

### **Pension Application for Richard Smith**

W.15947 (Widow: Susannah)

Richard was a wagon master to Col. Lamb's Regiment, served about 5 years. Richard died Feb 9, 1832.

Susannah died February 1840.

In Marine Court

State of New York

City & County of New York. SS.

On this twenty sixth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, personally appeared before me Justice Hammond one of the Justices of the Marine Court in open court Susanah Smith a resident of the City of New York in the County and State of New York aged seventy seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of congress passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows". That she is the widow of Richard Smith who was a wagon master as she believes in Colonel Lamb's Regiment of the New York Line. That she has no documentary evidence whatever now of her said husband's Services, it having been destroyed. That he was born at F[?] Queens County, Long Island. Believes he entered the service either at Long Island or Fishkill in Dutchess County about the beginning of the war and that he served about five years in five or six months or served shorter term of service of the revolutionary war with Great Britain. That her said husband was at Easton in Pennsylvania as a waggon master in said war and in New Jersey but don't recollect at what particular place. He was a White Plains when the battle was fought at that place, he was also at Peekskill about the time the public stores were burned. She has also heard him speak frequently speak of the privations, fatigue and sufferings which he endured while in the revolutionary service. She knows that there were a considerable quantity of papers and account books purporting to be of the transactionary of the said Richard Smith as a wagon master in the revolutionary war as she understood. That the said papers and books were preserved until about the year eighteen hundred and sixteen when presuming they were of no kind of use, and never expecting any apphention [apprehension?] for a pension would be made and as they were deemed troublesome and useless they were consumed in order to get them out of the way. That the said Richard Smith left the service about the year seventeen hundred and eighty on, or eighty two at Fishkill and that he died at the City of New York on the ninth day of February eighteen hundred and thirty two aged about seventy seven years.

She further declares that she was married to the said Richard Smith on the twenty fourth day of July in the year seventeen hundred and eighty three at Poughkeepsie Precinct in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York by the Reverend N. Risedyke of the Reformed Dutch Church and who preached alternately at Poughkeepsie, Hackensack and Fishkill in the County of Dutchess and was not married to the said Richard Smith prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place after the expiration of the last period of his service and before the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz, at the time above stated. That after her marriage she lived with her husband the said Richard Smith at Fishkill between one and two years when they removed to the City of New York where they have ever [since] lived until the day of his decease, and that she is now the widow of the said Richard Smith and hath not again been married. (Signed) Susannah Smith

Sworn the 26 October 1838 before me in open court. Judah Hammond Justice of the Marine Court.