

Pension Application for Evert Decker

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State of New York and District of New York County of Ulster. SS

On this 16th day of July 1832 personally appeared before me John Janson one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for Ulster County Evert Decker aged 80 years 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 7th 1832.

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

That in the month of June 1776 he was a volunteer in the Regiment of New York Militia. That he volunteered in Shawangunk Ulster County for 5 months in the company commanded by Capt Gilesby in the Regiment of Col. Hardenbergh that he served for said term that he was marched from Shawangunk where he volunteered to New York City that he was during said service in the Battle of Brooklin heights when the enemy first landed from Staten Island about August that Gen. Sullivan was in Command in said engagement that Major Fish was also there that they retreated from the said Battle to New York City across the East River that the next engagement he was in was in New York and was marched from thence to Kingsbridge where he was sick. That from Kingsbridge he was marched to White Plains that he was in an engagement at that place about September. That General Washington was in command in said engagement. That from white Plains he was marched to Peekskill & from there to Newburgh and was there discharged that none of the said company received a written discharge.

That his next engagement being for 2 ½ months that he volunteered in Shawangunk under Lieutenant Commandant [Bruya?] in the Regiment of Col. Paulding that he volunteered in Shawangunk and was marched to Ramapoo and Pyramus in New Jersey at which places he served for said term that he volunteered about the 1st of Jany 1777 and was discharged at Ramapoo after said service.

That next in April 1777 he volunteered for one year in the company of Captain Matthew Hunter in the Town of Shawangunk in the Regiment of Colonel A. Paulding in regular Militia service that the said Company of Captain Hunter was employed during said term as a guard along the frontier and was sometimes divided in different places. That our duty was to guard the frontier along Shawangunk Mountains in Ulster and Sullivan County that during said years service he was in no regular Battles but in frequent excursions after Indians and Tories that a part of said time he was at Peenpack and at Marbletown and New Town and Rochester and Warwasing—That he did not receive a regular discharge but was dismissed at Shawangunk. That next he was classed in the summer of 1778 from the Regiment of col. Hardenburgh for 1 month and served in the company of Capt. Matthew Jansen on the frontier that in the years 1779 & 1780, he was classed form the same Regiment—for at least 6 times (and more) for the term of one month each time and placed under the command of Cap

Robinson and Captain Matthew Jansen and served on the frontiers as aforesaid that when he was under Capt. Robinson he was in the Regiment of Col. Johannes Jansen and were in the company of Capt. Matthew Jansen he was in the Regiment of Col. Paulding it is utterly out of his power to tell at what time of the year he was classed and served that it is so long ago and his memory has failed so much that he cannot say more definitely at what time he served that his whole time of service as set forth was for 2 years 2 ½ months for two years of which he claims a pension. That he was classed at the time in the year 1780 when the celebrated Indian [Shanks bun?] made an attack upon the house of Col. [fold] That he and others followed the Indians across the mountain and found two young ladies & an old man they had carried along killed and scalped.

That this deponent is now a resident of Shawangunk aforesaid—that he has no documentary evidence of said service. That before the [?] specially part of the said judge upon the said oath as aforesaid—That to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department he answers to the first. That he was born in the Town of Kingston in the County of Ulster aforesaid in the year 1752 to the 2nd that his age is recorded in the Reformed Dutch Church in Kingston aforesaid that he was baptized by the Reverend Mr. Monches, that he has his age recorded in the family Bible that the same sets forth that he was born the 16th day of October 1752. 3rd that he was living in Shawangunk aforesaid at the commencement of the Revolutionary War that he has lived there ever since except when in the service as aforesaid. 4th that he has detailed such circumstances as are embraced in said interrogatory in his foregoing statement. 5th That he has detailed a brief account of the [?] in the said. 5th Interrogatory in his foregoing statement and oath that in his first five month service he has detailed an account of said [?] that in the other services as above set forth he has embodied a general account of [rest of deposition is missing].