

Pension Application for Garret Smith

W.7185 (Widow: Maria Rurey of Florida RD Church, Montgomery County NY, married May 25, 1837.)

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Declaration.

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this twenty fifth day of June AD one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the said county and state aforesaid Maria Smith widow of Garret Smith deceased aged eighty years a resident of the town of Florida County of Montgomery and State of New York who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the identical Maria Smith Widow of Garrett Smith deceased who drew a pension of Twenty dollars per annum for his service as a soldier of the Revolutionary War that she now draws a pension of twenty dollars per annum under the act of Congress of the 3rd of February 1853 and has a certificate from the Office of the Interior of the United States numbering 4630. And that the testimony and affidavit of her marriage and her said husband's death are not at the Pension Office of the United States which she refers to that she has not intermarried but still remains the widow of the above named Garrett Smith.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the act approved the 3rd day of March 1855. She also declares that she has never applied for nor received under this or and other act of Congress any bounty land warrant. And she hereby requests that her bounty land warrant when issued sent to Burtonville, Montgomery County, State of New York. (Signed) Maria Smith. We Edwards B. Vought and Obadiah Davis resident of the town of Charleston County of Montgomery and State of New York upon our oaths declare that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by Maria Smith in our presence and that we believe from the appearance and statement of the applicant that she is the identical person she represents herself to be. Edward B. Vought, Obadiah Davis.

State of New York

City and County of New York SS

On this tenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Sessions of the City and County of New York, now setting in said City, Garret Smith, a resident of said City, aged seventy six years, 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 June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service and served as hereinafter stated. About the first of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty (either a little before or a little after that time) the company of militia to which he then belonged at Tappan, then in the County of Orange, now in the County of Rockland in the State of New York, was required to furnish one man for six months service, in what were then called the York Troops, whereupon he the said Garret Smith volunteered, and joined the company of six ;months men raised by Captain Jonathan Lawrence in said County of Orange, now Rockland, and that he continued to do duty as a private soldier, until his full term of service six months expired:--That said company of Captain Lawrence remained at Tappan Sloat in said named county for three or four months, and were then ordered ton Fort Stanwix--west of Albany in the said State of New York: that the arrival of the said company at Fort Hunter, on the way to Fort Stanwix, he the said Garret Smith, with several others, was detailed to drive some cattle for the supply of the troops, and did drive them until his arrival at Fort Rensselaer, [Rensselaer] also on the way to Fort Stanwix at which place he this deponent was taken so unwell as to be unable to proceed any farther at that time. That after a few weeks he recovered, but in consequence chiefly of the alarm caused by the treason of Arnold, which prevented frequent communications between the Forts, he did not again join Capt. Lawrence's company, but remained at Fort Rensselaer until his term of service expired, doing duty with the company of three months' men, under the command of Captain Joseph [Requa?], belonging to a regiment of which Mr. Dubois was Colonel, a Mr. Benschoten was Major and a Mr. Hasbrook was adjutant. The said Garret Smith also deposeth that the said company of Captain Jonathan Lawrence during the chief part of the time it was at Tappan Sloat was alone, but that he understood that said company belonged at that time to the Regiment of Colonel Paulding, and that afterwards it was subject to the orders of Major Miles Hughes who acted as commandant when they were to the westward of Albany and likewise that neither at the time of his discharge nor afterwards was any written evidence thereof given to him. That he hath for many years last past until lately, resided at Pompton Plains in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, and the said Garret Smith hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatever.

(Signed with his mark) Garret Smith

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid. Richard Hatfield, Clerk of the Genl Sessions New York.