

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Becktel S39979

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State of Pennsylvania Ss.

Be it remembered that on the first day of June AD one thousand eight hundred and eighteen before me the subscriber President of the Courts of Common pleas of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District of Pennsylvania, composed of the Counties of York and Lancaster, personally appeared George Becktel, residing in the Town of New Holland in Earle Township in the County of Lancaster aforesaid, aged fifty six years and upwards, and being by me duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions of the act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain personas engaged in the land and naval service of the United States during the revolutionary war"

That he enlisted at Millerstown in Shenandoah County Virginia, in Captain Gun's [sic: James Gunn's] Company of United States light horse upwards of three years before the conclusion of the revolutionary war, That he served in the said Company first under the Command of Colonel [Anthony Walton] White and afterwards under Command of Colonel [William] Washington from the time of his enlistment until the conclusion of the revolutionary war, a period of three years and upwards, in the states of Virginia, Carolinas and Georgia that he was discharged near Savannah in Georgia at the close of the war, after the evacuation of that place by the British [11 Jul 1782] upon the conclusion of Peace [15 Apr 1783]. That he received a discharge from captain Gun when he left the service, which he has since lost or mislaid. that during the term of his service he was in several skirmishes with the enemy in Georgia and Carolinas. That he is now by reduced circumstances and ill health in need of assistance from his Country for support, That he never received any pension for his services and that he releases any right he may have to any pension to which he may be entitled under any former law of the United States.

George hisXmark Becktel

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Lancaster County, SS.

ON this 22<sup>d</sup> day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas of said county, George Becktel age fifty eight years, resident in the town of New Holland in Lancaster county, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: enlisted in Capt Guns troop of Light horse, under Col White and served about one and an half years, til the end of the war and was discharged, I had served in the Militia previous to that time.

That his original declaration was made on the first day of June 1818 on which was granted a Pension-certificate, dated twentieth of September 1819 numbered 14.969. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. A laborer, no family but my wife Susan about thirty five years of age, she is able to earn a living but I am not

George X Becktel's mark

A SCHEDULE of the property of George Becktel a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, taken August 22 1820

One pig worth about	\$4.50
pots, tables chairs and all other	
Household & kitchen furniture	<u>6.00</u>
	\$10.50

The above contains a correct return of all my property, of whatever kind, necessary bedding and clothing excepted.

George X Becketl's mark