

Pension Application for Abraham Smith

W.25003 (Widow: Sarah)

Sea Service

State of Vermont

District of Chittenden SS.

On this sixth day of march A.D. 1837 before Charles Russell, Judge of the Probate Court for the District of Chittenden and State of Vermont, personally appeared Sarah Smith of Bolton in the county of Chittenden and State of Vermont, aged seventy nine years—who being first duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the benefit of the third section of an act of Congress in relation to widows and orphans of soldier of the Revolution passed July 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Abraham Smith late of said Bolton, who died at Bolton aforesaid on the seventh day of March A.D. 1825; that the said Abraham Smith enlisted in the year 1776 into Capt. Gilbert's company and she believes that he served at that time as stated in his original declaration hereto annexed; that she lived about a mile distant from the said Abraham's residence from the commencement of the war of the revolution until she was married to him, and was personally knowing to his having served in Captain Delevan's Company in Col. Thomas' regiment in the New York Line, and that he enlisted and served in Capt. Truesdale's Company, but from the lapse of time, that has since intervened she cannot state the time that he was absent from home in those companies but believes that he served the full time he has stated in his original declaration. She was knowing to his having enlisted on board the vessel called Endeavor, and that he was taken a prisoner as he states in his declaration she fully believes, as she saw him soon after his release. She further states that she was married to the said Abraham Smith in the month of November 1778 by the Rev. Mr. Mead at North Salem in the State of New York, but has no certificate of her marriage and has sent to North Salem for the purpose of proving the marriage by a copy of the record, but can find no record of her marriage.

She further declares that after he marriage her husband was frequently called out during the war and performed various services in guarding the frontier exposed to the British lines. Her father Thaddeus Crane was Colonel of the Regiment and her husband served in that regiment, after their marriage and if his rolls are in the War Department, she trusts that her husband's services may be found there.

She further declares that since the death of her said husband viz the seventh day of March 1825, she ever has been and still is his lawful widow as will appear by the proofs hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Sarah Smith.

Witness. Wm. Weston.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before me. Charles Russell, Judge.

Letter in file dated March 13, 1934.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Abraham Smith and Stephen Reed, and the War of 1812 record of Thaddeus Smith, also the genealogies of the Crane, Reed, and Smith families.

The Revolutionary War and War of 1812 records have been searched and the records of Abraham Smith and Thaddeus Smith were found, with the information furnished, no claim for pension can be identified as that of the Stephen Reed in which you are interested. This office has no general genealogical data on file as the means of establishing ancestral lines of any families. The records of Abraham and Thaddeus Smith are furnished herein as found in the respective claims for pension based upon their military service.

Abraham Smith

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The date and place of soldier's birth and names of his parents are not given.

He enlisted July 1, 1776, place not stated, served as private in Captains Abijah Gilbert's and Nathaniel Delavan's companies, Colonel John Thomas' New York Regiment and was discharged about April 1, 1777. He enlisted about April 1, 1777, served as private in Captain Jesse Truesdell's New York company of rangers and was discharged about October or November. About July 1, year not given, he entered on board the vessel, "Endeavor", Captain Samuel Crane, engaged in guarding the shores between Long Island and the main land, and after serving about one month was captured but paroled and returned home, no dates of this service given. He was also frequently called out to protect the frontier under Colonel Thaddeus Crane.

In 1818, he was residing in Bolton, Chittenden County, Vermont, aged sixty-four years.

He died March 7, 1825, in Bolton, Vermont.

Abraham Smith married in November, 1778, at North Salem, New York, Sarah Crane, daughter of Colonel Thaddeus Crane under whom the soldier served.

Soldier's widow, Sarah Smith, was allowed pension on her application executed March 6, 1837, at which time she was aged seventy-nine years and a resident of Bolton, Vermont.

In 1818, one Peter Crane was residing in Richmond, Chittenden County, Vermont, his relationship to soldier's wife, Sarah, not stated.

Thaddeus Smith
S.O. 21034.

The date and place of soldier's birth and names of his parents are not shown.

He volunteered at Massena, Saint Lawrence County, New York, and served from October 1, 1812, as private in Captain John Polley's company of New York militia, and was discharged the last of February, 1813.

On account of his service in the War of '81, he was allowed bounty land in full satisfaction on his application executed May 29, 1855, at which time he was sixty-seven years of age and a resident of Massena, New York.

Thaddeus Smith married August 28, 1816, in Massena, New York, Rebecca Reed.

In 1871 the soldier was residing in Blue Earth City, Faribault County, Minnesota.

In 1871, one Myron T. Smith was a resident of Minnesota Lake, Minnesota, his relationship to the family not stated.

For information in regard to the location of the land granted on account of the War of 1812 service of Thaddeus Smith, you should write to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Interior Building, Washington, D.C., citing the following: Bounty Land Warrant 42904-160-55.