

CHAPTER 2: SARAH [SALLY] WANSLEY and JOHN BECK

04 Feb 1762 **John Beck** was born. [Wansley-Beck Family Bible record was included with disapproved Revolutionary War widow's pension application for **Sarah Wansley Beck**. R692, NARA]

06 Mar 1765 **Sarah Wansley** was born in Virginia, a daughter of John and Mildred Wansley. [Family Record. NARA] She was born in Louisa or Albemarle County, Virginia. *Louisa County, Virginia Court Order [Minute] Book 1760-1764* for 01 April 1764, the case of Robert Anderson vs John Wansley for a debt, suggests John Wansley was living in Louisa County. [Bell, *Louisa County Records You Probably Never Saw.*] **Sarah Beck** [1765-1861] is buried in Beck-Gaither Family Cemetery, Murray County, Georgia. [NOTE: Date of birth on tombstone is consistent with family record.]

1782 Albemarle County, Virginia Personal Property Tax Roll:
Beck, Lucy: proprietor with 7 cattle and 1 horse; tax was 3 shillings 9 pence.
Beck, William: free male over >21. Property: 6 cattle and 2 horses. Tax was 15 shillings, 9 pence. [*Albemarle County, Virginia Taxes, 1782-1799.*]

Relationship between these Becks and **John Beck** who married **Sarah Wansley** is unknown. Lucy Beck was the widow of Andrew Beck who died in 1781. Lucy Beck was deposed in the suit of Walter Goldsmith vs. John Dowell in Albemarle County, Virginia, concerning a verbal agreement between John Dowell, Sr. and Walter Goldsmith; she was also acquainted with John Wansley, Sr. Goldsmith, Walter vs. John Dowell, Sr. [*Albemarle County, Virginia Chancery Court Records. Case ID 1796-006*]

1784 Albemarle County, Virginia Tax Roll:
Beck, Jessie: 2 males > 21. Property: 6 cattle and 4 horses.
Beck, Will: household had one male >21. Property: 4 cattle and 4 horses. [*Albemarle County, Virginia Taxes, 1782-1799.*]

Jessie Beck was deposed in the suit of Walter Goldsmith vs. John Dowell. He knew about the verbal agreement between Walter Goldsmith and John Dowell and was also acquainted with John Wansley, Sr. [Goldsmith, Walter vs. John Dowell, Sr. *Albemarle County, Virginia Chancery Court Records. Case ID 1796-006*]

05 Jun 1784 **Sarah Wanslow** married **John Beck**. [Family Record. R692, NARA] According to her rejected Revolutionary War pension application, **Sarah Wanslow** married **John Beck** in Albemarle County, Virginia.

- 1785 Albemarle County, Virginia Tax Roll:
 Beck, Jesse: head of a household with one male >21, 2 tithables.
 Property: 8 cattle and 3 horses.
 Beck, William: head of a household with one male >21. Property: 2
 cattle and 2 horses. [*Albemarle County, Virginia Taxes, 1782-1799.*]
- 19 Apr 1787 Albemarle County, Virginia, Schedule B personal property tax roll:
Becks, John: was chargeable with taxes. **John Becks** was the white
 male >21 in the household. He owned 1 black over 16 and 1 black under
 16. He also owned 1 horse and 6 cattle. [*Albemarle County, Virginia
 Taxes, 1782-1799.*] [**NOTE:** John Wansley was recorded on tax roll on
 the same date.] Property tax rolls place a John Beck in Albemarle
 County, Virginia as late as 1791. It is unknown whether this John Beck
 on tax rolls was **Sarah Wansley's** husband. According to unverified
 family tradition, the Becks moved to Elbert County, Georgia, c 1790.
- 20 Apr 1787 Albemarle County, Virginia, Schedule B, Personal Property Tax Roll:
 Becks, Lucy: was chargeable with tax. The household included no white
 males >21. Property: 2 horses and 6 cattle. [*Albemarle County, Virginia
 Taxes, 1782-1799.*]
- 14 Jun 1787 James Beck, son of **Sarah Wansley** and **John Beck**, died. [Family
 Record. R692, NARA]
- 15 Apr 1788 Albemarle County, Virginia, Schedule B Personal Property Tax Roll:
 Beck, William: was chargeable with taxes. His household had one male
 >16. Property: 2 horses. [*Albemarle County, Virginia Taxes, 1782-
 1799.*]
- 19 Apr 1788 Albemarle County, Virginia, Schedule B Personal Property Tax Roll:
 Becks, Lucy: was chargeable with taxes. Property: 3 horses.
 [*Albemarle County, Virginia Taxes, 1782-1799.*]
- 19 Apr 1788 Albemarle County, Virginia, Schedule B Personal Property Tax Roll:
Beck, John: was chargeable with taxes. His household had one male
 >16. Property: 1 horse. [*Albemarle County, Virginia Taxes, 1782-1799*]
 [**NOTE:** On the same date Jason Boccock was also assessed taxes.
 Jason Boccock was deposed in the suit of Walter Goldsmith vs. John
 Dowell. John Wansley had rented a plantation from Jason Boccock in the
 "year that Burgunns Troops Was Removed from the Barracks of
 Albemarle. . ." [Goldsmith, Walter vs. John Dowell, Sr. *Albemarle County,
 Virginia Chancery Court Records.* Case ID 1796-006.]
- 28 Feb 1789 John Beck, Jr., son of **Sarah Wansley** and **John Beck**, died. [Family
 Record. R692, National Archives]

