

Pension Application for Martin Decker

S.43475

Southern District

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On the 4th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court of Common Pleas being a Court of Record in and for the said County of Ulster the undersigned, Martin Decker who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare as follows wiz, I Martin Decker aged about 68 years resident in the Town of New Paltz in the said County of Ulster do on my oath declare that I enlisted in the 2nd New York that Regt in Continental service as a private during the war in the same year in which the Battle of Monmouth was fought and that I served in the said Regt for the span of five years chiefly under the command of Coll VanCortland I was present at the siege of York Town and witnesses the surrender of Cornwallis. I have received pension from the Government of the United States and the number of my certificate is [1767?]. And farther solemnly swear that I was a resident of the United States on the 18th day of march 1818. And that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any other manner disposed of my property or any part whereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of the 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 18th day of march 1818. And that I have not nor has any person in trust of me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed viz.

Schedule. Five old chains, one chest, one bedsted, one common table, two pots, one tea kettle, three barrels, one griddle, a few cups and saucers, a few plates, ½ doz knives & forks, one [?] one powder horn, one shot bag, two [?] one [?]

And I the said Martin decker do further declare that I am by occupation a labourer and incapable of [?] to any advantage being subject to frequent and severe Rheumatism attacks, my family consists only of myself and a wife aged about 30 years who can not by his exertions procure a sufficient subsistence for us [?????] on the 4th day July 1820 before me. Lucas Elmendorf first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster.

I Christopher Tappen Junr Clerk of the court of Common Pleas of Ulster County in the State of New York do certify the foregoing oath and the schedule thereunto endorsed or truly copied form the [?] on file in the office of said clerk