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Pension Application of James Beckham S37746

VA

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State & DISTRICT OF Virginia, SS.

On this 11th day of May 1818, before me the subscriber, sole and presiding Judge of the Superior Court of law for the County of Frederick in said state and district, personally appeared James Beckham aged fifty six years, resident in the said County in the said state and district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he, the said James Beckham enlisted in Northumberland county in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain [Peyton] Harrison of the of the 2^d Virginia on continental establishment about the year 1776 or 1777; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States for the space of more than five That he was captured at Charlestown [Charleston SC, 12 May 1780], from which place he made his escape and returned to Virginia, but was not called into actual service till the war was over, that he was in the battles of Saratoga [Freeman's Farm NY 17 Sep 1777 and/or Bemis Heights NY 7 Oct 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Stony point [16 Jul 1779] and at the siege of Charlestown, besides many skirmishes and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the annexed certificate of General Parker

Virginia

At a court continued and held for Frederick County the 2^d day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a Court of Record for said county, James Beckham aged about sixty years, a resident in the said County who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War in the Company commanded by Capt Harrison in the second Regiment commanded by Cols. [Alexander] Spotswood and others in the Virginia Line, and that he received a certificate for a pension No 4423 And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed except necessary clothing and bedding, viz: One Old Horse.

I am a labourer having no trade, but am very infirm, and not able to do much work.

James hisXmark Beckham

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do Certify enlisted James Beckham as a Soldier in the Second Continental Virginia Reg't the 20th day of August 1777 and Served till the 20th day of August 1780 the Term for which he was Enlisted & that he Rec'd his pay in Continental money till the 31st day of December 1779

Given under my hand this 7th day of August 1784

A Copy

Thos Parker late Capt 2^d Virg'a Reg't

Sir Please to send me a land warrant for what land I am intitled to for my Service as a Soldier by Abel Westfall

James hisXmark Beckham

Witness [illegible] To Colo Meriwether

August the 10th 1784

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that the child of James Beckham received the final pension payment up to the date of his death on 22 Apr 1828.