

**Pension Application for James Decker**

R.22236 James Died at Taghkanic, Columbia County, NY, 10<sup>th</sup> day of September. 1851.

At a Court of Common Pleas holden at the Court House in the Village of Elmira in and for the County of Tioga and State of New York commencing on the fourth day of September 1832. Present Hon. Grant B. Baldwin first Judge, John R. Drake, Joseph L. Darling, Darius Bentley & Elijah Shoemaker. Esqrs, Judges.

State of New York

Tioga County SS.

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges aforesaid being a court of record became made so by the Constitution and laws of the State having by law a clerk and seal, and now sitting James Decker of Elmira in the County of Tioga and Sate of New York aged eighty one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832; that he enlisted in the year 1776 in a company of Rangers under Captain Jacob DeWitt attached to the command of Col. Lewis Dubois for the term of during the war—that the company contained about eighty rank and file and were call'd "Dubois' Rangers"—that he remained in that line of service till the close of the war and was discharged at the Minisink on the Delaware. That the term of his services, was, in the forepart of the war, upon the North River and at the latter part and the close on the Delaware frontier—

That about three years since he made application to the Treasury Department for the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 15 May 1828, in which Department how supposes his application remains containing the testimony of one credible witness to his services, who as a private in the same company—that his residence at the time of his making the said application was the same as now in Elmira aforesaid—that his claim was not admitted as was suggested on the ground that Col. Dubois resigned his commission on the twenty second of December 1779 and was not afterwards in the Continental service—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 with his mark) James Decker

Sworn to & subscribed the day and yea aforesaid. Green M. Tuthill, Clk

Letter in folder dated April 29, 1911, written in response to an inquiry.

In reply to your letter dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> in received the 25<sup>th</sup> instant, you are advised that from the papers in the pension claim, R. File No. 22,136, it appears that James Decker was allowed pension on an application executed February 17, 1829, while seventy-six years of age and a resident of Elmira, Tioga County, New York. It was alleged that he enlisted in 1776, and served until the close of the War as a Private in Captain Jacob Dewitt's company, Colonel Lewis Dubois' New York Rangers, and also in Captain VanGaasbeck's company of New York troops.

Soldier died September 10, 1851, at Tagkanic, Columbia County, New York. In 1884 his sole heir was his daughter Cornelia Miller, she married at Tagkanic June 28, 1816, William Miller who died January 26? 1880.