- 09 Apr 1788 Albemarle County, Virginia, Schedule B Personal Property Tax Roll:
Beck, Lucy: was chargeable with taxes. She owned 3 horses.
Albemarle County, Virginia Taxes, 1782-1799.]
- 12 Apr 1789 Albemarle County, Virginia, Schedule B Personal Property Tax Roll:
Beck, John: The household had one male >16 years. Property: no slaves and no horses. [*Albemarle County, Virginia Taxes, 1782-1799.*]
- 23 Feb 1790 Matilda Beck, daughter of **Sarah Wansley** and **John Beck**, was born.
[Family Record. R692, National Archives]
- 01 Jun 1791 Personal Property Tax Schedule B, Albemarle County, Virginia.
Beck, Joseph: head of a household with one male >16. Property: 2 horses.
Beck, Lucy: was head of a household with two males >16. Property: 4 horses.
Beck, John: head of a household with one male >16. Property: 1 horse. [*Albemarle County, Virginia Taxes, 1782-1799.*] However, according to 1860 census, Mildred W. Beck Allen Gray was born in Georgia, suggesting this John Beck was not the husband of Sarah Wansley.
- ca Mildred W. Beck, daughter of **Sarah Wansley** and **John Beck**, was
12 Aug 1791 born. [**NOTE:** Date of birth is an approximation from Mildred W. Beck Allen Gray's age in obituary: 94 years, 5 months, 12 days. According to 1860 United States Census, Elberton Post Office, Elbert District, Elbert County, Georgia, p. 52, Mrs. M. W. Gray was born in Georgia. According to Frank N. Wansley, Mildred Beck's middle name was Whitten. His source for middle name is unknown.]
- 30 May 1792 Personal Property Tax Schedule B, Albemarle County, Virginia.
Beck, Lucy: Chargeable with taxes. Her household had two white males >16. Property: 2 horses. [*Albemarle County, Virginia Taxes, 1782-1799.*]
- 25 Mar 1793 Benjamin Head of Elbert County, Georgia conveyed to Thompson McGuire a Negro boy, Jack, about 9 years old, for £50. Signed: Benjamin Head. Test: **John Beck**. Registered: 02 April 1793. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. A, p. 137.*] [**NOTE:** This is the first record for a "John Beck" in Elbert County, Georgia. The deeds for Elbert County have numerous references to John Beck, not all these "John Beck's" were the husband of **Sarah Wansley**. Another John Beck, known as John Beck, Jr., appears in Elbert County, Georgia deeds after **Sarah Wansley Beck's** husband died in 1824. In the 1840 census, a

John Beck, age 40-50, lived in Elbert County, Georgia in close proximity to Beverly Allen, husband of Mildred W. Beck, and William A. Beck.]

- 23 Jul 1797 Ann Nancy Beck, daughter of **Sarah Wansley** and **John Beck**, was born. [Family Record. R692, NARA]
- 16 May 1798 **John Beck** received a land grant for 36½ acres in Elbert County, Georgia, adjacent Sally S. Bibb, John Beck and Reuben Allen. [*Georgia Grant Book AAAAA*, p. 476.] [**NOTE:** See 07 December 1811 deed from **John** and **Sally Beck** to Richard Colbert.]
- 10 May 1799 Samuel McGee conveyed to John Keyes, both of Elbert County, Georgia, 150 acres on Beaverdam waters, for \$250. The land was adjacent to John Pollard, **John Beck**, Thomas Thornton and Allen. Signed: Samuel McGeehee. Witnesses: **John Beck**, Reuben Allen, J. P. Mrs. Nancey McGee relinquished her dower rights before Reuben Allen, J. P. Registered: 20 July 1799. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. F*, p. 48.] Joan Horsley stated the Keyes and McGee families had previously lived in Albemarle County, Virginia. Sarah Key, daughter of William Bibb Key, married Thomas C. Elliott, possibly a son of Elizabeth Wansley and Abraham Elliott.
- 02 May 1800 William Andrew Beck, son of **Sarah Wansley** and **John Beck**, was born. [Family Record. R692, NARA]
- 25 Jul 1801 Thomas Thornton and Molley Thornton, his wife, Daniel Thornton and Sarah Thornton, his wife, conveyed to James Jones 287½ acres on Beaverdam Creek. Consideration was \$1150. The land was adjacent to **John Beck**, Petersburg Road, Daniel Thornton, William Arnold, Big Branch, Joseph Clark and John Kees. Signed: Thomas Thornton, Molley [X] Thornton, Daniel [X] Thornton, Sarah Thornton. Witnesses: John Johnson, **John Beck**, William Allen, J. P. Daniel and Sarah Thornton only warrant 25 acres. Signed: Daniel [X] Thornton, Sarah Thornton. Witnesses: John Johnston, **John Beck**, William Allen, J. P. Registered: 15 August 1801. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. G*, pp. 99-100.]
- 25 May 1802 Benjamin Winslow of Orange County, Virginia appointed Thomas Fortson of Elbert County, Georgia to be his true and lawful attorney to sue Chistwell or John Hinton for conveyance according to the bond or just compensation for value of land located on Falling Creek. Signed: Benjamin Winslow. Witnesses: Henry White, **John Beck**. Orange County power of attorney was proven by Belfield Cave and Maj. Burton. Registered: 25 June 1807. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. S*, pp. 177-8.]

