

Pension Application for William Smith

R.9805 (Widow: Mary. William died June 1810.)

State of New York

Ontario County SS.

One this first day of September 1838, personally appeared before me Bowen Whiting—one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for said County, Mary Smith a resident of the Town of Gorham in the county of Ontario and State of New York, aged eighty five years and upwards 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, 1836. That she is the widow of William Smith who was a sergeant in Captain John Newkirk's Company in Colonel Newkirk's Regiment of Militia—John English was a Lieutenant in the company, and Major Phillips belonged to the Regiment. They were under the command of General James Clinton—That he first entered the service as a volunteer in said company in August 1776, marched to Long Island was stationed there some time, was in the neighbourhood at the time, but not engaged in the Battle of Long Island—returned home for a few days then went to White Plains, was engaged in the Battle of White Plains, and remained in that neighbourhood three or four weeks after the battle and returned home the first of December 1776, having been in service near four months—In January 1777 was ordered out was engaged in the battle of Hackensack and remained in service about one month—was called out again in October of the same year was at the Battle of Fort Montgomery and remained in service at that time six weeks—In May 1778 he was ordered under the same officers to the Frontiers—in the neighbourhood of the Minisink, where he remained on duty greater part of the time until the close of the war, visiting home occasionally on furlough—That he was a volunteer militia man—and that at the time he entered entered [sic] the service they resided in the County of Orange in the State of New York, and that she has no documentary evidence of his service.

She further declares that she was married to to [sic] the said William Smith on the ninth day of December, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy two, at Goshen in the County of Orange by the Reverend Mr. Carr of the Presbyterian Church; that her husband, the aforesaid William Smith died on the twenty eight day of June 1810, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before Bowen Whiting, a Judge as aforesaid—and I further certify that the said Mary Smith is unable to attend in open court by reason of the distance she resides from the Court House and her debility from extreme old age. (Signed with her mark) Mary Smith

Subscribed and sworn to this first day of September 1838 before me. Bowen Whiting, First Judge of Ontario Com. Pleas New York.