

Pension Application for Peter Smith

W.16,732 (Widow: Agitty) Peter died Mar. 22, 1834

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Second Section of the Act of Congress passed the 4th of July 1836.

Cortland County

State of New York SS.

On the 17th day of October 1836, personally appeared before the Court of Oyer and Terminer of the County of Cortland, Agitty Smith a resident of the Town of Scott in the County of Cortland and State of New York aged seventy one years on the 18th day of November next who being first duly sworn and according to Law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836, that she is the widow of Peter Smith who was a private, a Sergeant, an Ensign, a Lieutenant and Captain of the Militia of the State of New York in the year, 1775, 1776, 1777, 1778, 1779 & 1780, in the year 1775, my husband Peter Smith aforesaid went as a volunteer under Capt. Brouman, Capt. Albert Paulding, he went to Kingston in the spring, from the Town of Marlborough in Ulster County New York, staid there some time, I then lived in said Kingston & a number of the soldiers were Billested out & Boarded at my Father's Peter, Hudler, said Smith went from said Kingston to Albany from there to Quebeck under General Montgomery was in the Battle when Genl. Montgomery was killed as he told me frequently—he did not get back to Kingston til the month of January 1776 he was out as a private as much as nine months the above tour I should think—he was out most of the time summers, and part of the time winters from 1776 til into 1780—guarding the Frontiers against the Indians & Tory's it was not a great ways from where we lived—it was near a place called Pachatoctitan, Minisink, Peen Barracks &c—I recollect of his going to Fort Montgomery one as a Volunteer, but what year it was cannot recollect—I recollect in the winter of 1780 he took a very violet cold & had the Reumatism [rheumatism] so that he had to be brought home by two soldiers. I lived at his house, he was a Captain he suffered incredibly by cold and sickness while in Canada, coming home and being out winters on the Frontiers—my sister Mary Hudler was his first wife, I was there several years helping her in the absence of said Peter Smith when he was out in the line of his duty as aforesaid, I am very confident that said Smith was out in the service in the time of the Revolution from four to six years in the whole—She further states, that she was married as near as she can recollect to said Peter Smith on the 16th of October 1797, at Jonstown [Johnstown] in the County of Montgomery County and state of New York—that he[r] husband Peter Smith aforesaid died on the twenty second day of March eighteen hundred and thirty four, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed—she says she recollects, that Col. Paulding, Col. John Cantine commanded the Regiment sometimes to which said Smith belonged. She recollects distinctly that he was an Ensign, Lieutenant & Captain when he was out, but how long under each commission she does not recollect—she recollects of seeing two of his commissions—his son James Smith took them about thirty years ago, when he moved to Ohio to remember his Father by—and they are lost, she says she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim—she says he was a volunteer when he went into the service. (Signed with her mark) Agitty Smith

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 17th day of Oct. 1836. O. Stimson, Clerk. Witness. O. B. Canfield.