

### Pension Application for Michael Smith

S.14515 (Widow: Elizabeth) Michael died April 21, 1846.

Private and Sergeant.

District of New York

Orange County SS.

Michael Smith the deponent in the annexed affidavit being duly sworn doth depose and say by way of supplement to the preceding affidavit that the reason of his not making an earlier application for a pension is as follows that by great industry he has been enabled to support himself until within a few years from off the farm mentioned in the annexed Schedule which together with the personal property set forth in said schedule is all the property which this deponent owned on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 in amount the real property still being the same & the personal property of the same value then as now—that owing to that since of this deponent from serving a considerable part of the last war in which he served as a Lieutenant Colonel his business became deranged in so much that he found it necessary to take up money to support his family for several years past this deponent was enabled by his industry & economy to support his family & keep down the interest due on his debts contracted for the purpose aforesaid but owing to old age & debility this deponent now finds himself wholly unable to support himself by [?] has no other means of support than that [?] or private charity. (Signed) Mich'l Smith.

Sworn before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1828. B. H. Nace, A commissioner appointed to take affidavits &c.

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On this sixth day of September 1838, personally appeared in open court in the Court of Common Pleas it being a Court of Word for the said County of Orange, Michael Smith, aged sixty eight years, resident in the said County of Orange, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows—That in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six in the month of March. He enlisted in a company commanded by Captain Theophilus Beekman in a Regiment commanded by Colonel John Lasher in the Brigade commanded by Marinus Scott on the line of the Continental Establishment for nine months & was discharged at Haverstraw in the County of Rockland on the third day of December 1776—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 the 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 the 18<sup>th</sup> day 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 following inventory, and by me subscribed, voz—

Real Estate

47 acres of land, assessed at eight hundred dollars.

Personal property

1 [?] of Horses \$50

4 Cows 60.

I am indebted & pay interest for \$800

Leaves of property clean of incumbrance \$110. (Signed) Mich'l Smith

Sworn to and subscribed on the sixth day of September before me. Asa Dunning Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Orange.

Letter in file dated November 11, 1931.

Reference is made to your letter of November 8, requesting information in regard to Michael Smith of New York City, a soldier of the War of the Revolution.

The data furnished herein are obtained from the paper in pension claim, S.14515, based upon the military service of Michael Smith in the Revolutionary War.

He was born in 1760 in New York City.

He enlisted, while residing in New York City in April 1775 and served as sergeant in Captain Theophilus Beekman's company in Colonel John Lasher's New York regiment, length of this tour not shown. He enlisted in March 1776 and served as orderly sergeant in Captain Theophilus Beekman's company in Colonel John Lasher's regiment, was in a skirmish near Bergen Point, battles on Long Island, Harlem Heights and White Plains, and was discharged in December 1776.

He moved in March 1777 to New Windsor, New York, and served in a corps of Artificers under Captains Machin and Benjamin Hoghland for about one year, when he moved to Cornwall, Orange County, New York and served two weeks under Captain Christian VanDuzer, was also out one day under Captain Blauvelt, when Tappan was burned.

He stated in 1828 that he was Lieutenant Colonel in the "last war".

He was allowed pension on account of his services in the Revolutionary War, on his application executed September 15, 1832, then a resident of Cornwall, orange County, New York.

He stated that his grandmother, mother and sisters were living during the War of the Revolution, and that his mother moved from New York City, when the British took possession of the city, and went to Tappan. He also in 1828 referred to his family. He did not at any time give the names of his family.