

Pension Application for Israel Smith

S.14516

State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this 11th day of August 1832 personally appeared before Joseph B. Moore a Judge of the County Courts of the County of Albany and State aforesaid Israel Smith a resident of the Town of Rensselaerville in the County of Albany and State of New York aged 76 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 7, 1832.

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

He entered the said service as a volunteer in the town of Stanford in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York where he then resided and joined Capt. Melancton Smith's company and Colonel Cornelius Humphrey's regiment on the first day of February 1776—and served in the said company and regiment until the first day of May 1776 being three months and was then dismissed.

He served in the said company and regiment during the said three months at New York and at Harlem and was engaged in building fortifications and doing garrison duty.

He again entered the service at Stanford aforesaid as a volunteer and enlisted in Capt. Colbe Chamberlain's Company and Colo. Humphrey's regiment on the 4th day of June 1776 for the term of nine months, and immediately marched to Fort Montgomery and joined the forces then under the command of Genl James Clinton. He with the said company continued at Fort Montgomery with part of the said regiment, (the other part having been sent to White Plains) and kept the fort and did garrison duty until the expiration of the said nine months and until the 4th day of March 1777 at which time he was discharged and returned home to Stanford aforesaid, both of the said terms he served as a private soldier.

He again entered the said service in the town of Stanford and enlisted in Capt. Cooper's company of Rangers on the 12th day of April 1777, for the term of one year as a corporal. He immediately marched to Poughkeepsie the place of their head quarters during the said year, and occupied the jail and court house, a fort. During this term he and the said company went to Hartford in the State of Connecticut, and brot a number of Prisoners from that place to Poughkeepsie, for trial &c. At another time he and the said company in the month of November were marched to Saw Pitts in the County of Westchester to guard some property. At another time they were marched to within 10 miles of the City of Albany and on meeting some of the American forces returned to Poughkeepsie during the winter of the said year they were employed in guarding the house of Governor George Clinton together with the jail which contained the prisoners & tories taken by the American Forces. He served the said year out as a Corporal in said company and a few days over and was discharged about the 15 or 16th of April 1778, and he then returned home.

In the fall of 1778 he again entered the said service (the militia being called for) and joined Capt. David Cash's Company and Colo. Bloom's Regiment as a volunteer and was marched to Fishkill in the said company & regiment, and remained there at an encampment and kept guard for the term of one month, when he was dismissed and he returned home to Stanford aforesaid.

In the month of June 1778 he entered the said service at Stanford aforesaid, the militia being called for, and joined Capt. Roger Sutherland's Company and Colo. Hopkins' regiment and was marched to West Point and was there engaged in building a fort for the term of one month and until the last of July 1778—when he was discharged and he returned home—he served as a private soldier during the tow last terms of service.

He served in the whole in the American Army of the Revolution two years and two months besides being frequently called out on alarms &c for short periods. He was in no battles, nor did he ever

receive a written discharge. He has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any person he can procure to testify to his service.

He resides 34 miles from the City of Albany where the Court of record for the County of Albany are held and he is very infirm and has a very lame leg and is wholly unable to travel that distance to attend the court.

He 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. (Signed) Israel Smith

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. J. B. Moore, Judge of Albany County Courts.