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Pension Application of James Bean S30264

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State of Kentucky Sct.

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court for Harrison County in the State aforesaid James Bean a resident of s'd County aged seventy years on the 22 of September last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That a short time before Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] and in the same year I was drafted to serve a tour of three months as a private soldier in the Army of the United States in Capt George Huston's Company of Virginia militia. I was drafted in Rockingham County State of Virginia and immediately afterwards we marched to Richmond, we then crossed James's River a few miles above Richmond and then we marched to a little creek called hot water where we had a skirmish with the British troops [6 mi NW of Williamsburg, 26 Jun] but we were compelled to retreat, and in the skirmish the British took a man of the name of Bowyer [Col. William Bowyer] prisoner. From there we marched on towards Little York in Virginia and near the Town but on the opposite side of the River we had another skirmish with the British Troops. In that skirmish General Anthony Wayne commanded the American Regulars & lost six pieces of Cannon as I was informed immediately after the action. From there we marched to Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] State of Virginia and in consequence of the small pox being in the Town we passed by it & crossed the River and marched to the City of Richmond and from there we marched down the River to a place called Bottom's Bridge and near that place we were discharged. We got no written discharges and I know of no surviving witness in this State by whom I can prove my services except John Fitzwater. I hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and I declare that my name is not upon the Pension Roll of any agency in any State. I further state that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory I cannot state the year in which I entered the service but I recollect it was a short time before the surrender of Cornwallis. For the same reason I do not recollect precisely the time of my discharge but I recollect I served out my Tour.

The following questions were propounded by the Court. 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born? 2<sup>nd</sup>. Have you any record of your age? 3<sup>rd</sup>. Where were you living when you were called into the service, where have you lived ever since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live. 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into the service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom? 5<sup>th</sup>. State the names of the Regular officers who were with the Troops where you served and such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the General Circumstances of your services? 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and by whom was it given and what has become of it? 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of the persons to whom you are known in you neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution? To the first question I answered that I was born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1762 and I believe from information in Shanandoah [sic: Shenandoah, then Frederick] County State of Virginia. To the second I answered I have not any record of my age. My age was set down in the family Bible I have seen it but I do not know what became of the Bible. To the 3<sup>rd</sup> I answer that I was living at a place called Brocks Gap in Rockingham County, when I was called into the service and continued there until after the close of the War. I then removed to Shanandoah County State of Virginia and resided there about two years. From there I removed to Kentucky where I have resided ever since. To the 4<sup>th</sup> I answer that I was drafted and was not a substitute To the 5<sup>th</sup> I answered that General Anthony Wayne and General Daniel Morgan was with the Troops where I served. To the 6<sup>th</sup> I answer that I received no written discharge that I recollect of, but I was discharged by Captain Huston? To the 7<sup>th</sup> I answer that I am known to Michael Smith and

George Sharp in my present neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution. James hisXmark Bean

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On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Harrison County Court and State aforesaid James Bean a resident of s'd. County and State aged 72 years on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September last who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in addition to the declaration heretofore made by him in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. that in the year 1779 I resided in Rockingham County State of Virginia & was a boarder in the family of Thomas Beggs the father of James Beggs whose affidavit has been taken to prove my services. That in that year I was called into the service of the United States to serve a tour of three months in guarding the frontiers of the State of Virginia. That I served out the tour of three months as a private soldier in the Virginia Militia. That the Company in which I served was commanded by Capt [Thomas] Hewitt and Cornelius Rane was the Lieutenant but from my great age & consequent loss of memory I have forgotten the names of the other commanding officers. That I know of no person in this state by whom I can prove my s'd services except the s'd. James Beggs whose affidavit I have taken. [signed] James Bean

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This day came James Beggs before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that in the year 1779 this affiant resided in Rockingham County in the State of Virginia and that this affiant then composed a part of his father's family. That James Beggs now of Harrison County Kentucky also resided in the family of this deponent's father and this deponent knows that s'd. Bean was called into the service to serve a tour of three months in guarding the frontiers of the State of Virginia & that s'd. Bean served out the tour of three months and then returned home. In that tour s'd. Bean served as a private soldier in the Virginia militia. That in the year 1781 and after the death of this deponent's father s'd. Bean still lived with the family & in that year he was again called into the service and served another tour of three months as a private soldier in the Virginia Militia. Given under my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1834. Th B Woodyard JPHC

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This day came James Bean a resident of the County aforesaid before me a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath that when he made his first declaration for the purpose of obtaining a pension he did not know or believe that he had a right to claim a pension on account of the Tour of duty which he performed in the year 1779 inasmuch as he performed that Tour in guarding the frontier of Virginia against the Indians. But when he made his first Declaration he believed that he had a right to claim only for his services while acting as a soldier against the English Troops. And for that reason he did not state his services in the tour of 1779 in his first declation. Given under my had this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 1835. Thos B Woodyard JP