Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Obediah Basham S35185

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Commonwealth of Kentucky

Breckenridge [sic: Breckinridge] County Sct [25 July 1818]

Obediah Bassham of the County & State aforesaid states and declairs that as well as he now recollects in the year 1777 or 8 in Cumberland County in the State of Virginia he enlisted under Capt John Lee in the first Virginia Regiment Command by Col'n. [Richard] Parker to serve for three years in the Continental line that he served out the full period of his enlistment he was first transfered to Capt Joseph Carringtons Company then at Petersburg in the State of Virginia he was transfered to Capt. Tollivers [Taliaferro's] Company that he was taken prisoner at Charlestown [12 May 1780] that he was sent by water to Williamsburg and was discharged by an officer whose name he does not recollect that he has lost his discharge – that he knows of no person in the County by whom he can prove his services – that he was never placed on the pention list – and that from his reduced circumstances in life he needs the assistance of his Country for Support

Obediah hisXmark Basham

Kentucky Breckenridge County Sct.

County Court September term 1823

Declaration in order to be restored to the pension list under the act of the first of March 1823. County of Breckenridge Sct On this 16th day of September 1823 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County of Breckenridge Obediah Basham resident in said County aged 63 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of the 18th of March 1818 The first of May 1820 and the 1st of March 1823 that he the said Obadiah Basham enlisted for the term of 18 months on the [blank] day of Jan'y. in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. John Lee in the regiment commanded by Colonel Parker in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the Corps until the [blank] day of July 1779 when he was discharged from the said service in Williamsburg in the State of Virginia

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 Fifty acres of land worth \$150 one horse worth \$50 two cows & three calves worth \$25 Obediah Basham

his X mark

That since the exhibition of my first schedule the following changes have been made in my property fifty acres of land N.B. the said Basham further states that he served over his time for which he enlisted on account of his having been taken prisoner at Charlestown

| Names of Persons to whom sold | time of sale | Amount of money, of description of Property received in return |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Henry Basham | February 1823 | One horse and some money all went to pay my just debts |

And my occupation a farmer & very ill able to labour for my living and my family consist of myself &

wife & one son my wife aged 60 years & very sickly and my son Francis aged 15 years

NOTE: A document in the file states that Basham died 28 May 1840.