

Pension Application for Samuel Smith

S.32530

Declaration of Samuel Smith for a Pension.

State of Indiana

Jennings County SS.

On this 29th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the honourable the Judges of the Jennings County Circuit Court now sitting Samuel Smith a resident of the said County of Jennings and State of Indiana aged seventy three years on the 24th day of October next who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to attain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In one hundred and seventy six as a volunteer and served for the full term of six months under General Kyler (or Skyler) Col. Gousefort (or Souseford) Maj. Timothy Brook, Capt. Thomas Hicks, Lieut. Henry Bouter, Ensign Chrisitan Bouter, and 1st Sergeant Henry Bowen. He left the service in the month of February 1777, after serving faithfully for six months. In the of May 1889 he a second time entered the service for a term of nine months and served as an Orderly Sergeant under General Sousefort (his former Colonel) Colonel Gordon and the other officers the same as in his former tour (only his sergeant) where he had served and part of his tour he was transferred to the command of Captain Suitz (Lieut's name forgotten) and Ensign VanSlack; after serving for the full term of eight months he became unwell and was permitted to go home on a furlough, and the employed one John Barns and paid him out of his own funds to serve as a substitute for the remaining month. He came out of the service in the month of January 1779 after serving in the capacity of an orderly serjeant as aforesaid for eight months which added to his former tour of six months makes the time fourteen months. He then in the month of May 1779 entered the service for the term of three months and served for the full term of three months under Major [?] of Albany NY, Captain Benjamin Ellsworth and Lieut John Brown the other officers he has forgotten.

He left the service the last of September 1779. This tour added to his former terms of service makes the terms the term of seventeen months. He then in the month of October 1780 entered the service a fourth time and served for the term of one month under Col. Taylor Brown. He left the service the first of November 1780 after serving for one month which added to his former terms make the term of Eighteen months for which he claims a pension.

At the time he entered the service and during all of his tours he resided in the County of Albany, State of New York and continued to reside there until he had performed all of his several tours of service. The 1st and 4th tours he volunteered the 2d and 3d tours he was drafted. He was in no battles except a severe skirmish with the British and Indians a short distance above Slawson's Ferry where Maj [?] and a Mr. Skyler were killed in the encounter, a fall passed by this applicant and cut the skin on his temple being his first tour he marched from Schenectady NY to Amsterdam, from thence to Sparks Ferry from thence to Fort Plain, where he remained stationed for the balance of the six months except he went one trip in pursuit of the Indians and British to West Canada Creek where Captain Butler and two regular soldier of the British Army were killed and was supposed by silver [?] an Oneida Indian. During his 2d tour he served for 8 months as an orderly sergeant he he marched from Schenectady to Fort Plain, from thence to Fort Plank, from thence to Stanwick's Fort—where he was stationed for the balance of his tour. During his 3d tour he marched from Niskeuna to Half Moon Point, in the forks of the Mohawk River from thence to Stillwater, from thence to Sandy Hills on the North River, from thence back to the Half Moon Point where he was discharged. During his 4th [?] to Ballston from thence to New Galloway from thence to the West of Lake George, to the big woods when he returned to his residence in Albany County N. York. Col Sousefort or Sousfore and Genl Kyler of the Regular Army as he believes,

also Gen. Montgomery and some more names he [?] recollect. He cannot recollect any Continental or Militia Regiment or companies by name but those. He has no documentary or written evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. 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) Samuel Smith.

(Present Judges) Ezra F. Pabody, Samuel Finical

Letter in file dated Nov. 9, 1923.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the pension claim, S.32530, it appears that Samuel Smith was born October 24, 1760, in Fishkill, N.Y. and while living in Albany County, N.Y. volunteered in September 1776 and served six months as a private in Capt. Thomas Hick's Company, Col. Gansevoort's Regiment.

He was drafted in May 1778 and served eight months as an orderly sergeant in Captains Thomas Hicks and Switz' Company, Colonel Gordon's Regiment.

He was drafted in May 1779 and served three months as private in Capt. Benjamin Ellsworth's Company.

He volunteered in October 1780 and served one month as private in Capt. Ellsworth's Company, Col. Taylor's Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 29, 1833, while living in Jennings County, Indiana.

There is not data on file as to family, except that a son is mentioned, name not stated.