

Pension Application for George Decker

S.30381

State of Kentucky, Wayne County

On this 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the court of Wane County now sitting in the County of Wayne and State of Kentucky, aged ninety years old the first day of January 1833 who being first 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a private under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

I the said George Decker was born in the highland of New York near the New Jersey Line [blank space] County of the State of New York in 1743 or 1744 and was drafted for 8 months I think & believe in the spring of the year 1775 in said county the name not recollected, and under Capt Jackson his Christian name not recollected and under Col. Drake, his Christian name not recollected, and under General Scott I think Charles, the name or number of the Regiment I do not recollect, we first marched to the Delaware River on the frontiers in New York & remained there for some months, we then marched to the North River and was generally engaged in sundry forts & repairing others, we afterwards marched to Stony Point. We then marched with the main army, and was discharged late in the fall not far from Stony Point. The main army I think was commanded by General Scott and General Wayne. I was discharged by my officers in writing, but have lost my discharge of my said Tour of 8 months.

Shortly after I returned I got married. Also about 4 or 5 months before the Battle of Long Island I was again drafted for 9 months tour in my said county its name not now recollected, and served the full tour of 9 months as a private under Capt. Trood, his Christian name not recollected, Lieutenant Jackson, his Christian name not recollected. But a Brother to my former Captain, & Sergeant Fakineer his Christian name not recollected, & commanded I think by Col. Drake, General Scott & Gen. Putnam. We marched I think from home towards the North River not far from Stony Point & Kingsbridge. Then we took shipping & went not far from Stony Point & Kingsbridge. Then we took shipping & went down and landed in the City of New York, thence we marched to the White Plains, between the north & east River, and then and in the neighborhood we had some small engagements or scrimmages with the British. We remained there I think a few days or weeks, we then marched back to the City of New York. I was then taken sick & put in the hospital a few weeks, I afterwards got better and returned to my company, we were then ordered over to Long Island, being not yet well, I still followed my company and officers and marched with them. I was in the Battle of Long Island commanded by General Washington, & many other officers not now recollected besides my own. About one oclock in the night after the Battle we retreated off the Island to the City of New York and we remained there a short time & had some small engagements, and we then retreated up North River near Kingsbridge, and then we lay till we were discharged the precise time not recollected. But the snow at this time was up to my shoulders. I was regularly discharged by my Captain Wood

in writing but have lost both of my discharges, for said 7 months for which I claim a pension.

I lived and was born in the State of New York near Goshen the County Seat. But the name of the County is forgotten for about 35 years. After wards in Virginia Rockbridge County three years then in North Carolina Iredell County 4 years then on Holston in Washington County Virginia 4 years then I moved back to North Carolina, the same place I left, then back to Holston the same place I left, then to Kentucky first in Pulaski County then in the county of Wayne, then in Cumberland County, and then into Wayne County, where I now live & have lived about 22 years, except one year in the State of Indiana that I lived in the time.

I the said George Decker have no documentary evidence & know of no person whose testimony I can procure, who can testify to my services this [?]

I the said George Decker hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed with his mark) George Decker

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this 27th day of June 1832 & in the 42nd year of the Commonwealth. Wm. Simpson, Clk

Letter in folder dated October 24, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

You are furnished herein the record of George Decker as found in the papers on file in pension claim, S.30381, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

George Decker was born January 1, 1743 or 1744, near Goshen in the highlands of New York State near the New Jersey line. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in the place of his birth, George Decker enlisted in the spring of 1775, served as private in Captain Jackson's company, Colonel Drake's New York Regiment, stationed part of the time on North River where he assisted in building some forts and in repairing others and was discharged after having served eight months. He enlisted about four or five months before the battle of Long Island, served nine months as a private in Captain Wood's company, Colonel Drake's New York regiment, and was in the battle of Long Island and in the retreat from New York, also in some skirmishes with the British in the neighborhood of White Plains.

The soldier resided near Goshen, New York, about thirty-five years then moved to Rockbridge County, Virginia, where he lived three years, thence to Iredell County, North Carolina, where he remained four years, then moved to a place on the Holston River in Washington County, Virginia, for four years, then back to the same place in North Carolina, from there back to the same place on the Holston River in Virginia, thence to Kentucky where he lived first in Pulaski County, then Wayne County, Next Cumberland county, and from there back into Wayne County.

George Decker was allowed pension on his application executed August 28, 1832, while a resident of Wayne, Wayne County, Kentucky, where he had lived twenty-

two years with the exception of one year which he spent in Indiana. He died November 29, 1842, in Pulaski County, Kentucky.

The soldier, George Decker, married shortly after his first tour of service in the Revolution, but the date and place of his marriage and name of wife were not stated.

Reference was made to a daughter of George Decker who survived him but her name was not given.