

Pension Application for Aury Smith

W.15946 (Widow: Gertrude)

State of New York

Secretary's Office

I certify that it appears by the minutes of the Council of appointment of this state in this office that Arie Smith was duly appointed Captain of a company in the Regt of Militia in the County of Orange where of A. Hawkes Hay was Colonel on the 28th day of May 1778. Arch'd Campbell De. Sec. of State Albany Nov. 11, 1849.

State of New York

Rockland County and Township of Clarkstown SS.

On this first day of October AD 1849. Personally appeared before me. Joseph P. Rowen, Jonathan Yeomans, a resident of the State town and County aforesaid aged eighty eight years past and who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on oath depose and say that he resided in this said state and county in and during the Revolutionary War and has [?] have most of the time since that period and that he served in the militia service in said place in the revolution before [?] of sufficient evidence of the fact he has now been able to substantiate his claim for a pension by virtue of said service and deponent further saith that he was personally acquainted with Captain Aury Smith late of said County in virtue of whose militia military duty rendered in and during the Revolution the heirs of the said Smith are claiming what there was due their mother at the time of her decease. And he this deponent further saith that he saw and knew the aforesaid Captain Aury Smith whilst he was in the discharge of his military duties as captain of a Company of militia in said county and which was attached to a regiment commanded by Colonel A. Hawk Hay. And he this deponent belonged to the same regiment but under the command of Capt. Jacob Onderdonk and under [?] & others [?] different periods. And deponent further saith that he knows from his said knowledge that the said Aury Smith served faithfully from the commencement of the frontier hostilities to the cessation of the war. Though he did not serve under said Smith but I [?] know of his services as a faithful and effective militia Captain & belonging to the same regiment with himself. And deponent further saith that he himself has frequently conversed with the said Capt. A. Smith during his life time relating his military services and has been told by said Smith & thinks that there was [?] a man belonging to Colonel Hays Regiment who did more military duty in the revolutionary war than he himself did. And deponent saith that he verily believes that said Captain Smith who was the reputed father to Mrs. Demont and has [?] the present claim for what is claimed to the due their mother Mrs. Gertrude Smith at the time of her decease, did serve equivalent to two full years or more in the militia in the War of the Revolution. And he verily believes the heirs are entitled to what they claim according to the laws of the United States. And deponent saith that he thinks said Capt. Smith to be a man of a family in time of the revolution and that he and his wife lived to a very good age. Though he deceased some twenty years since according to his best recollection but his widow survived until AD 1844 when she deceased at a great age and he further saith not. (Signed with his mark) Jonathan Yeomans.

Sworn to before me on the day and yea first above written. Joseph P. Brower, Justices of the Peace. Witness Elmira Brower