

Pension Application of Cornelius DeGroot or DeGroat

W.19543 (Widow: Maria or Mary) Cornelius died Dec 13, 1837.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

State of New York

County of Albany SS.

On this 2d day of May 1833 personally appeared before the justices Court of the City of Albany Cornelius DeGroot a resident of Coeymans in the County of Albany and State of New York aged seventy nine years on the 27th day of March last, who being duly sworn according to Law on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain this benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That in the month of May 1776 a requisition was made when the Regiment in which he then resided at Coyemans in the County of Albany and State of New York for a certain number of men. That the company to which he belonged stood a draft, and that he the said Cornelius DeGroot was drafted into what was called five months service and was mustered at Albany immediately after he was so drafted in a company commanded by Capt. Abraham Veeder, and Lieutenants Hagadorn and Slingerland and was attached to a regiment commanded by Col. Cornelius VanDyck.

That he marched directly to a place called Fort George and was garrisoned there for a fortnight or more. From thence he was marched to Ticonderoga where he staid on duty about three weeks or a month. From thence he marched to Skenesboro where he staid about two months guarding the workmen who were employed in building Row Galleys for the public services.

That news thus arrived there that St. Ledger had besieged Fort Stanwix; there commanded by Col. Peter Gansevoort, and he was immediately marched to relieve that Fort. But on arriving at a place then called New City (now Lansingburgh) an express arrived ordering the Regiment to march back to Lake George and on arriving at Fort Miller, on the North River he the said declarer was ordered by Col VanDyck to remain there with twelve men to assist in brining provisions and stores from Saratoga Landing to Fort Miller Falls, that he remained on that duty, for about seven or eight weeks until the term of his enlistment expired when he was discharged by Col. VanDyck by word of mouth. That he served in that term of service the full term of five months. He then went home to Coeymans.

That after remaining at home until the following spring he was again enrolled in a company of militia at Coeymans under the command of Capt. David McCarty and attached to a Regt commanded by Col. Gerrit VanDenburgh, was ordered out and marched from Coeymans to StillWater and Fort Edward a distance of sixty or seventy miles. That he remained on duty at that time one month at that time one month and upwards was actually [blot] one month.

That he remained with said company about the twentieth of May 1777 to Coeymans where he remained but a few days when his company was again ordered out in mass as before said he went with them under Smith to Commandant VanAntwerp to the western part of the County of Albany at a place called [?] to

apprehend the Tories and other disaffected person. That he was on duty at that time three weeks.

That he remained enrolled in the same company and was ordered to be ready to march at a moment's warning to apprehend the tories and guard the inhabitants from their depredations and so remained organized for three years after the said spring of 1777 and during that time was ordered out on actual duty least twelve times in deponent of the service above I [?] and served during those twelve times for terms of different being the ranging to six to five days and says he can safely say that he was out on those different short tours of duty at lease six and a half months.

That in the month of February 1776 he the said Cornelius DeGroot with the rest of the company to which he then belonged at Coeymans was ordered out in mass under Capt David McCarty and went in sleighs to Johnstown to [?] Johnstown to [?] the Tories collected there under Sir John Johnson. That he was actually at that time twelve days.

That at the time the British came down to attack Schoharrie [sic] in the fall of the year 1777, according to the best of his recollection, he was ordered out with same militia company commanded by Capt. VanAntwerp, and a march to Schoharrie and was incamped there for three weeks when they were on duty at that time twelve days.

That at the time the British came down to attack Schoharrie late in the fall of the year 1777, according to the best of his recollection, he was ordered out with the same militia company commanded by Capt. VanAntwerp, and a march to Schoharrie and was incamped there for three weeks when they were relieved and went home. That he left Schoharrie about one fortnight before that place was burnt by the British.

That the same year the then town of Esopus or Kingston was burnt, and a few days before the burning of that place by the British but in what year he cannot now recollect he was ordered out with the rest of his company of Militia under Capt. McCarthy and went to Esopus, near Kingston, on the North river when the British fleet was up said river. That he was on duty at that time, seven days thinks he was in the forepart of the fall of the year 1777. That soon after their return from that tour Capt McCarty gave up the command of the company and Capt VanAntwerp That in the forepart of the fall of the year 1777. That soon after their return from that tour Cap McCarty gave up the command of the company and Capt Van Antwerp took it.

That he the said Cornelius DeGroot cannot [?] the great lengths of time which he classed since the revolution and from some imperfections of memory arising from old age, distinctly recollect days and date, but he has first several [rip in paper] sworn [???] that he might swear to them with safety.

That he has no documentary evidence in his power which he can procure.

That all the officers under whom he served are dead.

That he does not know of any living witness that he can produce who served with him nor of any by whom he can make proof of his services, except so far as the affidavit of Isaac D. VerPlank hereto annexed, will go to make such proof.

And he further says that during the time he has above set forth as served in the public service during the revolution for which he claims a pension, he was not engaged in any Civil employments.

That he actually served in all as a private soldier during the revolution at the times and places as above set forth for nine months and two times of a month.

The said Cornelius DeGroot further declares that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed) Cornelius Degroot.

Sworn to in open court this 2d day May 1832. J. C. Wasson, Clk.