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Form of Declaration for obtaining a Widow's Army Pension.

State of New York } ss.
County of Ulster

On this 23d day of October A. D., one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, personally appeared before me 1 the undersigned, Clerk of the Supreme Court held in and for the County and State above named, Mrs. Catherine 2 Decker a resident of Shandaken in the county of Ulster and state of New York, aged 37 years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, approved July 14, 1862: That she is the widow of 3 Minerd Decker who was a 4 Sergeant, in company 5 K. commanded by 6 Captain Baldwin, in the 7 20th regiment of 8 New York State Militia otherwise known as the 80th Regt. N.Y.S. Vols. in the war of 1861, who on or about the 9 3d day of 9 July A. D. 1863 at 10 a place called Gettysburg, Pennsylvania came to his death by reason of 11 a death wound inflicted by a ball or some missile at the battle of Gettysburg, while actively engaged in the military service & in the line of his duty as a soldier in the military service of the United States. — His said wound, as she has been reliably informed — causing his death on the field of the said battle.

She further declares that she was married to the said 12 Minerd Decker at Shandaken, N.Y. on the Ninth day of January in the year 1851; that her husband, the aforesaid 12 Minerd Decker, died on the day above mentioned, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, 13 That she has living four children under the age of 16 years the issue of her & her said husband — viz: Mary A. Decker, aged 8 years 5 months & 28 days; Alice A. Decker aged 5 years, 4 months and 16 days; Lodena A. Decker, aged 3 years, 8 months and 19 days; Idella C. Decker, aged 1 year 7 months & 23 days — all of whom reside at Shandaken aforesaid, with her. That at the date of this declaration the ages of her said children are as stated above, & that they live at Shandaken aforesaid, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. She also declares that she has not in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States. That she was married by one Thomas Smith, a Justice of the Peace, & that she is not aware that there is a public or private record of her said marriage.

In presence of
Mary Eignor

14 Catherine her X mark Decker

Also personally appeared 15 Maria Eignor and 15 Mary Eignor residents of 16 Shandaken in the state of New York persons whom I certify to be respectable, and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw 17 Mrs. Catherine Decker make her mark to the foregoing declaration; and they further swear that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and they further state 18 that the names and ages of her children under the age of 16 years are as follows — the ages given being their ages at her said husband's death: Mary A. Decker, aged at her husband's death, 8 years, 2 months and about 9 days; Alice A. Decker, aged at her husband's death, 5 years. And about 1 month; Lodena A. Decker, aged at her husband's death, 3 years & about 5 months; Idella C. Decker, aged at her husband's death, 1 year & about 4 months.

that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

19 Mary Eignor

In presence of
Sarah J Irwin

19 Maria her X mark Eignor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23d day of October A. D. 1863; and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

20 H W Tibbals Clerk of Ulster Co. N.Y.

21 Declarant's P. O. Address
"The Clove" Ulster Co., N.Y.

INSTRUCTIONS.

Declarations must be made before a Court of Record, or an officer of such court authorized to administer oaths and having custody of its seal. Testimony may be taken before any officer having authority to administer oaths. Their official character must be certified to, under the seal of the clerk of the court, or county clerk.

1.—State whether a judge or other officer of the court.
2.—Applicant's name.
3.—Soldier's name.
4.—His rank.
5.—Letter of the company.
6.—Name of captain.
7.—Number of the regiment.
8.—To what service the regiment belonged.
9.—Day and month of soldier's death.
10.—At what place.
11.—Cause of death.
12.—Soldier's name.
13.—If the widow has children under 16, state their names, ages and places of residence.
14.—Declarant's signature.
15.—Names of witnesses.
16.—Place of residence.
17.—Declarant's name. And insert, sign her name or make her mark, as the case may be.
18.—If the widow has children under 16, state their names and ages at the husband's death.
19.—Witnesses' signatures.
20.—Signature of judge or other officer.
21.—Declarant's post office address.