

Pass for Joshua Smith, 1780



A pass for Joshua Smith to cross Dobbs Ferry, and return, from American Major General Benedict Arnold. The pass is signed by Arnold. Smith was later charged by Arnold to escort British Major John André back across American lines. Major André was working with American Major General Benedict Arnold, who was attempting to help the British capture the fort at West Point. As André was heading towards the British lines with documents given to him by Arnold tucked in his boot, he was captured, near Tarrytown, on September 23, 1780. André was hanged as a spy, at Tappan on October 2, 1780. Benedict Arnold escaped to New York City, eventually commanding British troops in the American Revolution. He died in exile in London, on June 14, 1801.

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