Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Beekman W10410 Ann fn47SC
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State of Alabama Dallas County

On this 10th day of December 1838 personally appeared before me Ann Beekman widow a resident in this County aged sixty-four years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed 7th of July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of Samuel Beekman who during his life was universally acknowledged to have been a Lieutenant of the first South Carolina Continental Regiment. She further declares that she was married to the said Samuel Beekman on the 10th day of October 1793. That her husband the said Samuel Beekman died on the 28th day of January 1812. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written.

S/ Ann Beekman

S/ Willis Carr, JP

[fn p. 7: Hugh L. Alison, J. M. P. Lee, and Francis J. Lee gave testimony identifying Mrs. Beekman as the widow of Samuel Beekman and stating that she is lame and unable to attend court without inconvenience and great expense.]

[fn p. 31: letter dated August 13, 1838 from MO Lee to ? sent from Charleston South Carolina in which the writer refers to Mrs. Beekman as his sister and he encloses affidavits in support of her claim.]

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Soldiers Retreat 16th March 1838

I do hereby Certify that I was acquainted with Lieutenant Samuel Beekman of the South Carolina Line in the United States Army, during the Revolutionary War, but don't know when he entered the service, or in which Regiment, for I was wounded 9 October 1779 at Savannah taken

prisoner and sent to Charleston in October 1780, and it was after that period I became acquainted with him. I believe he was taken prisoner in Charleston surrendered May 1780, and our acquaintance continued to his death. I think he must have served to the end of the War, as he joined the Society of the Cincinnati when I did, at its commencement.

> S/ Sam Warren¹ Capt. in the 5th S.C. Regt. when taken Prisoner

Sworn to before made this 16th day of March 1838 in Pendleton South Carolina S/Wm Hubbard, JO

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston: On this 27th day of July 1838 Personally appeared before the undersigned Mr. Robert Little aged 71 years and a resident of the City of Charleston who being duly sworn according to law, deposeth, that, he knew Samuel Beekman formerly of Charleston deceased that he knew him during the War of the Revolution that, he remembers well having seen him, in the uniform of the military service of the State of South Carolina and acting as an officer and as Deponent believes a Lieutenant of the said line that, when he so saw him, and knew him was as this Deponent believes previous to the surrender of the City of Charleston in May 1780, But Deponent cannot bring to his recollection whether he served one or more years in the said service with the rank aforesaid. Deponent saith, said Samuel Beekman, was a remarkable small man, and Deponent's recollection is distinct of his appearance with a peculiar cocked hat and the uniform of United States officers. Deponent saith, he remembers having seen the said Beekman long after, and as he believes when there arose some difficulty between this country and France, acting as an aid to General Charles Cotesworth Pinckney.

S/ Robert Little

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston

On this 27 day of July 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned Mr. Joseph Righton² aged 76 years & a resident of the City of Charleston, who being duly sworn according to law Deposeth, that, he knew Samuel Beekman late of Charleston deceased to him then during the War of the Revolution a Lieutenant in the South Carolina line Continental service. Deponent, saith, that, in the year 1780, and he believes the aforesaid period, He remembers frequently to have seen Lieutenant Beekman afterwards Major Beekman, in the uniform of the United States Army and this Deponent believes he continued as a Lieutenant as aforesaid to the peace with Great Britain in 1783, and was therefore more than two years in the service as above set forth. Deponent saith, he is the more positive as to the rank and the time of service of said Samuel Beekman, for he was a man not easily forgotten being of a remarkable short stature, and very generally known.

S/ Joseph Righton

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I hereby certify, that in the Parish Register of St. Phillips Church, there is a record of the

Samuel Warren BLWt1859-300 Joseph Righton W22074

marriage of Samuel Beekman & Ann Lee on the 11th of October 1793.

Witness my hand S/ C. E. Gadsden
Charleston Rector of said Church

March 5, 1838

I certify that Mrs. Ann Beekman now residing in Alabama is the widow of Major Samuel Beekman of the Continental Army to whom she was lawfully married in 1793, as the above certificate from the Rector of St. Phillips Church [indecipherable word or words], according to the Form of solemnizing matrimony in the P. E. Church of these U. States; and that [she is] well known to me as the wife & widow of Major Beekman, she was for many years a worshiper in the Church of which I have now the Pastoral charge, in this City.

S/C. Bowen

Rector of St. Michael's Church & Bishop of the P. E. Church in South Carolina

March 6th, 1833

[The veteran's widow was inscribed on the pension roll at the rate of \$320 per annum commencing March fourth, 1843.]

[B. L. Wt. 307-200 Lieut. Issued May 10, 1796 to John Stiles, assignee, no papers]