

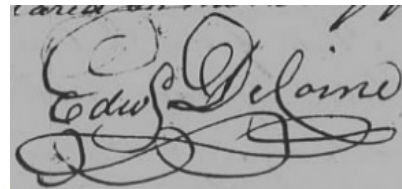
Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Edward DeCoine W10314 Elizabeth DeCoine NY
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of North Carolina
County of Buncombe Ss.

On this twelvth day of January 1828 personally appeared in Open Court, being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid Edward De Coine resident in said County Aged seventy One years. Who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the 1st May 1820: and that he the said Edward DeCoine enlisted for the term of the War, some day in the Month of July in the Year 1779 in the State of New York, in the 2^d Troop of Cavalry Commanded by Captain John Rudolph [VAS2156] in the partisan Legion Cavalry then Commanded by Maj'r Henry Lee, afterward Lt. Colo. Henry Lee of the State of Virginia, on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Legion: that he was transfered from the Cavalry to the Infantry of said Legion commanded by said Colo. Henry Lee, and promoted to Serg't. Major, in which Capacity he continued untill the Army of the Southern department commanded by Gen'l. Nathaniel Greene [sic: Nathanael Greene] was disbanded in the State of South Carolina. That he was in the action at the Utaw spring [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] together, with a number of other engagements against the Common Enemy of Similar Magnitude. That, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. That he does not know where his name may be enrolled. And the following are the reasons, why he did not make earlier application, 1st He heard of applicants receiving their pensions who were not so much entitled to them as himself. 2^d That the various Acts of Congress, he was not; nor is he yet acquainted with. 3^{dly} That such was his confidence in the Faith, of that Government for which he fought to Establish, That if he was entil'd to relief from it in 1818 or any other year the Government would not hesitate to say he was, and is entitled to such relief from the passing of such act, at any subsequent period that application should be made, and that no act of limitation would be plead. As to the Act of 1st May 1820, I know nothing of. But this 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 persons 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.

That the changes made in my property since 18th march 1818 are from being poor to an ebb of Adversity.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward DeCoine". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

United States of America./ To Edw'd DeCoine

		Dr	
		\$	Cts
1780			
March	To 9 Months pay as a Corporal of Cavalry Lee's Legion at \$10 per Month	90	
1783			
Nov'r	" 44 Months as a Serjeant & from 1782 as } Serjeant Major in s'd Legion, at \$15 per month } 3 Months pay, Gratuity by Congress.	660	
	To Cash lent in enlisting Soldiers in the year 1782, in the Months, November } and December in the State of So. Carolina, 35 Guineas, at \$4.44cts }	45	
		155	40
		950	40

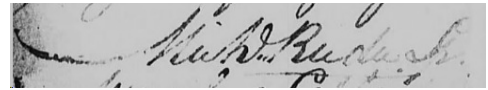
Quantity of Land/ I know not.

pension —

Errors Excepted

I do hereby Certify that the bearer hereof Edward Decoine did Enlist as a dragoon & join Lt. Colo. Henry Lees Legion about the Month of July 1779 & served in said Corps in several capacitys sometime as a Corporal of [drag]oons & [two or three undeciphered words] Serjeant of Infantry untile the expiration of the War.

Signed in the state of Georgia ye 1st Jan'y 17[??]
[Michael Rudolph BLWt945-300]
formerly a Captain in aforesaid Legion



[The original of the following is extremely faded and also damaged at the places marked *.]

Ed[*] Decoin [several undeciphered words] Partizan Legion Infantry Com'd by Colonel Henery Lee, haveing faithfully served in said Legion [*] untill the [*] was Disbanded, in the State of South Carolina Dureing which time his Conduct has been such as entitles him to every Respect Due to a man of Integrity and Valour and has Received no pay nor Dicharge. Given under my/ hand 3^d Nov'r 1785

Lt Col Henry Lee

[Laurence Manning BLWt1457-200] Lt.



[The following letter appears to be in the handwriting of Edward DeCoine.]

Buncombe County 8th Dec'r 1832.

Honorable Samuel P. Carson Sir

Agreeable to your direction I have forwarded these.

Respecting my pension. I observe in the direction from the War department, that whenever an Officer or NonComissioned Officer is now in the receipt of a pension, he should make application by letter merely, setting forth his rank, and the regiment in which he served, and his present place of residence. His pension Certificate must accompany his letter.

