

Pension Application for William Smith

S.36770

(Continental (foreign))

State of Connecticut

County of Hartford SS

County Court, or Court of Common Pleas, holden at Hartford in said County, on the Second Tuesday of November 1821, on this 22d day of November 1821, personally appeared in, open Court, the same Court being a Court of record for said County, having the power of fine and imprisonment, William Smith aged 64 years, resident in Gramby in the County of Hartford, who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: In order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18 of March 1818 & the 1st of May 1820, and that he Inlisted for during the war in the month of January of the years 1778 in the State of Connecticut into the company commanded by Capt. [?] in the regt commanded by Col. Lamb in the line as he believes of the State of Connecticut on the Continental Establishment, that he continued in the said corps three years when he was discharged from s'd service at [?] of the state of Connecticut -- & so served in the battle at Horse Neck under Genl Putnam a few days after his enlistment & he has no extra evidence of his s'd service in his power except the affidavits herewith transmitted.

“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 had 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 provisions of an act of Congress, entitled “An act to 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, 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for 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.”

He is by occupation a farming day laborer enjoys tolerable health & labors steadily but is not able from age and debility to somewhat support his family consist[s] of a wife aged fifty able to do ordinary service labor & two children Gaylord aged 12 years & Anna aged [?] yet unable to provide for themselves--& his house mentioned he in after is almost decayed & will not much longer be tenable & without assistance from his country he must soon be unable from painful necessity of falling before the town for assistance.

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The following is an inventory of all the property I own.

On poor old house only one room \$30.

Life use of the land on which it stands 5

One shovel 1.25

1 Detached hook 1.25, 1 hay knife 1.25 2.50

1 [???] 1.34

[?] 1.00 1 axe, 34 cts. 1.34
[?] 2 pwls, 2.00 2.50
2 sdusges [?] 1.50, 3 old chairs 50 2.
1 flat [?] .83 cts—1 chest of old [?] 2.33
[?] tea ci[s & saucers 17 cts, -1 pail 16 cts. .33
[?] tin pails 23 cts -3 knives & forks. [?] cts .42
3 spoons, [?] 6 plates .17 .27

\$47.99?

[?] 22d 1821. William Smith

Sworn to and declared by said William Smith on the 22d day of November 1821 before said Court, and it is the opinion of said Court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule is 47 dollars and 99 cents.

I, Thomas Chester of the County Court in and for the County of Hartford aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the record of said Court. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the said Court on the 15th day of June 1822. Th. Chester. Clerk of the Court in Court Common Pleas in and for said County of Hartford.