

Pension Application for Reuben Smith

W.15704 (Widow: Susannah Philips) Reuben died July 7th 1836. Married June 18, 1785.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of WestChester SS.

On this sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me Edward Kenneys of the Town of Mount Pleasant one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of WestChester, Reuben Smith a resident of the Town of North Salem in the said County and State of New York aged seventy years, who being unable to appear in Court by reason of bodily infirmity & 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that is to say he was enrolled in the Col. Crane Regiment of Militia in the County of WestChester and State of New York at the age of sixteen years and that on or about the month of September in the year 1778 he was drafted out of Captain Jesse Trusdell's Company in said Col. Crane's Regt for the period of six months that he was attached during that period of the company under the command of Wright Carpenter as a private that said Company was drafted from said Regt under the command of Col. Crane & the declarant believes from the other Regiments in the Brigade of militia in said County of WestChester that said Company was in active service on the lines in the County of WestChester aforesaid for and during the full [?] & term of six months and that this declarant served the whole said period in said Company and at the expiration of said period he received his honorable discharge from said service which he thinks he received on or about the month of March 1779 that he was discharged from said company in the said County of WestChester.

And the Declarant further saith that in or about the month of May in the year 1779, he was again drafted from said Col. Crane's Regt of militia for the period of nine months and was attached to Captain Cornelius Steenrod's Company (as a private) of said Regt, that after the declarant was so drafted as aforesaid, he was stationed on the lines in the said County in active service until the full end and term of nine months, and was under the command of said Captain Steenrod & attached to the Reg't under the command of Col. Samuel Drake and was under the command of Genl. McDougal or in other words attached to his Brigade that at the expiration of the period for which he was drafted he received an honorable discharge from said service on or about the month of February 1780.

And the declarant further saith that in or about the month of May in the year 1780, he was a private in Captain Joseph Doolittles Company of Militia in said Col. Cranes Regt in the said County of WestChester. That at that time said Company was divided into three classes, and each class was required to perform active duty in their turn from the month of May 1780 until the spring of the year say about the month of April 1782 in guarding the lines in the County of WestChester aforesaid & in protecting the inhabitants from the incursions of the enemy, that this declarant continue to serve in that way every third day & night on active duty until the month of April 1782 aforesaid or thereabouts. When the declarant was honorably discharged from said service, and the declarant saith that he served during said prior in all in active service for the period of six months at the last calculation.

And the declarant further states that he was born in the Town of North Salem in said County of WestChester on the 12th day of July in the year 1762, that I have a record of his age fixed in a frame with glass over it that is in his dwelling in said Town of North Salem. That he resided in said Town of North Salem at the several time when he entered the service; and that he has resided in said Town of North Salem ever since excepting for the period of fourteen years. [???] fourteen years he resided in the Town of Carmel then called Dutchess County now called Putnam County and that he now resides & has for upwards of thirty years last past resided in the Town of North Salem aforesaid and that he entered the

service as herein before set forth. That he has no documentary evidence of his service, & that the only proof he has or can obtain of his said service is Samuel Truesdell whose affidavit is hereto appended, that the names of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution are Samuel Turesdell & Jesse Clarke, both of the aforesaid Town of North Salem and that he knew and served under Gen. McDougal of the Continental Army & that he does not now recollect the name of any other officers of the Regular Army under whom he served. That he never received any written discharges.

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) Reuben Smith

Sworn to and subscribed this 16th day of October 1832 before me. Edward Kenneys on of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for WestChester Courts.