

Pension Application for Isaac DeGraff

S.23193

State of New York

Schenectady County SS.

On this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting Isaac DeGraff a resident of the City of Schenectady in said County ages nearly seventy five years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He was born in the then Township of Schenectady in the then County of Albany, now of Schenectady in the State, then Colony of New York on the 16th day of November 1757—the Record of his age as contained in his father's Bible

When he was called into the service of the United States in the army of the Revolution, he was living in the then village now city of Schenectady aforesaid and since the Revolutionary War he has lived in the then Township of Schenectady and since the incorporation of said City in 1798, he has always lived in the city aforesaid.

He entered the service of the United States in the month of October 1776 as a Deputy Commissary of Issues. He received his appointment under that date from Elisha Avery Deputy commissary General of Issues. He was stationed at the then Frontier post of Johnstown in the then County of Tryon now County of Montgomery in said State. He continued to serve under said appointment until about the month of August 1777, when said Avery resigned his office. He the claimant was then continued in the same Station of Deputy commissary of Issues by appointment from Ebenezer Winship Deputy Commissary General of Issues as successor to said Elisha Avery and he served at the same station at this last appointment until about the month of October 1778 when James Gray succeeded said Ebenezer Winship, by said James Gray the claimant was continued in office until the first July in the year 1780 when in consequence of a change made in the issuing commissary deponent at the post of Johnstown aforesaid on the 1st July 1780 his term of service closed.

The whole of the period for which the claimant served as commissary of Issues was three years and eight months.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew or who were with the troops stationed at the posts where he served and such continental and militia regiments or companies as he can recollect. Viz. Colonel James Livingston's Regiment, Colonel Geosse [Goose] Van Schaick's, Colonel Lewis Dubois, Colonel Frederick Fisher's of Militia, The French Refugees under Captain Marnay, Major Ezekiel Taylor's of the Militia. Captain Samuel Sackett's of the Continental troops. Captain William Satterlee's also of the Continental troops, Captain Walter Vrooman's of the Rangers, besides others which might be enumerated.

His different appointments as aforesaid and Sundry vouchers and letter relating to his services were in his possession until the 17th of November 1819 when the same with most of his other papers were destroyed in the great fire which at that time

devastated part of the City of Schenectady than these he had no other documentary evidence. He can procure others who can testify to his services those whose depositions are hereunto annexed. He flatters himself however that there will be sufficient evidence of his services to be found in the department at Washington.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood & who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a commissary of Issues as aforesaid viz.

Simon A. Groot of the City of Schenectady & John Sanders of the Town of Glenville in said County of Schenectady.

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) Isaac DeGraff

Subscribed and sworn the day and year aforesaid. John S. Vrooman, Clerk