

Pension Application for Jacob Decker

S.10563

At a Court of Common Pleas olden at the Court house in the Village of Elmira, in and for the county of Tioga in the State of New York commencing on the fifth day of March 1833.

Present the Honorable Grant B. Baldwin. First Judge Joseph L. Darling, Elijah Shoemaker, Daruis Bentley, Esquires, Judges.

State of New York

Tioga County SS.

On this 6th day of March 1833, personally appeared in open court before the Judges aforesaid being a Court of Record because made so by the constitution and laws of the State, having by law a clerk and seal, and now sitting, Jacob Decker a resident of the Town of Chemung in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy three years the 17th day of August last 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 he enlisted as a private soldier in Colonel Malcom's Regiment Captain Black's Company on the 28th of May 1777, for the term of three years. At time time of his said enlistment he was march'd to West Point and employed with other troops in labor upon that fortification and in garrison duty.

In the fall of that year he was march'd up the Hudson River to Esopus and was stationed there on duty at the time it was burnt by the enemy' soon after this he was march'd on to the frontier of Ulster County and from thence to Orange County and continued on patrol scout and garrison duty along that exposed frontier against the savages and tories; he was stationed at a post call'd Peenpack rather longer than at any other and was dismissed on account of ill health on the first of march 1779, having served one year and nine months.

That he has no documentary evidence of his said service which is an authenticated certificate of the Military Register kept in the Secretary's office of the State of New York and hereto annexed; but he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his said service.

And in answer to the several Interrogatories put to him by the court, he says that he was born at a place call'd Carpenter's Point on the Delaware River in the State of Pennsylvania on the 17th day of August in the year 1759.

He has no record of his age; was christened in the low Dutch Church and the record he thinks is some where in the State of New Jersey but he does not know where.

That when he first entered the service he lived in Goshen, County of orange and State of New York; after the close of the war he continued to live in Goshen aforesaid for several years till he came and settled at his present residence in the said town of Chemung where he has lived for the last Forty four years.

That he entered the services and served as a volunteer.

That he was acquainted, while in the service aforesaid with Gen. James Clinton, Col. Weisenfelt, Major Thomas Dweitt, Col. Malcom and the troops under their command.

That he never received any other than a verbal discharge.

That he would refer to Jacob Kiep and Jacob Lowman Esquires and the Hon. John G. McDowell all in his neighbors and well acquainted with his reputation for truth and veracity and who can testify to their belief in the truth of the foregoing declaration.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Jacob Decker

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Green M. Tuthill, Clerk of Tioga County.

Letter in folder dated February 6, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.10563, that Jacob Decker was born August 17, 1759, at Carpenter's Point on the Delaware River in Pennsylvania.

While a resident of Goshen, Orange County, New York, he enlisted May 28, 1777, served as private in Captain Black's Company, Colonel Malcom's New York Regiment, was at Espous when it was burned by the enemy and was discharged March 1, 1779.

He was allowed pension on his application executed March 6, 1833, at which time he was a resident of Chemung, Tioga County, New York, where he had moved several years after the war from Goshen, New York.

Soldier married in Minisink, New York, Mary Towillegar, date not shown.

He died February 19, 1849 in Chemung County, New York, survived by his widow Mary, who died there September 23, 1852. It was stated that soldier and his wife had lived together in Chemung County for sixty-one years.

One Zephaniah Decker was a resident of Elmira, Chemung County, New York, in 1857, no relationship to soldier shown.