

### **Pension Application for Wilhelmus Smith**

R.9689 (Widow: Anna, married about 1775.) Wilhelmus Smith was appointed a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant March 18, 1778 in Col. Morris Graham's Regt. of Militia.

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of this section of the act of Congress of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July; 1836.

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1840 before the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County and the First Judge of the same Court of Common Pleas the same being a court of record personally appeared—Anna Smith a resident of the town of Canaan in said county aged 93 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 4<sup>th</sup> 1836.

That she is the widow of Wilhelmus Smith who in the War of the Revolution was a Lieutenant in Captain Simon Westfall's Company of Militia in Colonel Morris Graham's regiment in Dutchess County New York. The papers hereto annexed marked A, B, C, & D. were found by her among her said husband's papers.

That her said husband did during said war perform military service therein, but from the great length of time & loss of memory she is unable to state how long but she verily believes her performed—services as Lieutenant in said war as long as six months & more & she refers to the pay rolls if any there be to prove the same,. Her husband's commission is lots. She further declares that she was married to said Wilhelmus Smith on the day of July 1775 by the Rev. Mr. Cock, that she has no record of her marriage & she does not remember any one now living who was at the marriage.

That the paper hereto annexed marked A is her family record and made by her said late husband at the time of the respective births of said children. That said Zachariah Smith & Elizabeth Smith were each baptized by the aforesaid Mr. Cock. That the record of said children's births is correct. I was nearly two years married before she had a child. That her husband the said Wilhelmus Smith died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1801--& that she has remained a widow ever since that period not having intermarried since his death. (Signed with her mark) Anna Smith

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1840. Daniel B. Cady, First Judge Col. Courts, Counsellor, &c.