

Pension Application for William Smith

W.9660 (Widow: Catharine) Married June 15, 1828, Town of Esopus. William died May 4, 1843.

Ulster Common Pleas

Of September term one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On the eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, held at the Court house in the town of Kingston in and for the County of Ulster, being a court of Record for said county, proceeding according to the course of the common law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a Record of their proceedings, having a Clerk and seal of their own.

William Smith a resident of the town of Esopus in the County of Ulster and State of New York aged seventy one years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

1st. That he was born in the town of Esopus in the County of Ulster and State of New York, on the twenty first day of October one thousand Eleven Hundred and Sixty.

2nd. That the Record of his age is contained in a Dutch Testament of his father which he here no produced in open court.

3rd. That at the time he was called into service he lived in the said town of Esopus, that he has lived there since the Revolutionary War, and lives in said town now.

That he served "Five" months in the year 1777 in the Militia Service of the State of New York as a Volunteer and private Soldier, at two different engagements under the following officers to wit, that he served the term of "four" months at Fort Montgomery in the company commanded by Captain Hendrick Schoonmaker, Lieutenants, Peter Post and Abraham G. VanAken, that the term of service commenced in the beginning of April and ended in the beginning of August following of the said year, that General George Clinton commanded in said fort, that he has no written discharge from said service—that in the month of September when the whole of the militia was called to the North for "one" month in the company commanded by Captain Gerardus Hardenberg, and marched through Kingston, Catskill, Albany and Schenectady to Stillwater, was at the Battles of Stillwater and a few days before the surrender of General Burgoyne was marched back in same company that General Gates had the command of the Northern Army at that time.

That he served, "One" month and thinks it was the 1778 as a volunteer in the Militia Company commanded by Captain Philip Swart, Stationed at Warsing then in the town of Rochester, Ulster County as a private soldier.

That he served for "one" month but in what year he does not now remember, in a detachment of frontier guards under the command of Lieutenants "Abraham G. VanAken and Hendrecus Terpening, Quartered part of the time at Peter Winney's at little Shandaken and the remainder at Matthew Kips in the town of Woodstock in Ulster County, these services were also in the capacity of a private soldier. That all of the above respective services were rendered in the Revolutionary War. That no continental or Militia Regiments or Regular officers were in this service other than as above stated and that he has no documentary evidence except the affidavit hereto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on any pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) William Smith.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. A. G. Hardenbergh, Abm A. Deyo, John Hansen, Judges.

Letter in file dated July 17, 1930.

You are advised that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.9660, it appears that William Smith was born October 21, 1760, in Esopus, Ulster County, New York.

While living in Esopus, New York, he enlisted about April 1, 1777, served as a private in Captain Hendrick Schoonmaker's New York Company and was discharged about August 1, 1777, and again enlisted in September, 1777, served one month as a private in Captain Gerardus Hardenberg's Company under Major Philip Hooghteling in the New York Troops and was in both battles of Stillwater.

He enlisted in 1778, specific date not shown, served one month as a private in Captain Philip Swart's Company, Colonel Pawling's New York Regiment, and again enlisted, date not given, and served one month under Lieutenants Abraham G. VanAken and Hendrecus Turpenning, New Your Troops.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 11, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Esopus, New York.

He died May 4, 1843.

The soldier married June 15, 1826, in Esopus, New York Catharine Woolsey. The name of no other wife appears.

She was allowed pension on her application executed March 2, 1853, at which time she was a resident of Kingston, Ulster County, New York. Her age is not given.

There is no reference to children.