

## Pension Application for Moses Smith

S.40447

Pennsylvania SS.

Be it remembered that on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April AD eighteen hundred and eighteen before me the subscriber Jos. Hemphill President of the District Court of the City & County of Phi'a, personally appeared Moses Smith aged fifty nine years now resident in the City of Philadelphia in the State aforesaid, who being by me duly sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration on oath in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress, entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War", that the said Moses Smith did in the spring of seventeen hundred and seventy six in the Township of Walkill County of Orange and State of N. York enlist in to Capt. Crages (1) Company of foot for one year, was mustered at Fort Constitution and joined Colonel [sic] VanSeoyks [VanSchaick] Regiment (2) served the year in said Regiment, and then enlisted in Capt. Smiths (3) Company for during the war, joined the second N. York Regiment commanded by Colonel VanCoartland [sic] (4) on the Continental establishment, that he served in said regiment to the end of the war, and that he was discharged in the spring of seventeen hundred & eighty three with the main army at Snake Hill in Orange County & State aforesaid, that he drew his land in the State of N. York and his Continental bounty land from the United States, that he was in the battles of Long Island, giving up of N.York & White Plains & at the capture of Cornwallis (5) and many small or skirmishes during the war, was slith [slightly] wounded in the face & leg, that he never received any pension & humbly releases to the United States all claims thereto, that he is a native born resident citizen of the U't States, and that he by old age and reduced circumstances in life is in need of assistance from his country for support and that he knows of no other testimony here in the City he can give of his services but a reference to his enlistments, discharge, and drafts of the land he drew for his services, recorded in the war office. Sworn to & declared before me the day and year aforesaid. 30<sup>th</sup> April 1818, Jos. Hemphill.

End Notes—S.40447—Moses Smith

1. Captain James Gregg in Colonel Isaac Nicoll's Regiment of Levies in 1776. Colonel Nicoll had been in command of the Orange County Minute Men. Colonel Nicoll also commanded at times at Fort Constitution on Constitution Island which can be seen from West Point. The only ruins left of the fort and the island is privately owned. There haven't been any muster rolls found for this regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 75, folder 132, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Goose VanSchaick in 1776 was Colonel of an un-numbered Continental Regiment raised to reinforce the American Army in Canada. The army retreated from Canada by May and retreated from Canada by May and VanSchaick's Regiment garrisoned forts in the Lake George and Fort Edward area. Also they were at Johnstown in Tryon County for a short period.
3. Moses enlisted as a private for "during war" on December 23, 1776 in Captain Israel Smith's Company, seventh company, in Colonel Henry B. Livingston's Fourth New York Continental Regiment. He deserted on July 22, 1778. He is listed as rejoining the regiment on October 18, 1779. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 71, folder 57, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
4. On January 1, 1781, the Second New York and Fourth New York Continental Regiments were consolidated into one regiment. The Second New York remained under the command of Colonel Philip VanCortlandt. Captain Smith was transferred to the Second New York and so was Moses. He continued his service until he was discharged in June of 1783. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 69, folder 32, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
5. The Battle of Long Island was on August 27, 1776, the Battle of White Plains was fought on October 28, 1776 and the Yorktown, Virginia Campaign was from September 28 to October 19, 1781.