Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Decker S35893 VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 12 Aug 2019.

I Samuel Decker of the state of Kentucky and County of Mercer do hereby state on Oath that I served during the revolutionary war as a Regular Soldier in the Continental army for three years in Capt Voss's [sic: William Vause] company & Col. Woods [James Wood BLWt2419-500] Regt in Genl Scotts [Charles Scott] Brigade it being the 12th Virginia Regt from the winter 1776 & 1777 to the winter 1780 & that I was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], German Town [Germantown 4 Oct 1777] & Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] That after my discharge I enlisted in Capt Watts [John Watts BLWt2431-300] company & Col Whites [Anthony Walton White] Regt of Dragoons for & during the war & was in service & present at the taking of Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781] & was honorably discharged at the close of the war which discharge I placed in the hands of the hon'bl John Boyle while in Congress to procure my pay who has the same or it is mislaid & lost

that I the s'd Sam'l Decker am now about sixty seven years of age and infirm, so reduced in my circumstances that I stand in need of asstance from my country for support Given under my hand this 1st day of May 1818.

Sam'l hisXmark Decker

I David Williams [S46517] formerly Lieutenant in Capt Voss's Company of Col Wood Regt it being the 12th Virginia Regt. do hereby state on oath that in the winter 1776 & 1777 I enlisted Sam'l Decker whose name is above subscribed to his statement for three years that the s'd Decker served three years during the Revolutionary war and after his discharge I Believe that he again enlisted during the war, I believe have seen the s'd Deckers Discharge at the close of the war he at present lives on my land and is so reduced in his circumstances that it is my opinion that he stands in need of assistance from his country for support Given under my hand this 1st day of May 1818 –

Test/ Sam'l. Taylor

David Williams

District of Kentucky S.S. Mercer County

On this 1st day of January 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Mercer Samuel Decker aged Sixty Seven years resident in Mercer County in said district who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows I entered the Armey of the Revolution early in 1777 & was at the Battles of Brandywine Monmouth & German Town in Capture of Lord Cornwallis I belonged to the 12th Virginia Reg't. commanded by Colo. James Wood & Capt. Voss Company And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed I have no family but my wife old and helpless

Schedule

3 Head of Horses	\$48.
5 head of Sheep & 15 Hogs	13.50
1 plow Hoe ax & Flat Irons	. 6.00
Dresser ware	8 50

1 Cupboard Table & Chairs 9.25 2 Wheels 3.00

\$100.75 Error in addition

Sam'l hisXmark Decker

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia. Documents in this file said to be signed by Solomon Ryan, Sarah Ryan, and Elizabeth Johnston are illegible.]

I David Williams formerly a Lieutenant in the 12th Virginia Regiment of Regular Soldiers of the Continental line during the Revolutionary War do hereby state on Oath that I am well acquainted with Sam'l Decker who has subscribed the within Power of Attorney that he at this time lives upon my land in Mercer County Kentucky. I enlisted the s'd Decker in the winter 1777 in the 12th Reg't for and during the term of Three years which he faithfully served and was Honorably discharged & he again enlisted during the war as I believ and have always understood and served until the close of the war under Capt. John Watts in Col Whites Regiment of Dragoons I believe that I have seen the s'd Deckers discharge which was [several undeciphered words] David Williams

Witness my hand this [illegible] 1818

I Sam'l Decker do hereby state on [oath] that I enlisted [undeciphered] John Watts [undeciphered] of Dragoons for and during the war in the summer [illegible year] that I was a Regular Soldier in the s'd Reg't upon the Continental establishment during the Revolutionary War I was promised two[?] hundred acres of land when I enlisted that [several undeciphered words] s'd land that I served until the end of the war & aided in taking Cornwallis at Little York and was honorably discharged at a place now called Columbia in the State of South Carolina. Witness my hand this 10[?] October 1818

Sam'l hisXmark Decker

1821 July 14 Rejected, evidence not authenticated

The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia in two files. Some documents could not be deciphered.]

Fred'k Town [Frederick] Maryland Jan 21 1780

Samuel Decker a Soldier in the 5th Virg'a Reg't Continental Army of the United States having served three years being the time of his enlistment is therefore discharged from the Service.

John Webb Lt Colo 5 VR [BLWt2052-450]

Copy J Pendleton

Mercer County Kentucky Sct

Samuel Decker this day personly appeared before me Da'd Jones a Justice of the peace for said county and made Oath that he Inlisted in Virginia in the year 1780 for during the war in Capt John Watt's Company of horse men (or light dragoons) in a Virginia Regiment On Continental line commanded by Col White and that he continued to serve in said service untill peace was declared at which time he was honourable Discharged at Columbia in south carolina and a bout 12 or 14 years a go he gave his discharge to john Boyle who was Elected to Congress for the perpose of procuring said land for said services and it being left at the war office in the Fedrial City was consumed by fire as I understand and I have never received my land warrant for said services. Sam'l hisXmark Decker [(illegible date) August 1822]

Kentucky Scott County

John Jacobs [W9071] made oath that he served [part missing] of the Virginia Continental Line, and he was well acquainted with Samuel Decker the within person who applies for his Land and he knows that said Decker did enlist for during the war and did serve to the end thereof as he has stated, in the affidavit within, & he served with the within Decker during the war

John Jacobs

NOTE: A document in the federal file states that Decker died on 9 Aug 1826.