

Pension Application for Peter Smith

S.42335

In the matter of the application of Peter Smith for a pension.

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

Peter Smith the said applicant being duly sworn says that on the eighteenth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen he was a shoemaker by trade and worked at the same for his support, that at that time the only property he possess besides his wearing apparel and bedding was a set of shoemakers tools and a watch, that no alterations in his property or circumstances have taken place since that time, other than that his tools have from time to time been worn out and have been replaced by others purchased by him, and that he has not now any property other than that contained in his papers submitted to the Court of Common Pleas of Dutchess County copies of which are hereto annexed. In confirmation of which statement he now submits the additional affidavits Jonathan Lewis and Seymour Winand hereto annexed, and further saith not. (Signed) Peter Smith.

Sworn this 13th day of August 1829 before me. A. Raymond, JustPeace.

At a Court of Common Pleas held at the Court House in the Town of Poughkeepsie in and for the County of Dutchess in the State of New York of the Term of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

Present The Honourable Edmond H. Pendleton, Albro Aikin, Stephen Thorne, Robert S. Livingston, Esquires Judges.

Dutchess County SS. Be it know that on the first day of July in this same term personally appeared in open Court, the same being a Court of Record for the said County of Dutchess having a Seal and Common Law Jurisdiction Peter Smith resident in the Town of Pine Plains in said County aged seventy two years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Act of congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the Acts [?]mending the same, that in March proceeding the battle of Monmouth he the said Peter Smith enlisted for the term of nine months at the Town of North East (now Pine Plains) in the State of New York in the Company commanded by Captain Charles Goraham in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Philip VanCortland in the line of the State of New York on the Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in the same company the full term of his said enlistment and until he was discharged at Warwasink in the County of Ulster in the winter following, that the deponent received a discharge in writing and kept the same for some years, but it is not lost and deponent does not recollect when or where the same was lost, that he has no evidence of his said service other than the affidavits hereto annexed, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the Pension roll of any State. And this deponent further says that on the 18th March 1818 he did not own nor has he since owned any land and that he possessed then about the same amount of property he now has consisting besides wearing apparel and bedding of a set of shoemakers tools, that he was a shoemaker by trade and was able until within a short period to support himself by his labour, but that now from age and infirmity he is unable to work and must depend uponthe assistance of his friends or of his country for his maintenance—the deponent hath not heretofore applied for a pension, having determined not to apply until compelled by his necessities so to do.

And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and 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 Untied States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities

contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is continued in the Schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed that is to say:

Real estate I have none.

Personal Estate—wearing apparel and bedding excepted.

Set of shoemakers tools, one watch.

That the deponent is a shoemaker by trade and is without any family. (Signed) Peter Smith

Sworn in open Court July 1st 1829. Henry I. Traver, Clerk.