

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Deakins S38659

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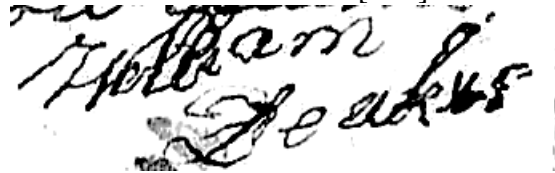
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To the Hon. J.C. Calhoun Secretary of War

The Declaration of William Deakins showeth that he was born in England and came into the Maryland before the revolution, and is now about eighty years of age to the best of his knowledge that in the year 1777 in the fall he enlisted as a soldier in the Regiment known by the name of the Congress Regiment which was upon Continental establishment for three years or during the revolutionary war in the company commanded by Capt. John Carlisle in the Regiment was commanded by Col. Moses Hazen who afterwards became Brig. General Hazen and continually serve the United States as a soldier during the whole of the revolutionary war and was discharged by Gen. Hazen at a place called Pompton Plains in New Jersey by a discharge in writing in the summer of 1783 which discharge was lost long ago by him in Virginia. He was enlisted in Hartford County State of Maryland at a place called Jamieson's cross roads he was in the battle of Brandywine [Battle of Brandywine, September 11, 1777] where he was wounded with a ball in the left shoulder and in a skirmish at the short Hills [Battle of Short Hills, June 26, 1777] in Jersey, and in two skirmishes against the British on Staten Island [Battle of Staten Island, August 22, 1777], he was at the siege of York during the whole time and at the Capture of Cornwallis [Siege of Yorktown, October 19, 1781], he is in very indigent circumstances entirely unable to support himself and has been altogether supported by the County of Williamson in the State of Tennessee where he now resides, for more than seven years that he does not know of any person by whom he can prove the above services or enlistment nor is he able to search after them and can only as he believes prove the above facts by his own oath that he never received any pension & hereby release all claim to any except that provided by the act of Congress of 1818 which he now claims.

S/ William Deakns [sic?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Deakins". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

State of Tennessee to wit

This day personally appeared before me Thomas Stuart one of the Judges of the circuit courts for the State of Tennessee William Deakins the above named declarant and made oath that the facts set forth in the above declaration are true to the best of his knowledge sworn to & subscribed before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1819.

S/ William Dekins [sic?]

*William Deakins*

S/ Tho<sup>s</sup> Stuart

State of Tennessee to wit.

Again this 12<sup>th</sup> day of 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1819 personally appeared before me Judge as aforesaid the above named William Deakins and made oath that he has no doubt but his name will be found on the muster rolls of the congress regiment that where he was enlisted his size was measured and his description taken down as he believes which he supposes may accompany his name on the rolls. he well recollects his size was five feet one inch and a half and on account of the smallness of it he was often laughed at by his comrades who would repeat how much he measured he had when enlisted dark brown hair very light hazle eyes fair complexion when enlisted he was of a thin habit of body having lately recovered from the fever & ague and further saith not. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year last aforesaid.

S/ Tho<sup>s</sup> Stuart

S/ William Deakins

*William Deakins*

[Daniel Perkins gave a supporting affidavit as to the reputation, age and financial circumstances of the veteran. Likewise William Bond gave a similar supporting affidavit.

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The State of Tennessee, Williamson County Court October Sessions 1820

This day William Deakins appeared in open court and filed his declarations for the purpose of obtaining a pension with a schedule of subscribed and sworn to which his estate thereto accrued which declaration and schedule are in the words and figures following, to wit, District of West Tennessee on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820 personally appeared in open court being the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Williamson of the State of Tennessee William Deakins Aged about Eighty years resident in Williamson 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 that he the said William Deakins entered the service in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven in the State of Maryland in the company of Captain John Carolisle [John Carlisle] in the Congress regiment commanded by Col. Antle [Edward Antil] and Moses Hason [Moses Hazen] Brigade General his original declaration bears date in the fall of Eighteen hundred and nineteen and he has received his pension up to the fourth of March in the present year the number of his certificate as it appears from the back marked No 18800 that he was in the battles of Brandywine where he was wounded in his left shoulder, the Short Hills in the Jerseys, the siege of York in Virginia where Cornwallis was taken and the battle of Staten Island [indecipherable word, possibly "west"]<sup>1</sup>. He was discharged in the year 83 in the Jerseys at the Printon Plains. He the said William Deakins further states that he is

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not<sup>l</sup> [sic, "not only"?] an old but an infirm man and cannot support himself by his labour says he has no wife nor children says he lives with William Brown in this County he is by occupation a farmer but is not now able to follow his occupation Sworn to in open court this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820.

S/ William Deakins X his mark

S/ Thos Hardimon Clk

In conformity to an Act of congress entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the revolutionary war passed on the first day of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 And I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provision of an act of congress entitled and act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property of Securities contracts of debts due to me not have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed Over Bible & Hymn Book 1.00 some other Old Books 1.00 - \$2.00 Sworn to in open Court this 11<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1820

S/ William Deakins X his mark

S/ Tho Hardimon Clk

Which being heard and understood it is considered by the Court that the total amount of value of property exhibited in said Schedule is worth the sum of two dollars and that the declarant is worthy of credit.

I Thomas Hardimon clerk of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for Williamson County in said State do hereby certify that the foregoing Oath and Schedule thereto annexed are truly copied from the records of said Court and do further certify that it is the opinion of said Court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule is two dollars.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1820.

S/ Thos Hardimon Clk of the court of pleas & quarter sessions of Williamson County