

Pension Application for George Dunkle or Johann George

Name also appears as Dunckle, Dunkil, Dunkel, Dunghill, etc.

W.24086 (Widow: Elizabeth)

State of New York

County of Montgomery

On this twenty first day of August 1845, personally appeared, before John Darrow, Judge of the County Courts in and for said County, Elizabeth Dunkle, a resident of the town of Palatine in said county, aged seventy six years and upwards, and she being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed 7th July 1838, and the several acts subsequently passed, amendatory of, and additional to the same. That she is the widow of George Dunkle, who served for the terms, and under the officers, and in manner particularly set forth in the passing of her husband the said George Dunkle in the matter of his application under the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1838.

She further declares that her maiden name was "Countryman", that she was married to the said Dunkle by the Rev. Philip Jacob Groz a minister of the Gospel of the Lutheran persuasion, in the town of Palatine in the said county on the twenty seventh day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine.

She further declares that her said husband George Dunkle departed this life on the twenty second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty five, leaving her this declarant him surviving as his widow—That since his decease she has remained single and unmarried, and that she is still his widow.

And She further declareth and saith that she had by her said husband the following named children viz. George G. Dunkle, Peter G. Dunkle, John Dunkle, Jr., Daniel Dunkle, Elizabeth Dunkle, Catharine Dunkle, and Jonas Dunkle.

That her first child "George G." was born on the twenty second day of July 1791, and her second child named "Peter G." was born on the fourth day of April 1794. That "John" her third child was born on the twenty fourth day of May 1797, and Daniel her fourth child, on the third day of December 1800 & that Elizabeth her daughter was born on the sixth day of April 1805, and Catharine her second daughter, on the twenty first day of April 1807, and that the last child named "Jonas" was born on the twenty eighth day of March 1811.

That she has been informed and believes, that there is no record now extant of the date of her said marriage, on the register or records of the church, by the pastor of which she was married as aforesaid—That there is a record of her marriage in her family Bible which is now in the possession of her son John Dunkle, Junr. That the entry in her family Bible containing the record of her said marriage is true and correct, and declarant thinks it is in the handwriting of Uriah Potter, but is not certain. The same was copied from a leaf or leaves of an old German book was in the handwriting of the said declarant's father—The said entries in her said family bible were made at least fourteen years ago—That among the persons present at her marriage was Catharine Goertner now living who was her bridesmaid.

And this declarant further saith that her said husband George Dunkle received a pension of fifty three dollars, and ninety nine cents per annum, under the Act of 7th June, 1832. (Signed with her mark) Elizabeth Dunkle

Witness Peter G. Dunckel

Subscribed & sworn before me the said Judge the day and year first aforesaid, and I certify that said Elizabeth Dunkle is unable to attend court by reason of bodily infirmity. John Darrow, Judge of Montgomery County Courts.

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On the thirteenth day of June 1834 personally appeared before Abraham Morrell, David Spraker, Samuel A. Gilbert, Henry J. Devendorff and John Hand Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting John Yordon (1) and Adam Garlough (2) both of the town of Canajoharie County of Montgomery and State aforesaid, who having been duly sworn according to law do on their oaths depose and say viz, the said John Yordon says that he is aged seventy five years past and the said Adam Garlough for himself says that he is aged seventy nine years past and they jointly and separately say that they have been personally acquainted with George Dunckle previous to and during the "Revolutionary War and ever since a Revolutionary Soldier who claims a pension. And said deponents further say that the aforesaid applicant proved a true and faithful soldier during the revolutionary war from the year 1775, to the time when he received a wound, vizt forepart of July 1781. And the said deponent further say that the said applicant received a wound in the head from a musket ball injuring severely the head and destroying the right eye while under the command of Col. Willett and during the Turlough Battle, thereby disabling him entirely for more than a year.

And the said deponents further say that they have heard the Claimants declaration read, both original and supplemental and that they have been eyewitnesses to the most of the services rendered and contained in the supplemental declaration and do believe that the whole length of service contained in the said supplemental declaration was rendered as stated therein and that deponents further say positively that claimant did and hath rendered services to the United States for at least two years and more during said revolutionary war. And that we and each of us jointly and separately declare and state that claimant is a person of irreproachable character as to truth and veracity and entitled to full credit. (Signed with his mark) John Yordon, (Signed with his mark) Adam Garlough

Sworn to in Open Court this 13th day of Aug 1834 Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk

State of New York
Montgomery County SS.