- 03 Apr 1803 Sarah Lucinda [Lucy] Beck, daughter of **Sarah Wansley** and **John Beck**, was born. [Family Record. R692, NARA]
- 23 Oct 1804 Reuben Allen sold Sally S. Bibb, both of Elbert County, Georgia, 100 acres on Savannah River for \$600. Signed: Reuben Allen. Test: **John Beck**, Peyton Bibb, Joseph Christie, William Allen, J. P. Elizabeth Allen relinquished her dower rights. Test: William Allen, J. P. Registered: 04 October 1805. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. J*, p. 183.]
- 29 Jan 1805 Matilda Beck married John Henderson. [Family Record. R692, NARA]
- 06 May 1806 Robert Middleton, sheriff of Elbert County, conveyance to Moses Hunt. On 25 October 1805, Inferior Court of Elbert County issued a writ of fieri facias at instance of Simeon Henderson against Alleganey McGuire. The seized property was 200 acres on Cold Water Creek adjacent to James Jones and M. Hunt. On 06 May 1806, the property was exposed at public sale and Moses Hunt was highest bidder at \$60. Signed: R. Middleton, sheriff. Witnesses: **John Beck**, James Christian, J. P. recorded: 20 July 1810. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. N*, p. 27.]
- 26 May 1806 A jury including **John Beck** was designated to lay off Agatha Jones' dower rights to 287½ acres that had belonged to her late husband, James Jones. The original tract of land was adjacent to **John Beck**, Big Branch, William Arnold, Clark, Spring Branch, Petersburg Road, Daniel Thornton, and Henry Gaines. Registered: 23 November 1807. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. K*, pp. 224-7.]
- 21 Mar 1808 James Wood, sheriff, conveyed 250 acres on Vanns Creek to **John Beck**. On 17 February 1807, the Inferior Court of Elbert County issued two writs of fieri facias at instance of William Oliver against the property of John Pollard, Jr. and John Pollard, Sr. On 20 August 1807, Robert Middleton, then sheriff of Elbert County, levied the writs. The property was adjacent to Reuben White, James Clark and Larkin Clark. On 06 October 1807 the two properties were exposed to public sale and sold to **John Beck**, highest bidder, for \$50. Robert Middleton failed to execute title to **John Beck**. James Wood executed title to **John Beck**. Signed: J. Wood, sheriff. Witnesses: W. Y. Thompson, Thomas Jones, Rn. Linsay, J. P. Recorded: 21 April 1808. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. L*, p. 37.]
- 03 Sep 1808 James Shields of Maury County, Tennessee sold **John Beck** of Elbert County 200 acres on North Fork Beaverdam Creek, originally granted to Robert Pulliam 20 July 1790 in Wilkes County. Consideration: \$602. Witnesses: Job Weston, James Shackelford, John Jones, J. P. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deed Book L [1808-1810]*, p. 51.]

- 25 Oct 1809 James Wood, Sheriff of Elbert County, to **John Beck**. Inferior Court issued execution 17 February 1807 for \$29.81¼ and costs against the "goods & Chattels Lands & Tenements" of Abner Jordan for Samuel Wilson. 20 May [blank year], Thomas Jones, deputy sheriff, levied execution on 182 acres in Elbert County adjacent to Moses & Thomas Haynes. Sold at public sale first Tuesday previous July to **John Beck**, highest bidder, for \$4.50. Signed: James Wood, sheriff. Witnesses: Thomas Jones, A. Moon, Saml. Pattern, J. P. Recorded: 19 February 1812. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds Book O*, pp. 15-6.]
- 18 Oct 1810 **John Beck** of Elbert County appointed "my trusty & beloved friend, John Henderson of Randolph Co., Ga., my true & lawful atty." Witnesses: Joseph Cook, B. Jeter, J.P. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds Vol. N*, p. 48.] [**NOTE:** John Henderson may be husband of Matilda J. Beck, daughter of **John and Sarah Wansley Beck**.]
- 08 Mar 1811 James Mann, Jr. conveyed to John Mann, both of Elbert County, 205 acres on Vanns Creek for \$500. The land was adjacent to John M. White, James Mann, Sr., Edmond Shackelford, Reuben White and **John Beck**. Signed: James Mann, Jr. Witnesses: Wortham Mann, Adam Gaar, J. P. Recorded: 23 January 1812. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. O*, p. 5.]
- 29 Jun 1811 Joseph Rucker, Jr. of Elbert County sold **John Beck** 200 acres on Vanns Creek adjacent to **John Beck** on east for \$1000. Witnesses: Thomas Jones, B. Allen, B. Jeter, J. P. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds Vol. O*, p. 16.]
- 23 Oct 1811 Thomas Jones, sheriff, to Ralph Banks, both of Elbert County. Writ of fieri facias [seizure] was issued from Inferior Court of sd. co., 22 February 1809, against Joseph Rucker, Senr. at instance of **John Beck**. On 24 December 1810, Beverly Allen, deputy sheriff, seized the property. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deed Book N [1810-1812]*, p. 224.]
- 07 Dec 1811 **John Beck** sold Richard Colbert, both of Elbert County, 36½ acres on Vans Creek for \$200. Land was adjacent to vacant tract and Sally S. Barnett on northwest, Richard Colbert on northeast and James Clark on southeast. Signed: **John Beck**. Witnesses: Rn. C. Beck, Mildred W. Beck, Rn. White, J. P. 07 December 1811, **Sally Beck**, wife of **John Beck**, released dower rights. Signed: **Sally [X] Beck**. Witnesses: Rn. White, J. P. Registered: 21 June 1821. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deed Book S*, p. 78.] [**NOTE:** See 1798 grant. Mildred W. Beck was a daughter of *John and Sally Wansley Beck*.]
- 06 Jan 1812 Adam Gaar and Nancy Gaar, wife, conveyed to Thomas A Banks 44 acres on Vanns Creek for \$112. The tract was adjacent to **John Beck**,

Jere. Mann, Reubin White, Daniel White. Signed: Adam Gaar, Nancy Gaar. Witnesses: John Rucker, Jr., Stewart Cunningham. Proved by witnesses, 20 April 1812. John Jones, J. P. Recorded: 10 April 1813. [Elbert County, Georgia deeds, Vol. O, p. 111.]

