

Pension Application for Frederick Smith

W.25015 (Widow: Christina) Revd Abraham Rosecrantz married Frederick Smith widower, married Christina, the widow of Henry Moyer on Nov. 20, 1791. Frederick died June 11, 1828 at Herkimer.

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State of New York

Herkimer County SS.

On this twenty eighth day of August 1844, before the undernamed Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Nicholas F. Smith guardian of Christina Smith widow, a resident of the town of Herkimer in the said county of Herkimer who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, as such guardian make the following declaration in order to obtain for the said Christina Smith the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed March 3, 1843, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War—that the said Christina Smith is the widow of Frederick Smith who was a private and corporal and served under Capt. Bigbread, Harter, Smith & Damuth in Col. Bellinger's Regiment and also in the Boat or Batteau Service under Capt. Gran & under Gray & Leffler in the Revolutionary War as he was informed & believes true that she was allowed a pension under the act of July 7th 1838 at the rate of fifty one dollars and forty four cents per annum that the pay certificate therefor bears date the 14th day of August 1844 and the same is made payable to this deponent her guardian. (Signed) Nicholas F. Smith

Subscribed and sworn before me, August 8, 1844. J. A. Rasbach, Justice

State of New York

Herkimer County SS.

On this 16th day of March 1855 before me a Justice of the Peace in & for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Matthew Smith a resident of the town & County of Herkimer in the State of New York and who being duly sworn according to law did declare that he is the committee and guardian of Christina Smith his mother a Lunatic, who is the widow of Frederick deceased who was his father under and by virtue of an order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York a copy of which marked (B) is hereto annexed and that prior to his appointment and from about the time that the said Christina Smith was inscribed on the Pension Roll as herein after mentioned and until his death in June 1854, Nicholas F. Smith a brother of him the said Matthew Smith was the committee & guardian of the said Christina Smith his mother as will appear from an order of the court of Chancery of the said state a copy of which is also hereto annexed marked (A). That the said Christina Smith on the application of the said Nicholas F. Smith as which committee as aforesaid on her behalf was enrolled a Pensioner on the Pension Roll of the United States as the widow of Frederick Smith deceased for the military services of the said Frederick Smith in the War of the Revolution at the rate of fifty one dollars and forty four cents per annum which the original of which certificate issued by the Secretary of the Interior of the date of 7th of Sept. 1849 is now in the possession of the said Matthew military services rendered by the said and of which the following is a true copy viz: "Department of the Interior Widows Pension. I certify that in conformity with the Act of February 2^d 1848 Christina Smith widow of Frederick Smith who was a private in the Revolutionary War is inscribed on the pension list at the rate of fifty one dollars and forty four cents per annum commencing on the 4th of March 1848 and continuing for life unless she should again marry, in which case the pension is not payable after the time of such marriage, payable to Nicholas F. Smith Guardian.

Given at the department of the Interior this 7th day of Sept. one thousand eight hundred and forty nine. T. Ewing, Secretary of the Interior. Examined and countersigned J. L. Edwards. Commissioner of Pensions and which certificate is numbered on its [?] and recorded as appears also from an endorsement on its back in the Pension Office on the Roll of Pensions under act February 2^d 1848 page 188 Vol 4, by E. M. Cushman Clerk to which certificate and the proof and papers on file in the

Department at Washington accompanying the Pension Application of the said Christina and pertaining thereto and to the service of the said Frederick Smith her husband and her intermarriage with and death of the said Frederick and the widowhood & lunacy of her the said Christina and whereby as he is informed and believes the said facts of the said service and the intermarriage with & death of the said Frederick and the widowhood & Lunacy of the said Christina are established and upon which the said certificate aforesaid is founded no papers for evidence and proof thereof.

And he further states that the said Frederick Smith, as he always in the life time of the said Frederick understood and was told from & by the said Frederick, was a soldier in the War of the Revolution and among other services rendered by him in said Revolution was a term of nine months Boat service on the Mohawk River under the command of Capt. Samuel Gray who commanded a company of Batteaumen on said river, that the said Frederick performed other services in the said War but the terms and occasions he cannot now state but he thinks he heard the said Frederick state that he was in the Oriskany Battle.

That the said Frederick Smith died the 11th day of June 1828 at Herkimer—that the said Christina Smith his mother has not been married since the death of the said Frederick Smith his father and is not as near as he can ascertain her age is about ninety six years old and a widow.

He the said Matthew Smith as such committee makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which the said Christina Smith is & may be entitled under the Act of Congress passed the 3^d day of March 1855 for the military services rendered by the said Frederick Smith her husband in the War of the Revolution and he further states that he is not aware nor does he know or believe that either the said Christina Smith or the said Frederick her husband have ever received Bounty Land for the said services or that she or he were entitled & any Bounty Land except as aforesaid nor does not or believe that either the said Christina Smith or the said Frederick Smith ever made applications or presented a claim for Bounty Land for the said services of the said Frederick Smith. And he hereby constitutes and appoints Charles C. Tucker Esqr of the City of Washington D.C. his true and lawful Attorney & prosecute the abovementioned claim and to receive for her the said Christina's benefit the Bounty Land Warrant to which she may be entitled, hereby revoking all former applications made as presented if any, either by the said Christina or the said Nicholas F. Smith deceased as her former Committee or Guardian in her behalf. (Signed) Matthew Smith.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year first above written, and on the same day and year personally came before me John Harter and Frederick J. Helmer residents of the town & County of Herkimer to one known as credible witnesses and who being duly sworn declare that they are aged the said John Harter sixty seven and the said Fred'k J. Helmer fifty five years and that they are personally acquainted with the said Matthew Smith the said Committee of the said Christina Smith and with the said Christina who is the widow of the said Frederick Smith deceased mentioned in the foregoing declaration and that they are also well acquainted with the said Frederick Smith the husband of the said widow in his life time and they saw the said Matthew Smith sign his name & the foregoing declaration and know him & he the identical person named as committee therein, that they are acquainted also with the said Christina Smith and they also were well acquainted with the said Frederick and that they were so acquainted with the said Frederick & Christina for many years during the life time of the said Frederick and that they know that during the whole period of their acquaintance with them and until the death of the said Frederick which occurred over twenty five years ago the said Frederick & the said Christina lived together as man & wife and were reputed so to be and raised a large family of children of whom the said Matthew and the said Nicholas also in said declaration named were two.

That the said Frederick in his life times was reputed to have been a soldier in the Revolutionary War and they believe he performed the military services stated in said declaration. That the said Christina the widow has not been married since the death of the said Frederick and is now a widow and they believe her to be the aforementioned in said declaration that she is still living and as they believe is

the identical Christina Smith mentioned in the said pension certificate in the said Declaration set forth which they have seen and read, and they further state that for the last fifteen or more years the said Christina has been a lunatic and further that they are disinterested in this claim. John Harter, Frederick J. Helmer.

Sworn to and subscribed, etc., etc.