

Pension Application for Thomas Smith

S.42334

Pension \$8.00 per month.
State of New York
Dutchess County SS.

Thomas Smith of Beekman in the County of Dutchess being duly sworn says that in or about the month of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred seventy seven he enlisted as a private in the American Army for three years in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Lee (1) in Colonel Lewis DuBois regiment in the New York line and served in the said company for three years when he was regularly discharged. The company being commanded until some time in the year One Thousand seven hundred and seventy eight by Captain Lee (2) who then resigned, [?] led by Captain Henry Dubois (3) who was appointed in his place that his discharge has been "for many years lost". The deponent was in Fort Montgomery (4) when the same was attacked by the British & escaped therefore after the wheat was loaded and this deponent also says the he is in reduced circumstances & needs a hand from his country for support and therefore asks a pension under the laws of Congress. (Signed with his mark) Thomas Smith

Sworn this 17 Dec. 1819 before me, James E. Mott, First Judge of Dutchess Co.

At a Court of Common Pleas held at the Court House in the Village of Poughkeepsie in and for the County of Dutchess in the State of New York on Monday the twenty sixth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty.—

Present the Hon. James Emott, First Judge
Daniel [?] Planck
Abraham D. Van Wyck
Thomas Sweet

Last three listed as Esquires Judges.

Dutchess County SS

Be it remembered that on the 26th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty, personally appeared in the Court of Common Pleas in Open Court the said Court being a court of Record for the County of Dutchess in the State of New York Thomas Smith aged sixty years resident in the Town of Beekman in the County of Dutchess and State of New York, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. In the month of March 1776 he enlisted at Westchester in New York in a company commanded by Thomas Lee in the fifth Regiment of the New York line commanded by Colonel Lewis Dubois for three years, that he served in the same company a part of the time commanded by Capt. Henry Dubois and in the same regiment the full term of three years and until he was discharged at MorrisTown in New Jersey. And that his original declaration is dated the seventeenth day of December one thousand eight hundred and nineteen and that his pension certificate is No. 16851. And I do solemnly swear that I was a Resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of march 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act of provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and that I have not nor has any person in trust of me any property or securities contracts of debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit—

Real Estate: I have none

Personal Estate: Wearing apparel & bedding excepted I have none. The deponent further saith that he was brought up a farmer, but that from infirmity he is unable to work and has been latterly supported by his relatives. That the deponent has a wife about seventy four years old that they live separate, she living with a son of hers and the deponent with his mother. (Signed with his Mark) Thomas Smith.

Subscribed and sworn this 26th day of June 1820 in open court. William [?] Depy Clerk

End Notes—Thomas Smith S.42334

1. Thomas enlisted on the 28th of February 1777 as a private in Captain Thomas Lee's Company in Colonel Lewis Dubois' Fifth New York Continental Regiment for a term of 3 years. In April 1779, Thomas re-enlisted for "during war" term. On 1 May 1780 he is listed as deserted.
2. Captain Lee resigned on 19 May 1778. Second Lieutenant Samuel English commanded the company until a higher ranking officer was transferred to the company.
3. Henry Dubois was appointed Adjutant on November 21, 1776 in the Fifth New York. He was appointed Captain-Lieutenant on September 1, 1778 and then commissioned Captain on December 22, 1779.
4. Fort Montgomery, New York was captured on October 6, 1777. The Fifth New York was also part of the Sullivan-Clinton Campaign in 1779 against the Iroquois in western New York, which Thomas fails to mention.