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Pension application of Thomas Becknel S12985

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State of Kentucky, Madison County

On this 1st day of October personally appeared in open court before the worshipful court of Madison County and State of Kentucky, Thomas Becknel, aged sixty-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 7th June 1832:

that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He volunteered some time in August 1780 in the County of Wilkes in the State of North Carolina. His Colonel was by the name of Benjamin Cleveland. His Major was by the name of Jesse Walton. His Captain [was] by the name of Larkin Cleveland. He left the service some time in March 1781. He rendezvoused at Wilkes courthouse and marched on towards King's Mountain and was guarding the baggage wagons at the time of the engagement. From there he marched to the barracks and stayed there some time guarding the prisoners; from thence to Fayetteville; from thence to a River called Inarree [sic, Enoree River]; from thence he marched on near Glaster [?] and was discharged. He served seven months and upwards. He knows of the regular officers Colonel Micajah Lewis and William F. Lewis. He knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 received a discharge, but has lost it, and has no documentary evidence. He was born in Albemarle County, Virginia in March 1763. He has no record of his age at this time having lost it. He resided in Wilkes County, North Carolina when called into the service where he remained for some time after the war, then removed to Georgia, then back to North Carolina, then to Kentucky, Madison County, where he has resided about twenty two years and where he now resides. He is known in his present neighborhood to the Revd Samuel Kelly of Estelle and David Haggard [?] of Rockcastle.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/Thomas Becknel, X his mark

[Samuel Kelly, a clergyman, and David Haggard gave the standard supporting affidavit.

State of Kentucky, County of Madison

On this 4th day of October 1856 before me the subscriber, a Justice of the peace aforesaid County of Madison, personally appeared, Thomas Becknel, who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formally belonged to the company commanded by Captain Lewis in the Regiment of North Carolina militia commanded by Colonel Cleveland in the war of the revolution; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Kentucky; that he received a certificate under the signature and seal of the Secretary of War, which certificate on or about the __ day of ___ 18__ [blanks in the original], the precise time not recollected from loss of memory calls from age and infirmity, was placed by him in the hands of Joseph Turner, his attorney, who is now dead; that said certificate is lost after a careful examination cannot be found.

S/Thomas Becknel, X his mark

State of Kentucky, County of Rockcastle

This 30th day of April in the year 1757 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Thomas Becknel, aged he thinks 93, a resident of the County of Madison in the state of Kentucky who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Thomas Becknel to whom a pension was granted by the United States under the act of Congress approved 7th June 1832 at \$23.33 per annum upon his application from Kentucky on account of his services under Captain Lewis in the Regiment of North Carolina militia commanded by Colonel Cleveland in the year 1780 in the revolutionary war, the exact time & length of his service he cannot now precisely state on account of loss of memory caused by age & bodily infirmity but from the best of his knowledge and belief he served as above stated in said war for more than 14 days and was honorably discharged at what time or place he cannot precisely state and refers to his application upon which his pension was granted filed in the proper office at Washington City.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act approved 3 March 1855. He also declares that he has not received a warrant for bounty land under this or any other Act of Congress nor made any other application thereof.

S/Thomas Becknel, X his Mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 7 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]