

Pension Application for John Smith

S.42318

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this thirteenth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty, personally appeared in open Court, to wit, in the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster being a Court for said County in said State, with proceedings according to the course of the Common Law, with a jurisdiction in point of amount unlimited, keeping a record of its proceedings, with power of fine and imprisonment, John Smith, aged seventy two years, resident in the town of Kingston, in the said County of Ulster, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress, of the 18th march 1818, and the 1st of May 1820; that he the said John Smith enlisted for the term of nine months on the first day of April in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight in the State of New York, in the company commanded by Captain Henry Pawling in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Wisanfelt in the line of the State of New York on the New York Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until the second day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine when he was discharged from the service in the town of Kingston Ulster County in the State of New York; that his discharge was given in writing, and was accidently burn up with his father's house and three of his brothers in the year 1790 at Pine Plains in Dutchess County State of New York; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present and that his name if not on the roll of any State except New York; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. That having lost his said discharge by fire as aforesaid and having always understood and heart that he could not get a pension, unless he had proof that the had served nine months in the Revolutionary War & that he was unable to find any person who knew him when he was in the Army in the Revolutionary War before last August when he accidentally came across three old fellow soldiers to wit, Adam Brink, John C. Brink and Abraham DeWitt who recollected him, and of his services in the army as aforesaid and whose affidavits are hereto annexed.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820, I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts, or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed:

(Schedule)

One Hat of the value of 50 cts—2 shirts of the value of one dollar 2 pair of pantaloons of the value of \$2.00—one coat of the value of \$3.00 and one pair of old shoes of the value of fifty cents. And has no other property of any kind or description whatever.

That he is a laborer and is very old weak and decrepit & is not able to work over four or five hours a day—that he has no family—that he has a fever sore on his leg which often confines him, and that he is obliged to be supported by Charity. (Signed with his mark) John Smith.

That since the 18th of March 1818, the following changes having been made in my property viz: I then had decent clothing worth thirty or forty dollars which have been worn out by me and now have only what is mentioned in the above schedule and have had no other except my daily earnings which have been applied for my support—That the value of the whole of my property amounts to no more than seven dollars. (Signed with his mark) John Smith.

Sworn to and declares in open court on the thirteenth day of September 1830 before A. D.
Soper, First Judge of Ulster County