

Pension Application for John Decker or Docker

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United States of America.

State of New York

County of Albany:

To Wit:

In conformity with the provisions of the Act of Congress of the United States of America, passed March 18th, 1818, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War", the following Declaration, in writing, is made under Oath by John Docker of the Town of Bern, in the county of Albany, in the State of New York before the Honorable Estes Howe Esquire one of the Judges of the Common Pleas Court of the County of Albany in the said State, which Court is a Court of Record of the County and State, in which the said John Decker doth reside, that is to say:

I John Docker aged sixty two of the Town of Bern in the County of Albany in the State of New York on this eighth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen—Do solemnly, sincerely and truly swear and declare, that I served against the common enemy in the Army, in the War of the Revolution, for the term of three years, agreeable to inlistment. [sic] And that I am a resident Citizen of the United States, to wit, in the said County and State aforesaid; and that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life, I am in need of assistance from my country for support.—I do further swear and declare, that I served in the said Revolutionary War, in the capacity of, and being a privet soldier that I belonged to the Army, to with, I belonged to Captain Benjamin Hicks Company, First New York Regiment and New York Line.—That I entered the said service the third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven and left it the third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty in the manner following, to wit: I left it by reason of my time having expired having inlisted for the term of three years only & was discharged at Fort Stanwick & was in the Battle of Monmouth, that I received a document concerning the same service and discharge, which I have lots, and that there is no other evidence in my power to my knowledge, concerning the matters deposed by me than that annexed of Lieut Wilhelmas Ryckma.

--And I further declare, that in pursuance of the requisitions of the aforesaid Act of Congress, I do hereby freely and absolutely, and to all intents and purposes, relinquish all claims to any Pension, under any of the Laws of the United States, except the Pension contemplated to be allowed me under the Act of Congress aforesaid mentioned, and under which this Declaration is made.

In witness of the truth of the Declaration, I have subscribed the same in presence of the said Judge, and have solemnly deposed to the truth thereof, on the day herein before, for that purpose, specified. (Signed) John Docker

Sworn before me, this eighth day of May 1818. Estes Howe, Judge &c.