

### Pension Application for Samuel Smith

W.19056 (Widow: Nancy) Married August 2, 1791.

State of New York

Monroe County SS.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace Samuel Smith who being duly sworn, deposed & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades. First. One year. 2d. One year and eight days. 3d six months. 4<sup>th</sup> three months. Each and every of the above times he served as a private & for such service he claims a pension. This deponent further says that he is not confident that his third period of service commenced on the first day of March instead of the first of April as mentioned in the Declaration. (Signed) Samuel Smith

Subscribed & sworn to this third day of June 1833, before me. A.S. Alexander J. Peace

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On this third day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court before Peter Price, Joseph Sibley & Saml Carth Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County of Monroe now sitting Samuel Smith a resident of the town of Parma in said county and State of New York, aged seventy five years and two months who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit 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 and served as herein stated. That some time in the month of January in the year 1775 he enlisted for the term of one year in a regiment commanded by Colonel McDugal in a company commanded by Captain Comfort Luddenton & Lieutenant Elijah Oakley. That said company was opened for individuals to enlist on Christmas day in the year 1774 and that his years service commenced at that time. That he enlisted in the town of Fredericksborough in the County of Dutchess and State of New York at the time above mentioned and about the first of March of said year 1775, he together with his company marched directly to New York City—That he was stationed and remained at New York City until his years service expired which was on Christmas day of the year 1775—That he was discharged at New York City and does not recollect of having received a written discharge—was discharged by said Captain Luddenton.

This deponent further says that on or about the first of January of the year 1776 he again enlisted for one year at New York City in a Brigade commanded by General McDugal in a regiment commanded by Col. Richmore and Lieut. Col. Frederick Widenfelt, in a company commanded by Captain Andrew Billings Lieut. Benjamin Pelton and Ensign Daniel Pelton that he remained at New York City until a short time before the British captured that place from thence he was ordered to march to a place near Kingsbridge in the State of New York, that he regiment in which he was serving lay at that place and about there for sometime. The precise time he does not now recollect he was then ordered to march to White Plains and remained there until after the battle—was in the battle at White Plains which owing to the superiority of the British compelled the Americans to retreat. They retreated a short distance from the place where the battle was fought and soon after said battle his company was ordered to march to Trenton in the State of New Jersey. We marched with his company to said last mentioned place but the day before arriving at that place and on Christmas of year 1776, his term of one years service expired, but at the solicitation of his commanding officer himself together with many or all of the company to which he was attached volunteered their services to go on the expedition to Trenton. They arrived arrived [sic] there the next day after marching all in night in a storm and were very soon warmly engaged in the battle at that place in which battle he assisted in capturing rising of nine hundred Hessians and that after having served for one year and about eight days and on or about the first of

January in the year 1777 he was discharged by his Captain near Trenton—thinks he received a written discharge which has since been lost.

This deponent further says that some time in the spring of the year 1777 and to the best of his recollection on or about the first of April of said year he again enlisted under Captain Elijah Townsend for the term of six months. That he enlisted at Fredericksborough in the County of Dutchess and State of New York, that very soon after he enlisted he marched to a place called Red Mills about four miles from the Town of Fredericksborough aforesaid. That his company was stationed there for the purpose of protecting the provisions of the United States Army from the frequent incursions of the tories. That he remained at said place during the whole of his six month service and was there discharge by his captain but does not recollect of having received a written discharge.

He further says that on or about the first of October in the year 1777 he again enlisted for six months in a regiment commanded [by] Colonel Henry Luddenton in a company commanded by Capt. John Hiat—that he enlisted at Fredericksborough aforesaid at said last mentioned time and immediately marched to Sing Sing in New York State and remained there and about there for three months when the British went to their winter quarters cold weather having commenced and he was discharged together with his company—does not recollect of having received a written discharge.

This deponent further says that he was born in the year 1757 on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July of said year that he has now and for a long time has had a written memorandum of his birth. He further says that he was born in the town of Fredericksborrough in the County and State aforesaid that he lived in said place until he was about thirty years old from thence he moved to a place called Quemans Patent in said State where he lived about five years, he then went to New Palts in Ulster County and State of New York where he lived about thirty years. He then moved to Seneca in Ontario County and said State where he lived about three years from thence he moved to Parma in the County of Monroe and State of New York where he now resides and has resided for about seven years.

This deponent further says that there are now living two individuals viz, Isaac Smith his brother and Ismael Gregory who are knowing to his having served in the revolutionary war, whose affidavits he has procured, and which are hereto annexed and to which for further proof he refers.

He further says that he is well known to Joseph Gould, Samuel Gregory and John C. Patterson Esq., who live in his present neighbourhood and have for a long time been acquainted with him. He further says that owing to the clergyman living in his neighbourhood being unwell he is unable to procure his attendance in Court but he has obtained his affidavit which is hereto annexed and to which of proof he refers.

He further says that he hereby relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that to his knowledge his name is not on the pension roll of any state. (Signed) Samuel Smith.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Saml Carth, Judge Monroe County Courts.