

## **Pension Application for Benjamin Geers**

S.44158

State of New York

County of Saratoga SS.

On this Ninth day of November 1820 personally appeared in open Court, in the Court of Common Pleas of the said County, the same being a Court of Record for the said County, Proceeding according to the course of the common Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of its proceedings having the power of fine and imprisonment, Benjamin Geers lately a resident of Castleton Vermont aged sixty six years now resident in the said County, in the State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows:

He served in Capt. Teabouts company in Col. Gansevoorts regiment in the New York line about nine months after which he served in captain in Johnsons Company in the same regiment and line about four years. That he has no family except a son who supports himself. That he is a day labourer by occupation, that he has for three years been afflicted with a lame shoulder which is still & no prospect of getting well. That his aid lameness renders him for the most part unfit for labour thro age & infirmity frequently unable to labour at all & depends principally on his pension for a comfortable livelihood:--

That his original declaration was made on or about the fourteenth day of April 1818 and that his Pension Certificate is numbered 8439.

And I solemnly swear that I was 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, contracts of debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed. (Signed with his mark)  
Benjamin Geers

Sworn to and declared on the ninth day of Nov. 1820 in open court. Thomas Palmer, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Saratoga