

III. Margaret, daughter of John J. Durbin and Patience Logsdon, was married to Ezeckiel, son of John Decker and _____, June 24, 1840 in Edmonson County. (Fr. Degauquier)

Margaret was said to be the youngest of John J.'s children by some researchers. The census records do not bear this out, and show she was born circa 1798-1799.

On the census of Edmonson and Grayson Counties, 1850:

Ezekiel Decker	62
Margaret	60
Eli	5

I do not know why these people were on the census of both Counties unless they lived near South where the County lines run. I have not researched the Decker family, and don't know what happened to Eli after 1850. Apparently Ezeckiel Decker died between 1850 and 1860, for Margaret was enumerated in the household of Daniel Painter and Nancy, Margaret's sister, in 1860. Eli was not with her then. Margaret was listed as 60 years old again, and I think perhaps she gave the census taker the wrong age so as not to appear that much younger than her husband in 1850.

In 1870, Margaret is listed in the household of her brother, Richard Durbin, and on this census she is shown to be 71 years old. I believe this is near correct for her age. Margaret does not appear on the census of 1880, and we can assume she had died. Her sister, Nancy Painter, was found on the census of Clark County, Indiana in 1880, and Margaret was not with her.

Although I have not researched the Decker line, I did run across some interesting information which I will give here.

John Decker, born October 21, 1752 in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, probably the son of Henry and Ann Decker.

John enlisted in the American army during the Revolutionary War, the first time in 1776, for three months. He enlisted again in 1777 for one month, and again in 1780 for six months. His last enlistment, in 1781, was for two months.

After 1788, John moved his family to Georgia and lived there for eighteen years. Ezeckiel was born there. In 1806, John moved the family to Mercer County, Kentucky, joining his brothers, William and Joseph, and a nephew, Henry. Circa 1808, John and Henry moved to the lower portion of Hardin County, and when Grayson County was formed in 1810, they were in Grayson County. On the census of Grayson County in 1810, there were six Deckers listed: John, Henry, John Jr., Barnett, Caleb and Ezekiel. John died in Grayson County circa 1840, and was over ninety years old.

In 1833, John, William, Henry and John Jr. appeared in the courthouse at County Court, and made an affidavit attesting to John's service during the Revolutionary War, claiming that he was due a pension. The affidavits were witnessed by Jack Thomas, Clerk of County Court. At that time, John was 80 years old and had been blind for about five years.

As references in the community regarding John's character, he named John Cook, Samuel Rhodes, James Gatton, William Caswell, John Hayse, Sr., John Hayse, Jr., Mordecai Lincoln, Zachariah Carnes and members of his own family. John received his pension, and it amount to \$33.33 per year.

Since Ezeckiel Decker was born circa 1788, we can assume Margaret was not his first wife.