

Pension Application for Aldert Smedese

S.11415

Private, Captain Salisbury, Col. Clinton

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th [June] 1832.

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On the fourth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty three personally appeared before me Stephen Thorn one of the Judges of the County Courts of the County of Dutchess having a Clerk & seal of their own Aldert Smedes aged eighty two years a resident of the Town of Rhinebeck in said County of Dutchess 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 the 7th of June 1832.

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

To wit. That on or about the middle of December in the year 1776 he the said applicant was ordered out in the Militia service of the State of New York in Revolutionary War as a private soldier in a company of Cavalry commanded by Captain Silvester Salisbury, Lieutenant Cornelius Newkirk that he with the said company of cavalry rendezvoused in the Town of Marbletown in the County of Ulster and marched through the Counties of Orange and Rockland into the State of New Jersey to a place called Kakiat and joined the army of General Clinton stationed near the lines of the British Army and continued there and its vicinity until on or about the middle of February following in the year 1777 when he with the said company of Cavalry when discharged and returned after a service of two months or more received no written discharge.

And this applicant further declares that on or about the first of April in the year 1777 he the said applicant volunteered in the capacity of a private soldier in the militia service of the State of New York in the company commanded by Captain Salisbury, Lieutenant Cornelius Newkirk of Cavalry called the Governor guard, rendezvoused in the town of Marbletown in the county of Ulster aforesaid and marched to the residence of Genl Clinton in the County of Grange and continued there as said guard until about the first of January following and was with the said company of Capt. Salisbury, discharged after a service of nine months or more received no written discharge.

And this applicant further declares that in the spring on or about the first day of April in the year 1778 he the said applicant again volunteered in the capacity of a private soldier in the militia service of the State of New York in the revolutionary war in the aforesaid company of cavalry commanded by Captain Salisbury Lieutenant Newkirk aforesaid and that he with the said company of Cavalry was stationed on the frontiers of the County of Ulster at different places to protect the inhabitants from the Indians & Tories and continued in said service scouting until about the first of January in the year 1779 and was duly discharge after a service of nine months or more received no written discharge and knows of no one alive who were with him in said service.

And this applicant further declares that by reason of old age and infirmity and the consequent loss of memory he is unable to state the precise length of time he served in the revolutionary war but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below viz, in a cavalry company as a private soldier one year and eight months and for such service I claim a pension.

To the interrogatories he answers.

1st That he was born in the year 1750 in the town of Marbletown in the County Ulster.

2nd That he has a record of his age in his family bible.

3rd That he lived when called into service in the said town of Marbletown County of Ulster that he lived there since and that he now lives in the town of Rhinebeck County of Dutchess.

4th That he was never drafted nor a substitute but always volunteered.

5th That in consequence of old age he recollects no officers save those stated above.

6th That he never received a written discharge.

7th That in addition to those stated before he knows Peter R. Livingston Esqr, John Armstrong, Junr Esqr, of his neighborhood who if called upon can testify as to his character, truth & veracity & the general belief in the neighborhood where he resides relative to his services of the revolution.

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

Sworn & Subscribed before me the day & year above written. Stephen Thom, one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County.