

Pension Application for Joseph Degolyer

S.12744

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this 20th day of September 1832—Personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of the county aforesaid now sitting Joseph Degolyer a resident of Broadalbin in the County & State aforesaid aged sixty nine years on the twenty third day of December last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration.

That [I] performed the following service in the United States service during the revolution any war as a militia man.

In the year 1778 deponent lived in what is now called Glenville, Schenectady County in the State aforesaid and some time in the summer of said year he entered the service as a substitute for Harmanus Wedder and went to Schoharie in the state aforesaid and assisted in Keeping garrison at a fort then called the Upper Fort One Gilles A. Fonda was Lieutenant there & one [?] was an [??] which had the command, deponent does not remember—deponent was engaged for a month but less or three weeks was then discharged.

In the year of 1779 deponent served three weeks at Fort Plank as a soldier assisted in keeping garrison Fort Plank was situated on the Mohawk River, about three miles south of the river—deponent deponent [sic] does not remember the names of the officers in command there while he was there—whilst deponent was at Fort Plank a body of men came and built Fort Plain about three miles north of Fort Plank on the Mohawk River.

In 1780 in the month of October deponent was in the service a week, with a party of militia, the company himself & six of the men belonging to his company including Lieutenant Vedder joined a body of militia commanded by Gen VanRensselaer and during this service a battle was fought with the British & Indians at Klock's Flats in which deponent was engaged, Sir John Johnson commanded the British forces—Brant & Butler were with the enemies forces.

In the year 1781 deponent was stationed at the Middle Fort in Schoharie County as a soldier from about the middle of July until the last of November being more than three & a half months service at this time—Capt Hale commanded at the Middle Fort at this time Joseph Van Ingren was Lieutenant – deponent remembers what whilst my year in this service news was received that Cornwallis had surrendered --& the soldiers at the Middle Fort had a rejoicing on account of said news deponent was engaged by Phillips Vedder to perform this service.

In the year 1782—this deponent was out out [sic] upon scouting parties as much at least as one month—these scouting parties consisted of parties of three men who went out and examined the woods and country to see fi there were any Indians or enemy in the vicinity—these scouting parties were constantly kept out of prevent the county from a surprise.

Deponent has been engaged at other times when the country was alarmed by a invasion and at several different times but cannot enumerate them were particularly but has no doubt it would amount to another month.

Deponent was born in Kinderhook in Columbia County State of New York in the year 1762 & removed from there when he was about seven years of age to Glenville in Schenectady County & resided there until about forty years since where he removed to the [?] in County of Montgomery in the town of Broadalbin where he now resides – deponent has no word of his age – except an entry made by himself in his family Bible which he made from information got from his father which he believes to be correct.—

Deponent refers to William Groven a clergyman of Broadalbin & Thomas Harrison of the same town to testify to their belief of his revolutionary services--& deponents character to the affidavit of John VanEpes hereunto annexed—

Deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name if not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Joseph Degolyer

Subscribed & sworn to before the court the day & year aforesaid. Geo: D. Ferguson, clerk

Letter in folder dated January 16, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.12744, it appears that Joseph Degolyer was born December 23, 1762 in Kinderhook, Columbia County, New York.

While residing at Glenville, Schenectady County, New York, he served as a private in the New York Militia as follows—

In the summer of 1778, three weeks under Lieutenant Jellis A. Fonda; in 1779, three weeks, no officers stated; in October 1780, one week under Lieutenant Vedder, and was in a battle with the Indians at Klock's Flats; from the middle of July 1781 to the last of November 1781 under Captain Hale; in 1782 in scouting parties, about one month officers not stated; and was out several times in alarms. His service in all amounting to seven months.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 20, 1832, while a resident of Broadalbin, Montgomery County, New York.

There are no data as to family.