptive Book No. 4 of Willett's Regiment, Document No. 11105, Special Collections and Manuscripts, New York State Library, Albany, N.Y., the following is given. Enlisted August 12, 1781 at Spencertown, Albany County, New York for 3 years by Lieutenant Phiney Moor, Born at Darbytown, New Haven County, Connecticut. Age 17, size 5 ft 7 in, complexion Dar, Hair Dark, Eyes Dark, Occupation Laborer.
2. In 1783, Levi served in Captain Joseph Harrison's for 10 months as was then transferred to Captain Jonathan Pearce's (or Percy, Pearse, etc.), Company. Both companies were in Willett's Regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 173, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
3. According to the book "An extract from the 1853 Register of the New York State Battalion", Levi was discharged January 6, 1784. It was signed by Captain Commandant Peter B. Tearce, Attest P. Moor, Adjut. These are the two officers that signed Levi's discharge as Willett had retired from the service on November 1, 1783. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 173, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
4. Brigadier General John Stark. On August of 1781, he was in command of the Northern Department.
5. Lieutenants Jesse Hubble, Rial Bingham and Sergeant Seth Rowley all served in Willett's Regiment.
6. In Levi's pension application is testimony by Lieutenant Moor.
7. Elizabeth Smith, widow of Levi applied and received a widow's pension. The following was part of her application. Levi Smith of New Milford was married to Elisabeth Hoy of Newtown on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 1826 by me William Mitchell Pastor of the Congregational Church. Town Clerk's Office, Newtown April 12/53. Recorded by Town Clerk on July 11, 1826. Caleb Baldwin. Attest Monroe Judson, Town Clerk.