

Pension Application for Solomon Smith

S.34495

United States of America

State of New York

County of Albany—To wit:

In conformity with the provisions of the Act of the Congress of the United States of America, passed March 18th 1818, entitled “An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War,” the following Declaration, in writing is made under Oath, by Solomon Smith of the Town of Cortright in the County of Delaware in the State of New York, before the Honorable Ambrose Spencer Esquire, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature in the said State, which Court if a Court of the county and State, in which the said [blank] doth reside, that is to say:

Declaration.

I Solomon Smith aged fifty nine years of the Town of Cortwright in the County of Delaware in the State of New York on this twenty fifty day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen—Do solemnly, sincerely and truly swear and declares, that I served against the common Enemy in the Army, in the War of the Revolution, for the Term of Three years in the Continental Establishment and that I am a resident Citizen of the United States, to wit, in the Town County and State aforesaid; and that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life, I am in need of assistance from my country for support—I do further swear and declare, that I served in the said Revolutionary War, in the capacity of, land being a Private that I belonged to the Army, to wit, I belonged to Capt’n Greys & Lieut Capt. Sites Company, Col. Gansevoort’s Regiment and New York Line—That I entered the said service about the first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven and left it on the eight or ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty in the manner following, to wit; I left it by reason of the expiration of my term of service, that I received one document concerning the same service and discharge has been lost, that I was at the siege of Fort Stanwick & several skirmishes under Genl Sullivan on the western expedition and that there is no other evidence in my power to my knowledge, concerning the matters deposed by me than Conrad Friday and James Lighthall.

And I further declare, that in pursuance of the requisitions of the aforesaid Act of congress, I do hereby freely and absolutely, and to all intents and purposes, relinquish all claims to any Pension, under the Laws of the United States, except the Pension contemplated to be allowed me under the Act of Congress aforesaid mentioned, and under which this Declaration is made.

In witness of the truth of this Declaration, I have subscribed the same in presence of the said Judge, and have solemnly deposed to the truth thereof, on the day herein before, for that purpose, specified. (Signed with his mark)

Sworn before me, this 25th day of Jany 1819 A. Spencer

Letter in file dated September 24, 1935.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.34495, based upon service in the Revolutionary War of Solomon Smith.

The date and place of this soldier’s birth and names of his parents are not shown.

Solomon Smith enlisted, place not given, about April 1, 1777, for three years, served as private in Captain Gregg’s and Captain Lieutenant George Sytez’ companies, Colonel Peter Gansevoort’s 3rd New York Regiment, was at the siege of Fort Stanwix, in several skirmishes under General Sullivan in the Western Expedition, and was discharged April 8 or 9, 1780.

Solomon Smith was allowed pension on his application executed January 25, 1819, at which time he was aged fifty-nien years and a resident of Kortright, Delaware County, New York.

In 1820, the soldier was residing in Albany, Albany County, New York. On June 24, 1826, he had moved to Massachusetts where he had married in Sheffield and was living on a small place owned by her. The name of his wife was not given. In 1827 he was residing in Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts.

There are no family data shown in the claim other than the reference to soldier's wife.