

Pension Application for Smith Parks

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Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

State of New York

Madison County SS.

On this third day of June in the year 1841 personally appeared before me, the Subscriber, a Judge of the County Court of the said County Courts of Madison, Smith Parks a resident of the town of Hamilton in the said County of Madison and State of New York, aged ninety one years, since the 13th day of November last past, 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 of the 7th of June 1832.

That he is age of ninety one years. That he entered the service of the United States, in the revolutionary war, under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in the town of Sharon in the State of Connecticut according to his best knowledge in the year 1749. That he has no record of his age or birth.

That in the summer of the first year of the war he was enlisted as a minute man, at New Concord, now Canaan in the County of Columbia in the State of New York to serve in the war of the revolution by orders from Col. Whiting, whose Christian name is forgotten, to be equipt & stand in readiness to defend his country, which he did, and hung his accoutrements by his bed; that he stood as first minute man under Capt. Martin Beebe from the time he first entering the service as aforesaid for one year according to his best knowledge and belief and in the said year as he verily believes according to his best recollection served three months. That in the course of this year he was frequently called out and served as such minute man.

That at the time when Burgoyne came down into the State of New York towards the place where he surrendered, he volunteered, and was under the command of Gen. Schuyler and Col. Whiting (whose Christian name was forgotten and Lieut. Col. Waterman, and was marched from New Concord aforesaid under Lieut. Morisey to Fort Edward and was there when Fort Edward was evacuated and blown up, and was in the retreat of the Americans from that place. That he served this time as such volunteer six weeks, according to his best recollection besides going to and returning from Fort Edward. That during this term of services he was engaged in a skirmish with the British in which his Lieutenant Morisey aforesaid was killed. That this term ended a short time before Burgoyne surrendered, when in consequence of the arrival of a reinforcement under Genl. Gates and Glover he (said Parks) with the company to which he belonged was dismissed.

That in the year in which Springfield in Otsego County, in New York was burnt he was again called into the service and marched to Cherry Valley under Capt Benjamin and remained there in said service four weeks and was then dismissed by changing men. That he was at Cherry Valley when Springfield was burnt, and was marched into Springfield the same day that it was burnt. That on being discharged by

exchange of men at Cherry Valley he returned home, after an absence of from four to six weeks.

That soon after he returned home from Cherry Valley he was again called out again and marched to and stationed at Johnstown, under Capt. Josiah Warner, and staid there including the time of returning four weeks, according to his best recollection.

That afterwards he was again called out into the service and marched to Kinderhook, he believes under Capt. Babcock, and remained there about one week, and while there they made their head quarters at one VanVleck's.

That during the whole of the war he remaining equipt and served as a minute man when called for. That at one time not mentioned above he as such minute man was marched to Greenbush and remaining there about two weeks, and was then marched to Schenectady and remained there a short time, and according to his best knowledge and belief at this time he was out & in service one month. He has forgotten who commanded him.

That at another time he was at Albany in actual service as such minute man, when a spy called [Slensson?] was hung, and was then on duty and marched up as one of the guards, upon this service at this time, he was absent from home according to his best knowledge and belief three weeks, commander forgotten.

That at other times, while headquarters of a committee was at New Canaan in the said County of Columbia, he was called into service as such minute man, and attended as guard for said committee, and in taking care of Tories, according to his best knowledge and belief at least a month.

That when the said war commenced he was a serjeant, or appointed a serjeant about the commencement of the war, and whenever he was out in the service he acted as such, and in that capacity he was called out to attend on the committee aforesaid. He had a written warrant appointing him to that office.

That he never received any written discharge.

That he is acquainted with Andrew Peck a minister of the Gospel & David Y. Foot, Esq, Postmaster of the town of Hamilton (New York) who can testify as to his truth & veracity & that he is also acquainted with John Woodard, Jedidah Woodard Esq. Justice of the Peace, Arnold Pope, Amos Lamb esq, and Rev'd Elijah P. Beebe, who can testify as to deponents age so far as their belief & as to the report of the services of him the said Parks in said Revolutionary War.

That the aforesaid warrant is lost.

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

Subscribed & sworn to this 3d day of June 1841 before me, E. Holmes Judge of Madison County Courts.