

Pension Application for John Smith

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State of New York

County of Queens SS.

On this tenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared before David Lamberson one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas John Smith a resident of Jamaica in the County of Queens and State of New York aged seventy seven 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 of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated viz that he is a native of Jamaica in the County of Queens and State of New York that to the best of his information and belief and as it appears by a record in his family bible, he was born on the 2^d day of July 1757 & that he is now seventy seven years of age. That he has always lived in his native place except as hereinafter mentioned that soon after the commencement of the revolutionary war but whether the first or second year of said war he cannot now recollect, he enlisted voluntarily into the service of the United States under the command of Captain William Ludlum and Lieutenant Ephraim Maston—that it was sometime in the latter part of the summer of said year when he so enlisted—that he was immediately stationed on the south side of Long Island within the limits of Queens' and Kings' Counties—that he remained there and there about upwards of two months when he was ordered to Brooklyn in said County of Kings—that he remained there a number of months until the army was ordered by Genl Washington from said place—that he cannot recollect how long a period of time he was at Brooklyn that he remembers crossing the ferry at Brooklyn with the army and entering New York—that after remaining in New York a few days he marched to Kings' bridge—that soon after but how long he cannot now recollect he was verbally discharged by his Captain before named—that to the best of his knowledge and recollection he was in said service on year and a half—that he was certainly in said service one year and upwards—that he remembers an attack made by a party of British troops on a fort in Brooklyn—that he was in the fort at the time—that he remembers being at a place called [Gowanus] when a number of Americans being pushed by the enemy were drowned in attempting to cross a creek—that he was at this time stationed in the fort near said place—that he cannot recollect the names of any persons who were in the service with him except Capt. William Ludlum (who was his neighbour at the time and who also was such for more than thirty years after the war or until his death) and Lieutenant Ephraim Marston (who was also his neighbour at the time but was subsequently killed by the Indians as deponent was informed. Deponent further saith that he is by profession a waggon maker—that he has always lived by is industry—that he is now very infirm and unable to walk without two crutches—that during the last five years past he has not been able to walk without one crutch—that for the last two years, he has required two—that his property has all been expended in his maintenance and support—that he is now wholly dependant on his relations and friends for support—that 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 with his mark) John Smith

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me David Lamberson one of the Judges of Court of Common Pleas for Queens County.