

## **Pension Application for James DeGolyer**

S.44141

State of New York

Steuben County SS.

On this second day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty personally appeared in open court, being a court of Record for the said County of Steuben James DeGolyer resident in said county aged sixty nine years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> march 1818, and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820, that he the said James Degolyer enlisted for the term of one campaign as was called, on or about the first of April 1776 in the State of New York in the company commanded by Captain Garret S. Veeder, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Cornelius Wynkoop in the line of the State of New York, on the Continental Establishment.

That he continued to serve in the said corps until between the 20<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 1777 when he was discharged from the service in Saratoga in the State of New York, that he hereby relinquishes ever claim whatever to a pension, except the present.

That his name is not on the Roll of any State except New York; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension.

That heretofore the the [sic] said James Degolyer has been able by his labor and industry to support himself and family.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I as a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Schedule of Property

Real Estate, I have none. I am in possession of forty acres of land, which I have held by virtue of a contract or article since January 1<sup>st</sup> 1818—said lot is valued with the buildings which are on it at four dollars & fifty cents pr acre \$180.00; two old horses wagon and harness 25.00; one fanning mill 8.00; eight sheep 6.00; two cows and three calves 23.00; one plough 4.00; ten pigs 5.00; seven dragg teeth 1.50. Three angens? 2 chizzels, 1 drawing knife, one hands saw, 7 chairs; 2 tables; one 5 ? kettle; 2 axes; one hoe; one old brand axe; one pot; one kettle; one chain; one pair of andirons; one shovel & tongs 10.00 \$262.50 James DeGolyer

That my family consists of the following persons to wit; myself aged sixty nine years—my wife aged seventy years, my wifes mother aged ninety eight years, who is

blind and deaf and helpless in consequence of extreme age. My wife also in consequence of her advanced age is unable to contribute but little to the support of the family. That I am a farmer by occupation, and on account of my advanced age am unable to perform the labor of an able bodied working man. And that I have no other means of supporting my family than by the labor of those composing the family, and that of a hired girl living in the family.

That since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 the following change have been made in property which was mine of the said 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1828—about the year 1825, I gave up to my son Abel Degolyer the possession of sixty acres of land being remained of a lot of one hundred acres which I contracted for on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1818, after reserving to myself the 40 acres mentioned in the above schedule of my property and contracted to convey the same to him by deed on his paying for the same to the agents of the Pultney Estate of whom the aforesaid article or contract was taken by me. I received no pecuniary consideration for the said transfer of the said 60 acres but relinquished it considering 40 acres as much as I could cultivate and as much as I could pay for. And that no other changes have taken place in property which was mine on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 than as stated above according to my recollection.

1And the said James Degolyer further says that he is indebted as follows to—

The Pultney Estate the Balance due for the aforesaid 40 acres of land about \$160.20; Jesse Alderman of Prattsburgh for cloth dreping? 4.58; William A. Beach of the same place for merchandize in account & note 6.72; John Neff same place for blacksmithing 11.16. \$128.66 Signed) James DeGolyer

Sworn to and declared on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 1830 before me. D. Rumsey  
Clk, Steuben Com. Pleas.