

Pension Application for John Smith

S.42348

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To the Hon. John C. Calhoun, Secretary of the War Department of the United States.

The Petition & declaration of John Smith of the Town of Minden in the State of New York, a resident citizen of the United States aged sixty three years & upwards on oath setteth forth & declares that in the month of August or September 1778 (1) he enlisted as a private in Captain Israel Smith's Company in Col. Weisenfelts' Regiment (2) of New York Line of Continental troops on the Continental Establishment for during the War of the Revolution, that he continued to serve in said Regiment until he was transferred into Colonel Cortland's (3) Regiment of the New York line & then continued to serve in said Regiment until the close of the war when he was honorably discharged at NewBergh in the State of New York in June 1782, (4) his discharge was signed by his Excellency the commander in chief (5) & had a certificate of the badge of merit annexed to it, which said discharge is now lost and he further declares that he has never received any pension from government, that he is now in very destitute circumstances & has no kind of property, and is in such reduced circumstances in need of assistance from the country for support, and he further says that he served against the common enemy at the Siege of Yorktown (6) in Virginia, and in several skirmishes.

And he further says that he has been informed that by a Act of Congress it is in the power of the Secretary of the War Department, to place certain persons on the pension list.

And he prays that he may be placed there accordingly and in duty bound will ever pray.
(Signed with his mark) John Smith

Sworn & Subscribed April 3rd 1818 before me James S. Campbell one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Otsego in the State of New York.

End Notes—S.42348—John Smith

1. John Enlisted May 5, 1778 as a private for nine months in Captain Israel Smith's Seventh Company in Colonel Henry B. Livingston's Fourth New York Continental Regiment. Sometime later John enlisted for during war. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 71, folder 57, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Colonel Livingston resigned on January 13, 1779, from the regiment and Lieutenant Colonel Pierre Regnier deRoussi commanded the regiment on April 26, 1779. On June 28, 1779 he was transferred to Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's Second New York Continental Regiment. Frederick Weisenfels the Lieutenant Colonel of the Second New York was appointed Lieutenant Colonel Commandant on April 26, 1779 and was transferred to the Fourth New York to command the regiment.
3. On January 1, 1781 the Fourth New York was consolidated with the Second New York. Weisenfels retired from the Continental service and VanCortlandt remained in command of the Second New York. John and Captain Smith were transferred to the Second New York. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 69, folder 32, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
4. Should be June of 1783.
5. General George Washington.
6. John should have been in the Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey on June 28, 1778, the Battle of Newtown on August 29, 1779 which was during part of the Sullivan-Clinton Campaign against the Iroquois in Western New York and the Yorktown, Virginia Campaign from September 28 to October 19, 1781.
7. In John's June 14, 1820 application he mentions his wife Mary and she was seventy years of age. John was allowed 600 acres of land on July 8, 1790, Lot 23, township 12.

FROM: The Balloting Book and Documents Relating to Military Bounty Lands In the State of New York Packard & VanBenthuisen, Albany, 1825, p 44.