

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Michael Deck W22935

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State of Illinois        } Ss.

County of Madison    }

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the County Commissioners Court of the County of Madison & State of Illinois, now sitting, Michael Deck, a resident of the County of Madison and State of Illinois, aged 73 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: The said Michael Deck states that he volunteered as a private soldier in the County of Rockingham, State of Virginia, under the command of Captain Robert Cravens, in the Virginia Militia, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year 1778 or 1779, he thinks about two years & five or six months before the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781], and marched under said Command against the Indians to a place called the Tigers Valley [sic: Tygart Valley], now in Randolph County [WV], and about harvest time the Company was divided, Michael Trout, the Lieutenant taking the command of something like thirty men, who was ordered to march to the West Fork of the Monongehala river [West Fork River, tributary of Monongahela River], & the Captain taking the balance of the men & returning home with the view of joining Gen'l. McIntoshes [Lachlan McIntosh's] Campaign. After the Captain returned home to Rockingham, deponent being with him, he increased his company and William Herrin [William Herring] was elected Lieutenant, and George Mallow Ensign. They then marched to the Ohio River in company with Captain Abraham Linkhorn's [sic: Abraham Lincoln's] Company from the same County, and the Hampshire troops, one company of which was commanded by Captain Cunnigan, who joined them at the South Branch of Potomac, the whole being under the command of Colonel Benjamin Harrison, from Rockingham, & Major Vanmeter from the South Branch of Potomac in Hampshire County; and after they reached the Ohio River they aided in building Fort McIntosh, about 25 miles below Fort Pitt, & on the opposite side from said place [at present Beaver PA, fall 1778]. They then marched to a river called the Tuscarawba, a distance of 68 miles from Fort McIntosh, & within 7 or 8 miles of the Indian town where they built a fort, called Fort Lawrence [sic: Fort Laurens on Tuscarawas River near present Bolivar OH, completed Jan 1779], and in a short time thereafter the Indians and Gen'l. McIntosh concluded a treaty, after which they returned to Fort McIntosh, where the whole of the militia were discharged, a few days before Christmas, & they then returned home. He says that in this campaign he was in no battle, but that on their march from Fort McIntosh to the Tuscarawba river the Indians fired on them, & some of the regulars were killed, among which was Lieutenant [Lt. James Parks and David Ross, 6 Nov 1778]. He says that when they came to the Ohio river, the Head Quarters of Gen'l McIntosh, & where they built Fort McIntosh, Gen'l. McIntosh took the command & marched with them to the Tuscarawba, Col Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead] from Pennsylvania being with them. He says that in the whole he was in service more than six months at this time. He says that he received no discharge for this service, & that he has no documentary evidence, & that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to the whole of this service.

He further states that he again entered the service as a volunteer soldier in the Virginia Militia, & County of Rockingham, a short time after harvest & in the year Lord Cornwallis surrendered, under the Command of Captain Michael Coker [sic: Michael Coger], & marched from said County directly to Yorktown, which place they reached the morning of the day they commenced the fighting[?] with the British [late Sep 1781], and remained there until Cornwallis surrendered. He says that he then went with

the men detailed to convey the prisoners taken at Yorktown to Winchester Barracks in Virginia, where he was discharged, he thinks in November, from which place they returned home. He thinks that he was in service this time a little over two months. He further says that John Purkey [sic: John Pirkey] was the Lieutenant & Robinson Ensign in Captain Coker's Company. He says that in this last service a Major from Rockingham County had command of them until they joined Head Quarters, by the name of Guy Hamilton [Gawen Hamilton].

He states that he received no written discharge, & has no documentary evidence. He says that he was born in Rockingham County [formed from Augusta County in 1778], Virginia, where he lived until Sept 1830 & has since that time resided mostly in Madison County, Illinois.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state. Michael hisXmark Dick  
[Henry Thornhill, pension application S32557, stated that he had been raised in the same county as Deck and knew that he served the two tours in his declaration.]

NOTE:

On 1 Nov 1843 Susannah Deck, 74, applied for a pension stating that as Susannah Monger she married Michael Dick in Rockingham County on 5 April 1790, and he died on 3 April 1843. She listed their children born in wedlock as follows: John H. Deck, Christena Deck, Phelix Deck, Elizabeth Deck, Mary Margaret Deck, Anna Deck, Michael Deck, Jacob Deck, Nicholus Deck, and Joseph Deck. She submitted as proof the original family record from blank pages of a religious book of the Dutch Reformed Church in German dated 1782, transcribed below. Elizabeth Deck, her daughter, certified that the record had been written by her brother, John H. Deck, about 35 years previously. Also in the file is a copy of a bond signed on 19 April 1790 by Michael Deck and John Mongar or Munger for the marriage of Deck to Susannah Mongar.

On 13 Nov 1843 Susanah Deck amended her declaration, claiming that Michael Deck had served longer than stated in his pension application, as follows: "Thinks he entered the service in the fall of 1777 That he entered the service, either in Augusta or Rockingham County in the State of Virginia. That he served to the best of my recollection under Captains Cravens, Coker and Fraisher [sic: James Frazier]. that he was in the battle, under General Washington at York Town, when Corn Wallace was taken, that he was in the service from time to time from the time he entered the service untill the war closed."

Susana Deck her Book

- 1 Son George Deck was Borne in the year of Our Lord 1789 April 17<sup>th</sup>
- 2 J Henry Deck was Borne in the year of our Lord 1791 August 29<sup>th</sup>
- 3 Christeny Deck was Borne in the year of our Lord 1793 August 23<sup>d</sup>
- 4 Felix Deck was Borne in the year of our Lord 1796 January 14<sup>th</sup>
- 5 Elesabeth Deck was born in the year of Lord 1798 April 12<sup>th</sup>
- 6 Margrd Deck was Borne in the year of our Lord 1800 July 12<sup>th</sup>
- 7 Anna Deck was Borne in the year of our Lord 1802 October 6<sup>th</sup>
- 8 Michael Deck was born in the year of our Lord 1805 January 9<sup>th</sup>
- 9 Jacob Deck was borne in the year of our Lord 1807 July 13<sup>th</sup>
- 10 Nicholas Deck was Borne in the year of our Lord 1810 May 13<sup>th</sup>
- 11 Joseph Deck was Borne in the of our Lord 1812 April 16<sup>th</sup>