

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Beck R692

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State of Georgia }
County of Murray } SS

On this fourth day of August one thousand eight hundred and fifty six, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace Sarah Beck a resident of Murray County in the State of Georgia, aged ninety one 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 passed July 7 1838, entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows, and also for the benefit of all other acts granting pensions to the widows of the officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary War passed since July 7th 1838 up to the present date: that she is the widow of John Beck, who to the best of her knowledge and belief was a Lieutenant in the Continental Line of Virginia and served until the close of the war and heard her husband say in his life time (she thinks) one of his officers was named Telham [Pelham?; possibly Maj. Charles Pelham]

She further declares that she was married to the said John Beck in Albemarle County State of Virginia on the fifth day of June A.D. 1784 and that her husband the aforesaid John Beck died in Stuart [sic: Stewart] County, State of Georgia on the eleventh day of July 1824 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four that is at the time above stated, and that her name before her marriage was Sarah Wanslow – She furthermore declares that she has never married since the death of her husband, the aforesaid John Beck but still continues his widow: that she knows of no public Record of her marriage to her husband and of his death, but the family Record is herewith presented. She further declares that the cause of her not making earlier application for a pension has been in consequence of not knowing under what officers her husband served and the Regiment he belonged to.

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NOTE: The family record, certified by William H. Beck, consists of portions cut from pages in a family register.

James Beck died 14th June 1787

John Beck Jun'r died 28th Feb'y. 1789

John Beck S'nr. died 11th July 1824

John Beck and Sarah Wanslow was married 5th June 1784

John Henderson and Matilda Beck was married 29th Jan'y 1805

Charles N B Carter and Eugenia M Beck were married 3rd May 1838

John Beck was Born 4th February 1762

Sarah Beck was Born 6th March 1765

Sarah L. Beck was Born 3rd April 1803

James Bick Henderson was Born 24th Octo 1806 [last digit unclear]