- 26 Feb 1812 Beverly Allen, deputy sheriff of Elbert County, Georgia seized a Negro girl name Rachel, property of John Daniel. The Inferior and Superior Courts of Elbert County had issued multiple writs of fieri facias against John Daniel. One of the writs was in favor of **John Beck**. The slave was sold to Howard Cash for highest bid of \$301.25. 21 April 1812. Signed: James Wood, sheriff. Witnesses: B. Allen, W. Hatcher, J. P. Recorded: 28 April 1812. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. O, p. 30.*]
- 08 Sep 1812 **John Beck** appointed "my trusty friend, Gaines Thompson, both of Elbert Co., my true & lawful atty., to transact business I am concerned in a judgment obtained in sd. co. against Benjamin Head, formerly of Morgan Co., Ga., & settlements to make to recover." Witnesses: Joseph Cook, B. Fortson, J. P. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds Vol. O, p. 70.*]
- 19 Jan 1814 Sheriffs sale against property of James N. Brown, 166 acres on Vans Creek was sold to **John Beck** the highest bidder for \$555. The property had been seized by writ of fieri facias for benefit of Jacob Lindsay. Thomas Jones, sheriff at that time, failed to execute title to **John Beck**. Signed: James Wood, sheriff. Witnesses: Thomas Jones, William Woods, John Upshaw, J. I. C. [*Elbert County Deeds, Georgia Vol. P, p. 184.*]
- 11 Apr 1814 Benjamin Brown and Nancy Brown sold **John Beck**, both of Elbert County, 204½ acres on Beaverdam and Vans Creek for \$750. The land was adjacent to Henry Gaines, heirs of Middleton Woods, William Pulliam and Henry White. The land is where Zacheriah Smith now lives. Signed: Benjamin Brown and Nancy [X] Brown. Witnesses: Z. Smith, Dozier Brown, Joseph Blackwell, J. P. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds Vol. P, p. 55.*]
- 14 Oct 1814 Zacheriah Smith sold **John Beck**, both of Elbert County, 204 acres on Beaverdam Creek for \$700. Tract was adjacent to **John Beck**, Henry Gaines, Henry White, George Alexander and William Pulliam. Signed: Z. Smith. Witnesses: James Reach, Benjamin Smith, John Carroll, J. I. C. Martha Smith released dower rights. Signed: Marthy [X] Smith. Witness: John Carroll, J. I. C. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds Vol. P, p. 117.*]
- 07 Nov 1814 Henry Gaines sold **John Beck**, both of Elbert County, 181 acres on Vans Creek for \$325. Land was adjacent to **John Beck**, Larkin Clark,

Caleb Oliver and Henry White. Signed: Henry Gaines. Witnesses: Benjamin Smith, John Gaines, Littleton Johnston, J. I.C. Patsy Gaines, wife of Henry Gaines, released dower rights. Signed: Patsy [X] Gaines. Witness: Littleton Johnston, J. I. C. Recorded: 15 May 1815. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds Vol. P*, p. 118.]

11 May 1815 Daniel Thornton sold **John Beck**, both of Elbert County, 60 acres on Beaverdam and Vans Creek adjacent to road to Petersburg and **Beck** for \$700. Signed: Daniel [X] Thornton. Witnesses: John Gaines, William Gaines, Littleton Johnston, J. I. C. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds Vol. P*, p. 118.]

08 Aug 1815 **John Beck** sold Martin Turman, Sr. 300 acres on Beaverdam Creek for \$600. Tract was adjacent to Kennedy and Ginn. Signed: **John Beck**. Witnesses: Calip [X] Oliver, James Shackelford, J. P. **Salley [X] Beck**, wife of **John Beck**, released her dower rights. Witness: James Shackelford, J. P. Registered: 12 September 1815. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds Vol. P*, p. 133.]

13 Dec 1815 *Georgia Journal [Milledgeville]* "The following acts ... have passed the legislature, and received the assent of the Governor ... 12. To secure to **John Beck**, his heirs ... the right to erect a bridge across Savannah River at his own ferry . . ." [Hartz, *Vol. 1, 1809-1816*, p. 489.]

06 Jan 1816 **John Beck** of Elbert County sold Martin Turman, Sr. of Franklin County 202½ acres on North Fork of Beaverdam Creek including Mill Seat occupied by Thomas Horton for \$300. Tract was adjacent to Ginn, Jordan, Kennedy and Colars. Signed: **John Beck**. Witnesses: George Thomason, Robert Burton, Robert Kennady, J.P. Registered: 12 January 1816. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds Vol. P*, p. 145.]

31 Jan 1816 *Georgia Journal [Milledgeville]* "On the first Tuesday in March next, will be sold, at Irwinton, the courthouse in Wilkinson County ... the following property, to wit: 202½ acres of pine land, it being lot No. 225, in the 234 district Wilkinson County, on the waters of Porter's creek, levied on as the property of Isaac Mitchell, to satisfy an execution in favor of **John Beck**." [Hartz, *Vol. 1, 1809-1816*, p. 507.] [**NOTE:** This John Beck was not necessarily **Sarah Wansley's** husband.]

11 Feb 1816 **John Beck** sold James Jordan, both of Elbert County, 190 acres on North Beaverdam Creek for \$200. Signed: **John Beck**. Witnesses: B. Allen, John Carroll, J. I. C. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. P*, p. 186.]

24 Feb 1816 Rachel Hill sold **John Beck**, both of Elbert County, 40 acres on Beaverdam Creek for \$100. Signed: Rachel Hill. Witnesses: Elizabeth

Blackwell, Joseph Blackwell, J. P. Recorded: 26 September 1826.
[*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. U, p. 67.*]

16 Mar 1816 **John Beck** and wife, **Sarah Beck**, sold John Carroll, all of Elbert County, 125 acres in Wilkes County on Vans Creek for \$800, being part of 400 acres originally granted to Reubin and Daniel White. The tract was adjacent to John M. White, W. Rowzee, Adam Garr and Thomas A. Banks. Signed: **John Beck** and **Sarah [X] Beck**. Witnesses: Mildred W. Beck, Jirml. Thornton, Littln. Johnston, J. I. C. Recorded: 30 March 1816. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. P, p. 186.*] [**NOTE:** Mildred W. Beck was a daughter of **John and Sarah Wansley Beck.**]

24 Aug 1816 Jesse Ginn of Elbert County, Georgia conveyed property to his sons, Luke Ginn, Joshua Ginn, Sion Ginn and Bryan Ginn. Conveyance was to take effect upon death of Jesse Ginn and his wife. Bryan Ginn was to receive 100 acres that had been bought from **John Beck** that was adjacent to William Burden and others. Signed: Jesse [X] Ginn. Test: Simeon Oliver, Thomas Ridgway, B. Fortson, J. P. Recorded: 06 June 1820. [*Elbert County, Georgia deeds, Vol. R, p. 273.*]

Apr 1818 **John Beck** was presented to Grand Jury for “keeping his door open on the Sabbath day for the purpose of trading with Negroes.” [Frank N. Wansley, p. 23, unverified.]

