

Pension Application for William Smith

S.41169 [There is very little in this file.]

State of Vermont

Rutland County SS.

On this 28th day of June 1820, personally appeared before the County court for said county of Rutland in open court, (said court being a court of record, agreeably to the laws of this state, having the power of fine and imprisonment, &c.) William Smith aged 59 years, resident in Westhaven in said county of Rutland who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war, as follows:

That he made his original declaration on the 31st day of March 1818, (1) has received a Pension Certificate, No. 5077, And 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 United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of march, 1818; and that 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 contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

1 cow, 1 pig, 1 axe, 1 hoe, 1 shovel, 1 scythe, my occupation is that of a laborer but am in poor health unable to labor but little. I have no family but reside with my son in law who especially supports me. (Signed with his mark)
William Smith

Sworn and declared on the 28th day of June 1820 before said court. R.
Pierpoint, Clerk

Letter in file dated July 29, 1911.

In response to your letter dated the 19th and received the 21st inst., you are advised that from S. File 41,169 it appears that William Smith received a pension of \$8. per month for service in the Revolution. (2) The certificate was issued Dec. 22, 1818, and sent to R. Wemple, Rutland, Vt.

In 1820 soldier was fifty -nine years of age, and resided with his son-in-law in Westhaven, Rutland County, Vt.

Owing to the fact that the records of that period are incomplete, details of his military service are lacking.

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1. This declaration was not found in his file. In a reply to a July 29, 1911 letter, it was stated that the declaration was missing then and a search of the other William Smith's pension files and it was not found.
2. In the file there is a reference stating Smith was a private in "VanCortlandts regt" and written on the same paper "Six years 1777". A William Smith was enlisted on December 18, 1776 for during war in Captain Barent J. TenEyck's Fifth Company in Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's Second New York Continental Regiment. William was appointed to Corporal and was reduced to a private on July 1, 1777. In 1778 his term of enlistment is three years and he was discharged on December 19, 1779. There is no listing of a William Smith in VanCortlandt's Regiment after December of 1779. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 69, folder 33, National Archives, Washington, D.C.