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Pension Application of James Hamilton W24403

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State and District of Virginia, Frederick County Sct

On this 15 day of May 1818, before me the subscriber sole and presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Law or the County of Frederick in the said district and State, personally appeared James Hamilton aged Fifty nine years, resident in the said County 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 Hamilton enlisted in the County of Berkeley in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain George Wales [probably George Walls] of the fourth Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, in the fall of the year 1776; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until after the peace, when he was discharged from service in the said County of Frederick in the state of Virginia, that he was in the battles of Brandiwine [sic: Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 June 1778] and at the siege of Charlstown [sic: Charleston SC, spring 1780] 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 Certificates of Gen Parker and Robert Heasebet.

Dear Sir

Soldiers Retreat 14th May 18

From the account the Bearer James Hamilton Gives me I am perfectly satisfied that he served many years as a Soldier in the Revolutionary army & that he is Justly Entitled to a pension under the Late Law

I am verry Respectfully Your Friend & Ob't Serv't

Thomas Parker

I Do heare by Certify that James Hamilton Lived with me till he Listed in the fliing Camp [sic: Flying Camp] in the yeare 1776 for Six months Durin witch he was Taken prisnor at fort washinton [sic: Fort Washington NY, captured 16 Nov 1776] and was used very bad and the British tought he would Die the perold him [sic: they paroled him - released him on oath not to return to service until exchanged] and some more upon Exchange so he came home and Staid till he got Recuted [recruited] a Little then he Listed In the old 4th virginia reigement Camanded by Colonel Lason [sic: Robert Lawson] in Captain Briunts [possibly John Brent's] Compy for three years or Duren the war for wich he was to have monthly pay and Land Durin that time he went in the van gard under the Comand of Genral [Charles] Lee and he reseved a Ball In his thigh at the battle mounmouth and when he got Able to walk a Little he got a furlow to Come home for two months then he returned to Camp again in the Time the fourth became the 2^d Comanded by Collonel Nevill [sic: John Neville] in Captain Edwards Company In the yeare 1779 our Briggaide was ordered to march to Carolina under the command of General Scott [several missing words] the Siege began and Lasted one month witch wee obliged to Surrender [Siege of Charleston SC, surrendered 12 May 1780] beCome prisnors of war In the yeare 1781 an oportunity oferd and he and foure more made thiere escape and after a Long and tedus Journe he got home and staid a while the Call for men came and he went and joind Some few of the 2^d reigment that was Left behind and marched against Cornwallas [sic: Cornwallis] when the Surendred they marched the prisonors within a few mile of winchester where they staid till Diswcharged

[signed] Robert Heasebet

Virginia

A a Court continued and held for Frederick County the 5th day of September 1820 personally

appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said County James Hamilton aged sixty two years resident in the said County of Frederick, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary War, under the command of Capt. Leroy Edwards in the 4th Regiment in the Virginia line and was taken prisoner at Charlestown South Carolina, and that he hath received a certificate for a pension No 732, 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 withing 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, excepting necessary clothing and bedding viz:

One table, two old chairs and a stool or two & three knives and forks, six plates, two pots, two old tin cups & two tin Buckets.

I am a Shingle-maker, but am so afflicted with rheumatic pains as to be unable the most of my time to work. my wife is upwards of forty years of age and weakly. We have four children, the oldest ten years old, two that about four years old, twins, and a young child fifteen months old

James Hamilton

NOTE: On 14 May 1839 Rebecca Hamilton, 68, of Loudoun County VA, applied for a pension stating that she was married to James Hamilton by a magistrate in or near Bucks County PA on 26 Dec 1793, that they moved to Loudoun County about 10 months afterward, and that her husband died in Apr 1830. As proof she submitted a family record taken from a Bible that had been in the possession of their daughter Elizabeth in Ohio, which is transcribed below. On 16 May 1850 a letter was sent to the Pension Office on behalf of Rebecca Hamilton asking for an increase in her pension on the grounds that "her husband was an officer at the battle of Trenton [26 Dec 1776] where he bore Col Monroe [sic: Lieutenant James Monroe, later Major and fifth President of the US] from the field of battle and received from him 750 acres of land for his gallantry." (A witness for John Sidebottom, pension application W8775, deposed that he had heard Sidebottom state that he was "one of two men who bore from the field of battle the late President of the United States James Monroe after he was wounded.") On 25 Mar 1852 she formally applied for the increase, giving her age as 84 and stating that James Hamilton had served as a Lieutenant. An 1851 document refers to a grandson named Charles Valentine. A letter dated 16 Apr 1861 refers to "Charles Kirk, who married one of Hamilton's daughters."

James Hamilton and Rebecka his wife was Married the 26th December 1793

Nancy Hamilton their Daughter was Born the 9th of October 1794

Elizabeth Hamilton their Daughter was Born the 7th of June 1797

William Hamilton was Born the 13th day March 1802

Mary Hamilton was Born the 24th January 1806