George Dunkle of the town of Canajoharie and County aforesaid being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is the identical person mentioned and described in the original certificate hereunto annexed Examination by Abm. Ten Broock and Ph. Schuyler bearing date the twenty second day of September in the year of our Lord 1786. (Signed with his mark) George Dunkle

Sworn and subscribed this 5th day of May 1824 before Nathan Soule one of the common plea judges in & for said County of Montgomery.

Letter replying to an inquiry dated Aug. 10, 1906.

In reply to your letter dated the 16th ultimo, received the 18th you are herewith furnished statements of the military histories of the only three soldiers (brothers) named Dunkle, Dunckle, Dunkel, or Dunkill found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.

It appears from the papers in claim, Widow's File 24,086 that George Dunkle, (Johann George Dunkle) was born in July, 1756, and resided at Canajoharie, Tryon County, New York when he enlisted in 1775 and served in the New York troops at various times until 1782, as a Private under Captains Peter S. Lygart, (3) Robert Crouse, Copeman, Adam Lipe, Samuel Gray (4), and Dieffendorf (5), Colonels Ebenezer Cox (6), Gansevoort (7), Willett (8), Clyde (9), Harper and Wagoner; he was in the battles of Oriskany, Johnstown (10) and New Dorlach (11), in which last engagement he sustained a gunshot wound resulting in loss of one of his eyes, for which he was allowed an invalid pensions from September 22, 1786. Soldier had a brother Peter who died prior to 1834.

He married at Palatine, New York, January 27, 1789, Elizabeth Countryman, and died February 22, 1845.

His widow was allowed pension on an application executed August 1, 1845 at which time she was a resident of Palatine, New York and seventy-six years of age.

Their children were:

Johann George (or George G.) born July 22, 1791

Petrus (or Peter G.) born Apr. 4, 1794

John born May 24, 1797

Daniel born Dec. 3, 1800

Elizabeth born Apr. 6, 1805

Catharine born Apr. 21, 1807

Jonas born Mch. 28, 1811

Medical Statement:

We the subscribers, Abraham Ten Broeck and Philip Schuyler Do certify that upon an Examination, in pursuance of the Law, entitled, "An Act making Provision for Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States, "Passed the 22nd of April, 1786, We do find that George Dunkil, residing in the State of New York—Aged twenty seven years, late a private in Capt Adam Liep's Comp'y in the Regiment of Militia commanded by Colo. Clyde and Claiming Relief under the Act of Congress, recited in the said Law, as an Invalid in Fact; and that he became disabled in the Service of the United States, in Consequence of a shot in the right eye (which he has lost) on the 10th July 1781.

And Do further certify, that upon the principles of the said Act of Congress the said George Dunkil is entitled to the Pay of five dollars per month,

Given under our Hands, in the City of Albany, on the twenty second day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six. Abm. Ten Broeck, Ph. Schuyler

End Notes—W.24086—George Dunkle

1. John Yordon served in Captain Adam Leipe's Company in Colonel Samuel Campbell's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia and was wounded in the left hip at the Battle of Johnstown on October 25, 1781.

2. Adam Garlough does not appear on any of Captain Leipe's Company muster or pay rolls. There were at least 2 Adam Garlock's (Gerlach, Kerlach, Garlough, etc.) that served in the First Tryon.
3. Captains Peter S. Dygart, Robert Crouse and Abraham Copeman all served in the First Tryon. Unfortunately no payrolls or muster rolls have been found for these companies.
4. George's name does not appear on Captain Samuel Gray's Company of Batteauxmen.
5. Henry Dieffendorf was the Captain of the Fifth Company in the First Tryon. Henry was killed at the Battle of Oriskany on August 6, 1777. Afterwards his brother First Lieutenant Jacob Dieffendorf was promoted Captain of this company. There is no muster roll for Henry's Company and George does not appear on Jacob's muster roll.
6. Ebenezer Cox was the Colonel of the First Regiment of Tryon County Militia until he was killed at the Battle of Oriskany.
7. Peter Gansevoort was the Colonel of the Third New York Continental Regiment.
8. Marinus Willett had served as Lieutenant-Colonel of the Third New York, then the Fifth New York and then of a regiment of New York State Levies from 1781-1783.
9. Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Clyde of the First Tryon.
10. John Harper was the Colonel of the Fifth Regiment of Tryon County Militia. In 1780 he commanded a regiment of New York State Levies.
11. Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Wagner of Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
12. The Battle of Johnstown was fought on October 25, 1781. Willett commanded the American forces in this battle.
13. The Battle of New Dorlach (Turlock, Terlow, Turlough, etc.) was fought on July 10, 1781. Willett commanded the American forces in this battle.