

### **Pension Application for Joseph Smith**

R.9779

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for said County, Joseph Smith, who, being duly sworn deposed and saith, that, by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades. In the year 1777 under Lieut. Holmes, there was no captain belonging to Col. Carpenter's Regiment, I served 3 months as a private. In the militia, in the year 1778 under Capt. Jacob Shaver, Lieut Peter Bogart, Ensign Philip Nickerbacker in Col. Caprenter's Regiment. I served one month at West Point. In the fall of 1777 I served 1 month & 15 days as stated by me in my declaration, as a private. In 1780 I served 2 months as a corporal in Capt. Shaver's Company, at this time he lived in Dutchess County Livingston's Manor & went from there to Saratoga and along the North River up in the then County of Tryon, he went on a scout. In the year 1781 I served 2 months under the last mentioned officers in the County of Dutchess on the frontiers of said county on alarms as a corporal and for this service I claim a pension. He did not serve in garrison and that he was not employed in any civil pursuit during the time which the service was performed. He drafted & volunteered into the service. He cannot state any other or more circumstances than have been stated by him in his first declaration. (Signed) Joseph Smith

Sworn & Subscribed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1833 before me, Aaron Harin, Jus. Peace