

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Deakins W9833 Martha Deakins VA
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State of Indiana } Ss
Franklin County }

On this 13th day of May 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Probate Court of Franklin County now sitting James Deakins a resident of Fairfield Township Franklin County Indiana, aged seventy nine 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 volunteered as a private soldier in the army of the United States, on the 9th day of September in the year 1775, at Westmoreland Court House Virginia, and served in the regiment of Virginia troops, under the following named officers, Richard Parker Captain, Cage B. Jones 1st Lieutenant, John Monroe second Lieutenant, and Alexander Parker Ensign. That he marched with Parkers company from from Westmoreland Court House to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] – from thence to Old James Town, and from thence to Long Bridge, where on the 9th of December 1775 he was in a battle [Battle of Great Bridge] with enemy and recollects Major Spottswood [sic: Alexander Spotswood] of the United States troops and Capt [Charles] Fordyce of the British to have been there. From Long Bridge he marched to Norfolk where he staid till March 1776. At Norfolk Richard Parker was made Major and Alexander Parker the former Ensign was made Captain – on which account the two Lieutenants Jones & Monroe left the company, and Jonathan Dye was made Lieutenant. Under these new officers he marched in March 1776, (after having burnt Norfolk, part of it being burnt before by the British in January [1 Jan 1776]) From Norfolk we marched to Suffolk from thence to Williamsburgh – from thence to the Springfield camp – from thence to Old York, and then back to the Springfield camp – and then to Williamsburgh again where he was discharged on the 20th of August 1776. That his whole service as a private as above stated wanted three weeks of one year.

That he has no documentary evidence of service and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his services.

That he was born in King George County Va. in 1754 – that he lived in Virginia fifteen or sixteen years after the war then moved to Tennessee, where he lived about thirteen years, from thence to Franklin County Indiana, where has lived for the last twenty three years and where he still lives. That he has no record of his age

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 James hisXmark Deakins

Answers to interrogatories prescribed by the Department

1st I was born in King George County Virginia in the year 1754

2nd None [record of age]

3^d I lived in Virginia when I was called into service, have lived since thirteen years in Tennessee and now live in Franklin County Indiana where I have lived for twenty three years

4. & 5. I volunteered as a private under Captain Richard Parker and served under him and Capt Alexander Parker for one year wanting three weeks. I recollect Capt Fordyce of the British troops who led the charge at the battle of Long Bridge – the regiment in which I served was commanded by Capt C Spottswood. All my service was in Virginia – was at Norfolk when it was burnt by the Americans in March 1776 was in the battle of Long Bridge

6. I never received a discharge

7 I am known in my present neighbourhood by the following persons who can testify as to my character for veracity, and belief of my service as a soldier of the revolution William Abernathy William Logan William Tyner John Allen Senr. Robert Templeton Benjamin Snowden

NOTE: On 30 April 1840 Martha Deakins, 74, applied for a pension stating that she married James Deakins in Westmoreland County in April 1782, and he died on 20 July 1834. She presented a family record written by a Mr. Hayward and transcribed below showing that her son John Deakins, if living, would have been 57 years old in the following July. Mary Blackmore, 36, certified that her mother was the second child of James and Martha Deakins. By 25 July 1854 Martha Deakins was living in Andrew County MO. On 12 May 1855 she applied for bounty land, stating that as Martha Brand she married James Deakins on 20 July 1782.

James Deakins was born november the 14th 1754
Martha Deakins was born december 6th 1765
John Deakins their Son was born july the 20th 1783
Alice Deakins was born April the 29th 1785
William Deakins was born june the 28th 1796
Mary Deakins was born june the 2nd 1800
Martha Deakins was born november the 30th 1802
Elizabeth Deakins was born november the 17th 1804
Nicholas Deakins was born january the 12th 1807