

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Thomas Beckham SC452
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To the Honorable Senators and members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina

The Humble Petition of William Beckham Sheweth to your Honorable body that he is a Son of the who Served as a first Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War for upwards of two years in the Militia of South Carolina, and suffered many of the Privations of that Period, That he is the Legitimate Son of the said Thomas Beckham; your Petitioner would pray your Honorable body to take into consideration his destitute Situation and grant him such relief as is provided by the State of South Carolina for Heirs of Revolutionary Soldiers.

Your Petitioner would further set forth that the said Thomas Beckham never received a pension from South Carolina nor from the United States for his said Services; and your Petitioner deeming himself entitled to what his Father would be were he now living, would pray your Honorable Body to grant him the said Amount if to your Honorable Body it would seem meet.

Your Petitioner would further pray that your Honorable Body would place his name upon the Pension Roll; and alleviate his needy condition and your Petitioner will ever pray and so forth.

S/ William Beckham, X his mark

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State of South Carolina

Barnwell District

I Colonel Samuel Hammond being called on and requested to give a statement of what I know of the Revolutionary Services of Thomas Beckham Edgefield District Deceased,

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I state that I knew him in the winters of 1778 & 1779 as Lieutenant in Colonel Leroy Hammond's Regiment of South Carolina militia, I knew him in my Official Capacity. His name being on a Roaster [sic, roster] of Duty.

I continued to know him in Service during That Campaign; I still continued to him in my Official Capacity on his March to and during the Siege of Savannah² – After that I knew nothing of his Services until the fall of Charleston, in May 1780 when he was made Prisoner of War, by a convention entered into between General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] and British Authorities – I then retreated with a small Number of Volunteers to North Carolina During which time I knew nothing of him. On my return to South Carolina a short time Previous to General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781] Captain John Martin with the said Thomas Beckham as his first Lieutenant with a number of others Joined my Regiment and continued with me at Augusta during the Siege and Surrender of Brown's and Grierson's Forts;³ After this Colonel Leroy Hammond resumed his Command of his own Regiment of militia having been released from his Parole; at that time I commanded a Regiment of Dragoons, State Troops and marched with them under the command of General Pickens [Andrew Pickens], to Join General Greene North of Broad River, and he the said Thomas Beckham continued in Service as first Lieutenant under Captain John Martin until and after the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] – that night after the said Battle I was Detached from the Army and knew nothing more of his Services.

South Carolina Barnwell District} Personally came before me Colonel Samuel Hammond who Being Duly Sworn as the Law directs Depoeth and Saith that the above written Certificate is a true Statement of facts to the best of his Knowledge and Recollection.

Sworn and subscribed to

before me

June 19th 1841

S/ James Tupper, Mg. B. D.

S/ S. Hammond⁴



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Barnwell District

Personally appeared before me James Tupper Magistrate for Barnwell District David Burkhalter Senior who being duly sworn saith –

That William Beckum [sic] of the aforesaid District is the son of Thomas Beckum of Edgefield District, alluded to in the accompanying statement of facts certified to buy Samuel Hammond.

S/ David Buckhalter, Sr., X his mark

[p 17: Petitioner's petition was not granted.]

² Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

³ Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

⁴ [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)