

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

Pension application of William Decourcy (Decoursey) W8665 ½ Elizabeth fn34NC
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The State of Ohio Preble County

On this __ day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the said County of Preble in the State of Ohio now sitting William Decoursey a resident of Dickson Township in the County of Preble and State of Ohio aged seventy-six 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer militia man under Capt. Samuel Reed and Lieut. John Grimes in the North Carolina Militia at the County of Rowan & State of North Carolina aforesaid where he then resided. The time he entered the service he cannot recollect but is certain and positive that he served six weeks under the aforesaid officers in what was then called the Scotch campaign that they marched to the Scotts Settlement in the lower part of North Carolina and on their return was discharged from service. That shortly afterwards he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer militia man under the aforesaid Capt. Reed and Lieut. Grimes in the North Carolina Militia at the County of Rowan & State of North Carolina, that they were attached to Col. Locks [sic, Frances Locke's] Regiment North Carolina militia & under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] that they marched to the head of the Catawba River in pursuit of the Indians & Tories and on their return was discharged out of the service after serving four weeks.

That sometime in the month of October A.D. 1779 he entered the service of the United States at the aforesaid County of Rowan & State of North Carolina as a volunteer militia man in the North Carolina militia in a company of militia commanded by Capt. Nicholas & one Lieut. Chapman in Col. Locke's Regiment of North Carolina militia under the command of General Rutherford this was a General call of the militia -- we marched to Charlestown South Carolina and from there to a place called the Black Swamp not far from Savannah where we were attached to the Regular Army then commanded by General Lincoln we wintered at a place called the Two Sisters [Two Sisters Ferry] & the Black Swamp changing our position as circumstances seemed to require during the winter our troops had some skirmishing with the British who then had possession of the town of Savannah and that country on that side of the Savannah River on one occasion a detachment of our troops under the command of General Ash [sic, John Ashe] crossed over the Savannah River at a place called the mouth of Briar Creek had an engagement with the British and was defeated he was discharged some time in the latter part of the month of April A.D. 1780 after remaining six months in the service during which time he found & furnished his own gun & camp equipage each tour of duty. He further avers and declares that he

did serve the three several tours of duty as aforesaid during the Revolutionary War -- making aggregately eight months & a half that he has no Documentary evidence of his said services and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services -- that he has no written discharge nor does he know that he ever had -- he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State -- he further says that he has no record of his age but has always been told and believes that he was born in the County of Baltimore and State of Maryland on the 24th day of May A.D. 1756, that he lived in Rowan County in the State of North Carolina when called into service and served in the militia of that State and since the Revolutionary War he lived in Campbell County in the State of Kentucky and from that place he came to Preble County in the State of Ohio where he now lives and has lived for 16 years last past. And that he is known to and acquainted with James Gordon Esquire and Moses Dooley Senior in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ J C Hawkins, Clerk

S/ William DeCoursey

[Josiah Conger, a clergyman, and John Collins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 12: on July 7, 1842 in Campbell County Kentucky, Elizabeth DeCourcy, 82, a resident of Coldspring in said County and State aforesaid filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 I stating that she is the widow of William DeCourcy, a revolutionary war pensioner for his services while living in Rowan County North Carolina; that she married him July 15, 1776 (a Monday); that her husband died October 3, 1841 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 16-19 Family Record

Marriages

William DCoursey was married to Elizabeth Irvin ye A.D. 1776

Wm DCoursey was married to Eziltha ? June ye 7th 1798

? DCoursey was married to David Terry ? ye 18th 1799

Elizabeth DCoursey was Married to William Brightwell Aprile 7th AD 1811

Joel Decoursey was married to Elizabeth Marbury January 25 day AD 1816

Births

William DCoursey was born May ye 24 AD 1756

Elizabeth Irvin was born December ye 26 AD 1759

Mary DCoursey daughter of William and Elizebeth DCoursey was born June 6 AD 1777

John DCoursey son of William and Elizebeth DCoursey was born ye 10 of June AD 1778

Leonard DCoursey son of William and Elizabeth DCoursey was born February ye 2 AD 1780

Jain DCoursey Daughter of Williams and Elizebeth DCoursey was born November ye 26 AD 1781

Nansey DCoursey daughter of William and Elizabeth DCoursey was born July ye 5 AD 1784

William DCoursey son of William and Elizebeth DCoursey was born July ye 26 AD 1786

Joel DCoursey son of William and Elizebeth DCoursey was born July ye 14 AD 1788

Irvin DCoursey son of William and Elizebeth DCoursey was born December ye 30 AD 1790

Elizebeth DCoursey daughter of William and Elizabeth was born Aprile ye 22 AD 1792

Deaths

Jain DCoursey departed this life August ye 4 AD 1796

Wm DeCourcy departed this life on 23rd day of Oct 1841 at about four O'clock AM Being Sunday morning

State of Campbell County

On this 26th day of August 1842 personally appeared William DeCourcy before me Charles Murnan a justice of the peace in and for said County of lawful age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say that the Bible now in his possession and this day exhibited before me from which the attached records was in my presence taken and attached to this paper by wafers was the family Bible of William DeCourcy deceased who was a pensioner of the United States at the time of his death. That the Elizabeth Irwin mentioned in the said record is the identical person now applying for a pension as the wife of or widow of said William DeCourcy and that the attached record is in the hand writing of Joel DeCourcy of the Rising Sun Dearborn County State of Indiana except the record of the marriage of John DeCourcy and Mary DeCourcy which is in the hand writing of said John DeCourcy and also except the record of the death of my father William DeCourcy which is in my own handwriting and that the whole is true and genuine as he verily believes sworn to and subscribed this day and year above written before me

S/ Charles Murnan, JP

S/ William DeCourcy Junior