

Pension Application for Obadiah Smith

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The State of Ohio

Clermont County SS.

On this 8th day of June 1820, personally appeared in open court being the Court of Common Pleas within and for said county and also being a court of record, which have the power of fine and imprisonment, Obadiah Smith aged sixty one years, resident in the said County, who first being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary War, as follows to wit.

In the reg't commanded by Col. H. B. Livingston in the company commanded by Capt'n Jonathan Titus in the New York line & that he was notified of his being inscribed on the pension list roll, of the Ohio agency, at eight dollars per month, commencing on the 19th day of May 1818 by a pension certificate No. 7824, bearing date 18th March 1819 & I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the 18th day of March 1818 & that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent, thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war", passed on the 18th day of March 1818 & that I have not nor has any person in trust of me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed, & by me subscribed to wit, four half acre lots, two cows, one sow & pigs, one desk, two small tables, 1 pot, 1 teakettle, 1 bake oven, one frying pan, & one small looking glass, 2 candlesticks, seven old chairs & do. Smal, one side saddle, one old mans saddle & saddle bags, 1 half set tea cups & saucers, 1 half dozen plates, 3 old buckets, 1 shovel, 1 old axe4, 1 old churn, 2 old spinning wheels, and he is a shoemaker by trade, but of very weak and debilitated constitution & unable to do but very little work, he has only three in the family besides himself, Peninah his wife aged. . .years, very sickly, Caroline his daughter aged 10 years, Harriet is daughter aged two years, all of which depend on him for support. (Signed) Oba'd Smith.

Sworn to and declared on the 8th day of June 1820 before the said court.

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Be it remember[ed] that on the 19th day of May one thousand eight hundred and eighteen personally came before me John Morris a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas within and for said County Obadiah Smith aged fifty nine years and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangeles deposeth and saith that he is a resident in the County of Clermont aforesaid, that he enlisted as a private soldier in the year 1777 in the month of February at Duches [Dutchess] County in the State of New York in the Company commanded by Capt. Jonathan Titus in the fourth Regiment commanded by Coll Livingston in the New York Line on Continental Establishment that he was in several skirmishes when the British troops burned the Village of Peekskill and destroyed the stores at that place that he remained in the American Army & at that & other places & at the White plains until about the 1st of June in the same year. This deponent with others of the army marched to Fishkill to the barracks to be inoculated with the small pox after recovering from that and a severe fit of sickness so far as to travel he embarked on board a vessel I went to Albany in the month of August in the same year from thence to half Moon Point thence to Skenectada and German Flats returned to Skenectada sick and was shut up in the hospital the Regt proceeded (and left this deponent) to join the Army under the command of Genl Gates who captured the British Army under Genl. Burgoyne after this deponent had somewhat recovered he was ordered to Albany remained at that place til the hospital was ordered with the wounded of the army he was then [?] in the month of October the same year to Skenectada where this deponent was—

discharged from the hospital with orders to join in his Regt this deponent afterwards did join his regiment at Fishkill as aforesaid at that place owing to a bad state of health he obtained a furlow from the army until fit for duty, that this declarant went to Wethersfield in the State of Connecticut and there remained in a bad state of health which appeared to the Colonel of the Reg't from the certificates of Physicians, in consequence of which he obtained the enclosed Certificate from Colonel Courtlandt and that this deponent never received any other discharge, the De'r further saith that he did remain in and about Wethersfield in readiness if able to obey orders till the conclusion of the war and that he did not receive any further "Bounty or Wages" and that he served in the war of the Revolution for the term of nine months and longer and he never obtained or claimed any pension heretofore allowed by the Laws of the United States and that he hereby relinquishes all pensions heretofore allowed that he has no other evidence in his power to offer and further this deponent the said Obadiah Smith declares on his oath aforesaid that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support. (Signed) Obad'h Smith

I certify that the said Obadiah Smith took and subscribed before me the foregoing and above both on the 14th day of May 1818 and that it appears to my satisfaction that he served in the Revolutionary War against the Common Enemy for nine months and longer. John Morris.