23 Apr 1818 William Woods sold **John Beck**, both of Elbert County, 132 acres on Beaverdam Creek for \$300. Signed: William Woods. Witnesses: Benjamin Cook, John Ford, James Wood, J. I. C. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. R, p. 251.*]

08 May 1819 **John Beck** of Elbert County, merchant, to John McKinnie & James Lamkin of Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia, mortgage for \$25,000, all real estate in Elbert County totaling 1500 acres. If John Beck paid \$25,000 note with interest before 01 September 1820, note would be void. Signed: **John Beck**. Witnesses: John A. Heard, John Randolph. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds Vol. R, p. 233.*] [**NOTE:** **Sarah Wansley Beck** did not release her dower rights. This failure to release her dower rights was either an adroit legal move or an unintentional omission that allowed **Sarah Wansley Beck** to later reclaim her dower interests.]

08 May 1819 **John Beck** of Elbert County, merchant, to John McKinne & James Lamkin of Augusta, Georgia for \$35,000, mortgage on 32 slaves. If **John Beck** paid note for \$35,000 by 01 September 1820, note would be void. Signed: **John Beck**. Witnesses: John A. Heard, John Randolph. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds Vol. R, p. 236.*]

- 26 Feb 1820 **John Beck** sold Joshua Ginn, both of Elbert County, 203 acres on North Fork of Beaverdam Creek for \$300. Signed: **John Beck**. Witnesses: James [X] Anderson, Beverly Allen, J. P. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. S, p. 8*]
- 1820 United States Census Elbert County, Georgia, p. 186.
Beck, John: 2 males <10; 1 male >45; 1 female <10; 1 female >26 & < 45.
- 30 May 1820 William Andrew Beck married Ann Lucas Welch in Elbert County, Georgia. D. W. Cullard, MG, officiated. [*Elbert County, Georgia Wills and Marriages, Vol. L, p. 475.*]
- 19 Jun 1820 Henry Guy Fowler and Henry Gardner, merchants, of Savannah, Georgia, trading under name of Fowler & Gardner, appointed John A. Heard, Esquire, of Elbert County, their attorney in fact. The matter concerned an interest they had in an assignment from James Lampkin for 32 Negroes and 1500 acres in Elbert County, mortgaged by **John Beck** to James Lamkin and John McKinnie. James Lampkin passed a jointed and undivided one-third interest. John A. Heard is to foreclose “the said Mortgage on the aforesaid land & negroes and all others matters thereunto relating or in anywise appertaining.” Signed: Fowler & Gardner by Henry G. Fowler. Test: A. Thomason, James Wood, J. I. C. Recorded: 20 June 1820. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. S, p. 23.*]
- 01 Jul 1820 Richard J. Easter & Co. for Isaac Minis versus Gaines Thompson and **John Beck**. Superior Court for Elbert County issued a writ of fieri facias for \$1200. Collateral security for unsettled balance due on judgment in favor of William Thompson and Wiley Thompson against William Oliver, M. D. Clarke and Robert L. Tait for about \$1000. Duncan G. Campbell, plaintiff’s attorney, released the lien from the judgment. Gaines Thompson who owned the property sold it to Wiley Thompson. The property consisted of several improved lots in Elberton, adjacent to each other, currently in possession of Wiley Thompson. The properties were located on the Main Road from Elberton to Fish Dam. Signed: Duncan G. Campbell, attorney for plaintiffs. Recorded: 14 March 1821. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. S, p. 54.*]
- 02 Jan 1821 Writ of fieri facias by Superior Court, Elbert County, at suit of Richard J. Easter & Co. for use of Isaac Minis against **John Beck**. John Willis, sheriff, seized property which was sold at public auction 02 January 1821 for \$100 to Thomas Gardner and Henry Gardner. **John Beck**, Benjamin Henry and William Beck now live on the property. Signed: John Willis, sheriff. Witnesses: John A. Heard, James Oliver, William Woods, J. I. C. Recorded: 30 December 1822. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Book T, p. 57.*]

- 24 May 1821 John McKinne of Richmond County. **John Beck** of Elbert County on 08 May 1819 by deed of mortgage granted 1500 acres and 32 negroes to John McKinne and James Lamkin, of Richmond County, as security for payment of \$60,000 by 01 September 1819. McKinne assigned his part [2/3 of mortgage] to Thomas Gardner of Savannah for \$12,000. Signed: John McKinne. Witnesses: Henry Gardner and David Bottom, Richmond County. Richmond County: proved by Henry Gardner, 24 May 1821, John McKinne, Junr., J. P. Registered: 05 June 1821. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. S, p. 75.*]
- 17 Jun 1821 Sarah L. Beck married William P. Henry. [*Elbert County, Georgia Marriages Book L16, p. 478.*]
- 08 Nov 1821 Writ against property of Gaines Thompson and **John Beck**, levied against improved lot, adjacent to Elberton, 1¼ acres sold at public sale to highest bidder, George W. Heard, for \$127. Signed: John Willis, sheriff. Witnesses: Eli Ragland, William Henderson, J. P. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. T, p. 16.*]
- 01 Jan 1822 Writ of fieri facias by Superior Court of Elbert County at suit of John McKinne and James Lampkin for use of Thomas Gardner and Henry Gardner against **John Beck**, foreclosure of mortgage. John Willis, sheriff, seized property. On 01 January 1822, exposed to public sale, Henry and Thomas Gardner were highest bidders at \$7300. Property included 1500 acres where **John Beck**, William Beck and Benjamin Henry now live. Signed: John Willis, sheriff. Witnesses: John A. Heard, Jas. Oliver, Wm. Woods, J. I. C. Recorded: 30 December 1822. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. T, p. 56.*]
- 02 Jan 1822 Writ of fieri facias by Superior Court of Elbert County at suit of Richard J. Easter & Company for use of Isaac Minis against **John Beck**. John Willis, sheriff of Elbert County, seized property, exposed to public sale. Thomas Gardner and Henry Gardner were highest bidders, as tenants in common & not joint tenants for \$100. On 01 January 1822, tract on Beaverdam & Vans creek waters in said county, 1500 acres, adjacent to William Jones, James Clark and others, being tract where **John Beck**, Benjamin Henry and William Beck now live, in fee simple. Signed: John Willis, sheriff. Witnesses: John A. Heard, Jas. Oliver, Wm. Woods, J. I. C. Recorded: 30 December 1822. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. T, p. 66.*]
- 30 Jul 1822 *Georgia Journal* [Milledgeville, Georgia]: "Will be sold, at the court-house in Monroe County, on the 1st Tuesday in September next . . . the following property, to wit: 202½ acres of land . . . lot No. 104, in the 12th district of Monroe County; levied on as the property of Gaines

Thompson, to satisfy a fi fa, in favor of Richard J. Easter & Co., vs. Gaines Thompson and **John Beck**." [Hartz, *Vol. II, 1819-1822*, p. 696.]

