

Pension Application for Michael Smith

R.9808 (Born May 24, 1748 in Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co.

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting Michael Smith a resident of the town of Glenville in said County & State, aged eighty-four 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.

He was born in the Town of Rhinebeck in the County of Dutchess in the State then Colony of New York, the twenty-fourth day of May 1748. He has no record of his age except that contained in his family Bible.

When he was called into the service of the United States in the army of the revolution, he was living in the town of Scotchtown in said County of Orange, and since the revolutionary war he has lived in the town of Shawangunk Ulster County N.Y. & in said town of Glenville & he now lives in the town of Glenville aforesaid.

He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the year 1775, he was enrolled in Captain Thomas Goldsmith's Company of Militia in the Regiment commanded by Major Cad. Colden. His first expedition in said company was to Haverstraw where his company joined the standing forces stationed there, & remained there on duty more than three weeks. This took place in the year 1776, when the British landed at New York, while there he was under the command of Lieutenant Andrew McCord.

During the years 1778, 1779, 1780, & 1781, he was continually called out to perform duty at the frontier posts & passes in the neighborhood where he resided, and for a great part of the time at Forts Clinton & Montgomery—the particular periods of each engagement he cannot possibly specify—He remembers to have served for the term of two month at one time at a frontier town called Nippenagh, when his health was seriously injured—He was also engaged in numerous scouting & reconnoitering parties. When at these different posts & passes he served on some occasions for the term of three weeks, on other occasions two weeks. And the whole period for which he served in these different engagements was not less than twelve months. The following are the names of some of the frontier posts where, he thus served besides those before mentioned: viz, Newburgh, then Hackensack, & Hunk.

It never fell to his lot to engage in any battles except when he was in the two months expedition of Nippenogh as aforesaid when he had an encounter with the Indians and Tories.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiments or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: Captain William Fanghander, McCloghery Colonel, Gov'r Clinton, Captain Wood.

He never received any written discharge from the service.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit, John Van Eps, Andrew Leamen & the Rev'd Elbert Slingerland.

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) Michael Smith.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John S. Vrooman, Clerk