

Pension Application for John Deopervine or Tapervine

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State of Vermont SS.

On this 14th day of April 1818—before me Joel Doolittle one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the State of Vermont—personally appears John Christian Deopervine (or Tapervine) aged about 77 years resident in Weybridge in the County of Addison in said State—and by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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—was a subject of the King of Prussia—in the year 1775—went into Hanover into the service of the King of England—and came to America—was in Gen'l Burgoyne's Army in Canada, and came with him into the United States—about three days previous to the surrender of Burgoyne, to the American Army, in Oct'r - he deserted from Gen'l Burgoyne's Army and immediately in the month of October 1777 enlisted into the army of the United States, for the period of during the war, in the company commanded by Capt. Fink or Finck, in Col. VanSchaick's Regiment at Albany and continued to serve in said crops for about four years and six months. That he was in the battle of Monmouth—and was afterwards taken prisoner at Fort Stanwix by the Indians, and carried to Canada and made his escape from them, and got back to the United States—this was near the close of the American [War] and he don't know that he ever had any regular discharge.

And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of assistance from his country for support—and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid. Joel Doolittle, Judge of the Supreme Court of the State of Vermont.