- 13 Apr 1824 Henry Gardner of Richmond County, Georgia sold John Banks of Elbert County, 1433 acres on Beaverdam and Vans Creek for \$4000. Same land mortgaged by **John Beck** to John McKinne and James Lamkin, sold by sheriff on foreclosure. Signed: Henry Gardner. Witnesses: William T. Gould, Ralph Ketchum, J. I. C. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. U*, p. 14.] [NOTE: Noel Steed baldly stated that after **John Beck** died, Gardner and Arnold purchased Beck's 1500 acres. In fact, the property was foreclosed when **John Beck** defaulted on the mortgage totaling \$60,000 for all his land and slaves. See Frank N. Wansley, p.14.]
- 11 Jul 1824 **John Beck** died in Elbert County, Georgia according to **Sarah Wansley Beck's** rejected application for a pension as widow of Revolutionary War soldier. [Family Record. R692, NARA] Tombstone in Wansley Cemetery, Elbert County, Georgia: "John Beck, born 4 Feb 1762, died 11 July 1824, Rev. soldier, married Sara Wansley, Albemarle Co., Va., 5 June 1784." [NOTE: It is uncertain who erected this tombstone, possibly DAR. **John Beck**, husband of **Sarah Wansley**, was not a Revolutionary War soldier. Lt. John Beck from Virginia, husband of Rebecca Miller, was a Revolutionary War soldier and received a pension.]
- 24 Oct 1824 Inferior Court of Elbert County, Georgia issued a writ of fieri facias at the suit of **John Beck** for the suit of James B. Townsend, against James Jordan. William C. Morgan, deputy sheriff under Sheriff Presley Christian, seized the property of James Jordan. On first Tuesday June 1824, the land was exposed to public sale. Benajah Houston was the highest bidder by his agent John W. Carter for \$25. Presley Christian failed to make title. David Dobbs, current sheriff, makes title, for 197 acres on North Fork of Beaverdam Creek. Tract of land is where James Jordan now lives. Signed: David Dobbs, sheriff. Test: George W. Heard, Singleton W. Allen, J. P. Recorded: 28 October 18224. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. U*, p. 31.]
- 14 Jun 1825 *Georgia Journal* [Milledgeville: "To Molly Hudson, Benjamin Cook and Elizabeth his wife, Benjamin Fleming and Frances Fleming his wife, Bernard C. Heard and Mary Heard his wife, William Hudson, Lucy Carter, John Cason, Edward Cason and William Cason -- You are hereby notified that I shall petition the Superior Court of Elbert County, at the next September term, to appoint proper persons to assign and set off dower to myself, the widow of **John Beck**, in and to a certain tract of land in said county, whereon the said Molly Hudson now lives, on Vann's Creek, containing 200 acres . . . adjoining lands of Thomas A. Banks and

others. [signed] **Sarah Beck**, widow of **John Beck**, deceased." [Hartz, *Vol. III, 1824-1838.*]

- 1827 In 1827 Georgia Land Lottery, **Sarah Beck** of Alston's District, Elbert County, Georgia won 202½ acres in District 21, Lot 55 in Lee County, Georgia. She received the land as an alleged "widow of a Revolutionary War soldier." [NOTE: Her application for a pension as a widow of a Revolutionary War soldier was denied since she could not prove **John Beck's** service. The Georgia Land Lottery Board apparently did not require proof that she was indeed the widow of a Revolutionary War soldier.]
- 24 Jan 1828 **Sarah Beck**, widow of **John Beck**, presented petition to Superior Court saying that her husband was seized of 204 acres adjacent to Henry White, Caleb Oliver and William Jones. Land was owned during **John Beck's** lifetime while married to **Sarah**. Property was sold during **John Beck's** lifetime and bought by Thomas Gardner and Henry Gardner who transferred to present owner, Henry White. **Sarah Beck** is entitled to dower rights and asks court to partition the property. Superior Court granted the petition. Zachariah Rucker, Singleton W. Allen and Washington Morrison are to assign one third of land to **Sarah Beck**. William H. Crawford, Judge of Court. Signed: Benajah Houston, clerk. Writ of Dower: 10 March 1828. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. V, p. 201.*]
- 24 Jan 1828 **Sarah Beck**, widow of **John Beck**, had dower rights to 373¼ acres, sold at sheriffs sale to Thomas Jordan and Henry Jordan who conveyed title to William Jones. The court determined that **Sarah Beck** is entitled to dower and seeks partition of tract. William Jones was notified. William H. Crawford, judge. Signed: Benajah Houston, clerk. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. V, p. 202.*]
- 24 Jan 1828 **Sarah Beck**, widow of **John Beck**, petitions for dower to 403 or 404¼ acres sold at sheriffs sale to Thomas Gardner and Henry Gardner and then to Joseph Blackwell. Petition granted by court. Signed: Benajah Houston, clerk. 10 March 1828. Signed: Z. Rucker, Wa. Morrison, Singleton W. Allen. Witness: James Banks, Jr., J. P. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds Vol. V, p. 203.*]
- 10 Mar 1828 **Sarah Beck**, widow of **John Beck**, petitioned Superior Court. 204 acres part of 1500 acre tract was sold at sheriffs sale and sold to Thomas and Henry Gardner, then to Henry White. **Sarah Beck** is entitled to dower in this tract. Superior Court granted petition for dower rights. Zachariah Rucker, Singleton W. Allen and Washington Morrison are to assign 1/3 land to **Sarah Beck**. Signed: Benjamin Houston, clerk. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. V, p. 201.*]