Agreeable thereto, my rank was that of Sergeant Major in Colo. Henry Lee's Legion of the State of Virginia. I have enclosed my Certificate to you. My present place of residence is in Buncome County, North Carolina on little River of French Broad River near Claytonsவில் post Office.

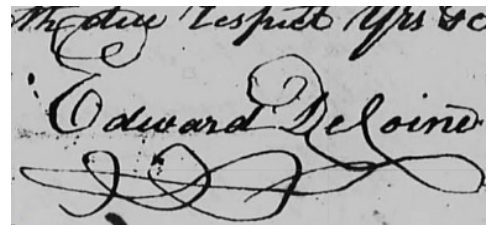
The above at once goes to shew, that I was of the State of Virginia, and therefor entitled to Bounty Land. If allowed I think I should prefer a Warrant [for bounty land].

Your knowledge of public affairs being superior to any that I can possibly be in possession of, I therefore Commit the whole to your Wisdom. Act for me as your Mind dictates.

I have frequently been troublesome to your time, but I flatter myself that your goodness will frankly apologise for me, and say, he is an Old Veteran Revolutionist.

Dear Sir I have no earthly friend but yourself to apply to for redress or assistance in these Cases.

The battles at Gilford Court House N.C. [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and the Utaw Spring S.C. reduced Lee's Infantry Considerably, and when quartered on Ashly River [sic: Ashley River in SC in 1782], some of the Three Years Men's time expired. I reenlisted them for the War together with some of Colo. Blount's Eighteen months Men, whose time had also expired. I paid them bounty money of my own to the amount of Thirty five Guineas, in order to fill the vacancies made by hard fighting. This I should presume, ought to be replaced by Government, being borrowed money. And respects my Monthly pay. I rec'd but One Months pay from July 1779 untill the Army was disbanded in S.C. I believe November 1783. I remained in the Southern States, and did not hear of a limited time to render Claims, mails and post offices not being so frequent. And when I was told I answered, Government will discharge her legal debts when called for – such was my Confidence. I am now poor and Old Say twice Six, twice Seven, twice twenty and Eleven. [see endnote] take out Six and put in Seven. Relieve the distressed Revolutionist. I am/ with due respect yrs &c.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive ink. The signature reads "Edward DeCoine" and is written on a piece of paper with some faint, illegible text above it. The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and characteristic of the late 18th or early 19th century.

NOTES:

“How old is she, charming Billy?

Twice six, twice seven, twice twenty and eleven,

She's a young thing and cannot leave her mother.”

From the song Billy Boy

The file contains a letter dated 17 Dec 1834 from R. L. DeCoine, a clerk at the Customs House in New Orleans, seeking to claim a pension for his mother, Sarah DeCoine of Fayetteville NC, for the service of his father, Edward DeCoine, who died in January 1834 at age 82 or 83.

On 23 June 1853 Elizabeth DeCoin applied for a pension stating that as Elizabeth Scholes she married Edward DeCoine in August 1825, and he died on 17 Jan 1836 in the part of Buncombe County called Henderson. She stated that in the spring following her husband's death she moved to Pickens District in South Carolina. The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 11 May 1822 by Edward DeCoine and Thomas Moore for the marriage of DeCoine to Elizabeth Scole.

The file contains a letter by G. F. Townes of Greenville SC dated 26 May 1856, which reads in part as follows: “The last communication I received indicated the necessity of some record proof her [Elizabeth DeCoine's] marriage in as much as there was notice of a claim by another woman [Sarah DeCoine] who claimed to be his widow but whom we proved to have only lived in unlawful cohabitation anterior to the marriage with the claimant whom I represent who was named Elizabeth Scoles before her marriage to the said Edward DeCoin.” The competing claims for Sarah DeCoin and Elizabeth DeCoin were resolved in favor of the latter after an extensive correspondence in the 92-page file.

On 26 March 1851 Capt. Charles Moore certified that he witnessed the marriage of Edward DeCoine and Elizabeth Scholds, officiated by Rev. Amos Curtis.

On 17 Dec 1856 Joel Bradly stated that Edward DeCoine and Elizabeth Scoles were married a few months before he was, which was on 16 Sep 1824.

In an application for bounty land dated 11 May 1857 Elizabeth DeCoine gave her age as about 90, and she stated that she was married to Edward DeCoine by a Methodist preacher named Curtis in Buncombe County about 1822, that her name before marriage was Elizabeth Scoles, and that her husband had died about 27 years before.