

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

S.23926 (Joseph died March 15, 1836.) Son Stephen Smith applied for the residue of the pension and stated that he has four brother living in NY.

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Bradford County SS.

On this tenth day of September AD 1832, personally appeared in open court before [blank] the Court of [blank] now sitting Joseph Smith a resident of Ulster Township, County of Bradford and State of Pennsylvania 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That in June 1775, he was living in the Town of Amenia, in Dutchess County & State of N. York when he enlisted into Co. James Holmes' Regiment, in Capt. Rufus Herrick's Compy in an Expedition against St. Johns, and marched through Claverack Canterhook [Kinderhook?] Albany & StillWater to Lake George where he staid about a month when he proceeded to Ticonderoga, where was taken sick and was sent back to the Hospital at Lake George from whence he returned home, having received a discharge from Col. VanSchayk, was absent from home on this tour about seven months.

In the year 1776 in June he enlisted into a company of Rangers under Capt. Melancthon Smith and marched to Tappan Bay from Peekskill & returned up the River to Poughkeepsie where and in the Town of Clinton they made head quarters and ranged about through the country on frequent excursions, taking and imprisoning the Tories and guarding two ships or frigates where were building that season at Poughkeepsie and was discharged in December & returned home having been on duty six months.—On the first day of Jany 1777 was drafted in the militia under Col. Roswell Hopkins and marched through Fishkill &c to North Castle where he remained about a month from thence he marched to Wright's Mills in West Chester County where he remained two or three weeks then proceeded to White Plains from thence to Kingsbridge where he was in a skirmish with the British, and after remaining there a few days returned home by Bedford, Diver &c, about the first of May in the same year he enlisted into Capt. Elijah Herrick's Company and marched by Peekskill to Fort Independence where he remained about three months when he hired Augustinus VanDelaWater to serve in his place during the war, for which he paid him one hundred dollars and returned home. About the first of September of 1777, marched with the militia in Capt. James Talmage's Company under the command of Col. Thomas Graham by Canterhook and Albany to Lansingbury, when they crossed on to Vancherk's Island and remained some weeks from thence proceeded to Stillwater & from thence to Bemus Heights where they were attached to General Gates' Army and continued with the general army till after the battle where Burgoyne was taken when he marched back to Albany & from thence to Esopus and from thence about the first of Nov'r returned home.

In Oct 1778 he was drafted for one month to go to Miniskink which place had been annoyed by the Indians, went by Rhinebeck and Esopus &c—In 1779 he was called out in the Militia and marched to Fishkill where he stayed one month in Capt. Water's Company—In May 1781 he enlisted in Capt. Daniel Shepard's Company and marched to Fishkill where he staid about two months, when he proceeded to Albany where he continued till December when his term of enlistment expired and he returned home—He declares that he was out at several other times in the militia on alarm under the command of Col. Sutherland, and that all his services in the Revolutionary War amounted to more than two years.

The discharge given him by Co. VanSchoyk was the only regular discharge he ever had and that is now missing being either lost or destroyed—He further states that his age is recorded in the Family Bible which formerly belonged to his father by which it appears that he was born on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of march 1755 in the Town of Amenia Dutchess County and State of New York, where he lived after the Revolutionary War and in the town adjoining, until the year 1791 when he moved to Ulster Township Bradford County Pennsylvania where he has resided ever since. That he has no documentary evidence

of his services, and 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) Joseph Smith.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. J. P. Bull [Protthondary? of the Court of Common Pleas] for E. S. Goodrich, Dep.

Letter dated September 2, 1921.

You are herewith furnished the history of the only soldier named Joseph Smith from Amenia, New York, who served in the Dutchess County, New York militia, found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau, and are advised that said records fail to afford any information in regard to a Joseph Smith whose name appears as a Lieutenant upon a muster and pay roll of officers and men in Colonel Jonathan Chase's Regiment of Militia, New Hampshire troops, who marched from Cheshire County to reinforce the army at Ticonderoga, engaged October 28 to November 18, 1776.

The Revolutionary War military rolls formerly in the Pension Bureau have been transferred to the office of Adjutant General U. S. Army.