- 10 Mar 1828 Beverly Allen, surveyor, laid off 84 acres as **Sarah Beck's** dower. Amos Strawn and John Wanslow, Jr. were chain carriers. Signed: Singleton W. Allen, Wa. Morrison, Z. Rucker. Petition granted: 19 September 1828. Signed: George R. Gilmer, N. C. Sayre, attorney pro petitioner. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. V, p. 203.*]
- 11 Mar 1828 68 1/10 acres surveyed by Beverley Allen, surveyor, as dower right of **Sarah Beck**. Amos Strawn and John Wanslow, Jr. were chain carriers. Signed: Singleton W. Allen, Wa. Morrison, Z. Rucker. Singleton W. Allen, Washington Morrison and Z. Rucker were the partitioners. On 19 September 1828, James Oliver confirms dower to **Sarah Beck**. Signed: George R. Gilmer, N. C. Sayre, attorney pro petitioner. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds Vol. V, p. 202.*]
- 11 Mar 1828 Land surveyed by Beverly Allen, 144 8/10 acres for **Sarah Beck's** dower. Amos Strawn and John Wanslow, Jr. were chain carriers. [*Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. V, p. 205.*]
- 11 Jan 1835 Will of John Wansley, Sr. named **Sally Beck** as one of his children. [*Elbert County, Georgia Wills Vol. 1830-1836, pp. 482-3.*]
- 02 Feb 1835 No 25 Rec^d of W^m A. Beck & Thomas Wanslow Exrs of John Wanslow dec^d three hundred & ten dollars on account of my distributive share of the estate of said dec^d Should it be over my part on a final settlement I promise to refund the overplus if not enough I hold them accountable for the balance 2 Feb 1836 **Sarah [X her mark] Beck** Test Beverly Allen [*Elbert County, Georgia Annual Returns 1842-1846, pp. 205B-207B.*]
- 01 Mar 1836 Gov. William Schley issued a grant to **Sarah Beck** of Alston's District, Elbert County, Georgia for 202½ acres in Lee County in District 23, Lot 55. This was based on the 1827 Georgia Land Lottery in which she erroneously claimed to be widow of Revolutionary War soldier.
- 1840 United States Census, Capt. E. Jones District, 195th District, Elbert County, Georgia, p. 175.
Allen, Beverly: 1 male 10-15; 1 male 50-60; 2 females 15-20; 1 female 40-50. [Household of Beverly Allen and Mildred Whitten Beck.]

Beck, John 1 male 0-5; 1 male 5-10; 1 male 10-15; 1 male 20-30; 1 male 40-50; 1 female 10-15; 1 female 30-40. John Beck's slaves: 1 male 10-24; 2 males 24-36; 3 males 36-55; 1 male 55-100; 1 female 10-24; 2 females 36-55; 1 female 55-100. This may be John Beck, Jr.

Beck, William A.: 2 males 0-5; 1 male 15-20; 1 male 20-30; 1 male 40-50; 1 female 0-5; 2 females 5-10; 1 female 10-15; 1 female 15-20; 1

female 30-40; 1 female 70-80. [**NOTE:** The female aged 70-80, may have been **Sarah Wansley Beck.**]

Beck, William A. slaves: 1 male 10-24; 4 females 10-24; 1 female 24-36.

1850 United States Census, Murray County, Georgia, 18 Nov, pp. 270-270B, 1696/1696.

Beck, John W., WM, 28, farmer, 41500, GA

Beck, Marger [sic], WF, 23, TN

Beck, Sarah, WF, 3, GA

Beck, Catherine, WF, 1, GA

1697/1697 Beck, William A., WM, 50, farmer, \$2600, GA

Beck, Ann L., WF, 51, MD

Beck, Margaret, WF, 18, school, GA

Beck, William J., WM, 15, school, GA

Beck, Patrick H., WM, 11, school, GA

Beck, Ruben T., WM, 7, GA

Beck, Sarah, WF, 85, VA

Eller, S. M. WM, 36, house carpenter, NC

04 Aug 1856 **Sarah Wanslow Beck** applied for a Revolutionary War pension based on **John Beck's** alleged service. According "to the best of her knowledge and belief he was a lieutenant in the Continental Line of Virginia and served until the close of the war and heard her husband say in his life time [she thinks] one of his officers was named Polkam. [**NOTE:** Spelling is uncertain.]" She "declares that she was married to the said **John Beck** in Albemarle County State of Virginia on the fifth day of June A.D. 1784 and that her husband the aforesaid **John Beck** died in Elbert County State of Georgia on the Eleventh day of July 1824 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service . . ." Her maiden name was **Sarah Wanslow**. Signed with her mark. Parts of the **John Beck-Sarah Wanslow** family Bible record were included with the application. Sarah Wanslow Beck's application for a widow's pension "was not allowed as she failed to furnish proof of service as required by the pension laws." [Disapproved Revolutionary War widow's pension application for **Sarah Wansley Beck**. NARA]

Rebekah or Rebecca Miller Beck, widow of Lt. John Beck, received a Revolutionary War pension. John and Rebekah Miller Beck lived in the part of Virginia, that is now West Virginia. [NARA W3755; BL Wt (Bounty Land Warrant), 200 acres, lieutenant, issued 03 June 1791.] [**NOTE:** This is the only John Beck from Virginia who received a Revolutionary War pension.]

1860 United States Census Woodlawn Post Office, 1039 District GM, Murray County, Georgia, pp. 28-9, 19 June, 190/190

Beck, William A., WM, 60, farmer, real estate \$11,000, personal property
 \$12,400, GA
 Beck, Ann L., WF, 61, MD
Beck, Sarah, WF, 95, illiterate, VA
 Beck, William J., WM, 25, serving [?], GA
 Beck, Reuben T., WM, 17, illiterate, GA
 Carter, Catherine, WF, 12, school, GA
 Carter, William T., WM, 18, school, GA
 Carter, Georgia G., WF, 21, GA
 191/191
 Gaither, E. C., WF, 33, farmer, real estate \$2,000, personal property
 \$2,750, GA
 Gaither, Ann E., WF, 6, GA
 Gaither, Wiley S., WM, 4, GA
 Beck, P. H. C., WM, 21, overseer, GA
 Carter, Eugenia A., WF, 19, GA
 195/195
 Beck, John W., WM, 38, farmer, real estate \$2,000, personal property
 \$2,000, GA
 Beck, Margary, WF, 29, TN
 Beck, Sarah A., WF, 13, GA
 Beck, Kate M., WF, 12, school, GA
 Beck, Eugene H., WM, 12, school, GA
 Beck, William A., WM, 8, school, GA
 Beck, John F., WM, 5, GA
 Beck, Louisa C., WF, 3, GA

ca 1861 When Sarah Wansley Beck died is uncertain. She died in Murray County, Georgia and was buried in Beck-Gaither Family Cemetery. One transcription of the tombstone stated she died in 1861. The accuracy of this transcription is uncertain since photographs of the other tombstones in the Beck-Gaither Cemetery are completely illegible.

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Portions of **John and Sarah Wansley Beck's** family record were submitted with **Sarah Beck's** application for pension as widow of Revolutionary War Soldier. Her application was denied since she could not document her husband's service. **[NOTE:** Rebecca Miller Beck who married Lt. John Beck received a pension as the widow of a Revolutionary War soldier. John and Rebecca Miller Beck lived in Ohio County, Virginia, later West Virginia. See Rebecca Miller Beck's file in National Archives. This file includes their family record.]

"John Beck and Sarah Wanslow was married 5th June 1784

John Henderson and Matilda Beck was Married 29th Jany 1805

Charles N. B. Carter and Eugenia [illegible] Beck were married 3rd May 1835

John Beck was Born 4th February 1762.

Sarah Beck was Born 6 [?5] March 1765

Sarah L. Beck was Born 3rd April 1805

James Beck Henderson was born 24th Octo 18??

James Beck died 14th June 1787

John Beck Jun died 28th Feby 1789

John Beck Snr. Died 11th July 1824

Spouse: John Beck
Birth: 04 February 1762, Virginia
Marriage: 05 June 1784, Albemarle County, Virginia
Death: 11 July 1824, Elbert County, Georgia
Burial: Beck Wansley Cemetery, Elbert County, Georgia
Father: unknown
Mother: unknown

Spouse: Sarah [Sally] Wansley
Birth: 06 March 1765, Virginia
Death: after 1860 census, Murray County, Georgia
Burial: Murray County, Georgia
Father: John Wansley, Sr. [1738-13 Jan 1835]
Mother: Mildred [Milly] Whitten [died 09 January 1829, Elbert County, Georgia]

Children:

1. Name: James Beck
M Birth:
Death: 17 June 1787

2. Name: John Beck, Jr.
M Birth:
Death: 28 February 1789

3. Name: Matilda J. Beck
F Birth: 23 Feb 1790
Married 1: 29 January 1805
Spouse 1: John J. Henderson
Married 2: 09 June 1822, Jasper County, Georgia
Spouse 2: William Staten Whitfield
Death: before January 1842, Putnam County, Georgia

4. Name: Mildred Whitten Beck
F Birth: about 12 August 1791, Georgia
Marriage 1: 11 August 1816, Elbert County, Georgia
Spouse 1: Beverly Allen [died ca 1846]
Marriage 2: 26 October 1848, Elbert County, Georgia
Spouse 2: John Frederick Gray
Death: 21 January 1887, Elbert County, Georgia

5. Name: Ann [Nancy] W. Beck
F Birth: 23 July 1797, Georgia
Married: 11 August 1816, Elbert County, Georgia
Spouse: Benjamin Henry [1793-1851]
Death: 07 July 1853, Hamilton, Harris County, Georgia

6. M	Name:	William Andrew Beck
	Birth:	02 May 1800, Elbert County, Georgia
	Marriage:	30 May 1820, Elbert County, Georgia
	Spouse:	Ann Lucas Welch [1799-1888]
	Death:	19 November 1877, Murray County, Georgia
	Burial:	Woodlawn Plantation, Murray County, Georgia

7. F	Name:	Sarah Lucy Lucinda Beck
	Birth:	03 April 1803, Elbert County, Georgia
	Marriage:	02 June 1821, Elbert County, Georgia
	Spouse:	William Pemberton Henry [1796-1833]
	Death:	04 February 1881, Elbert County, Georgia
	Burial:	Elmhurst Cemetery, Elberton, Elbert County, Georgia

8. F	Name:	Mary A. Beck
	Birth:	about 1812, Georgia
	Marriage:	31 December 1830, Elbert County, Georgia
	Spouse:	Thomas J. Shepherd
	Death:	after 1850



John Beck, Junior in Elbert County, Georgia

- 1820 In 1820 Georgia Land Lottery, “John Beck J^{unr}” of Wards District, Elbert County won 250 acres in District 5, Early County, Lot 198. On 15 November 1824, Gov. George M. Troup issued the grant. **[NOTE:** “Junior” in this instance may indicate a younger man than the John Beck who died in 1824 and does not necessarily indicate a direct familial relationship.]
- 21 Apr 1824 John Beck, Jr. married Willie M. Bowman. [*Elbert County, Georgia Marriages Book L 16*, p. 487.]
- After 1824, Elbert County, Georgia deeds include several conveyances by John Beck, dated after the death of the John Beck, died 1824.
- 1830 United States Census, Elbert County, Georgia, p. 175 [w]:
Beck, John: 1 male 0-5; 1 male 20-29; 1 male 30-39; 1 female 0-5; 1 female 15-19. Slaves: 1 male 10-23; 1 male 24-35; 1 male 36-54; 1 male 55-99; 1 female 0-10; 1 female 10-23; 2 females 24-35; and 1 female 36-54. Three free white persons under 20; 2 white persons 20-49; total free white persons, 5; total slaves, 11; total all persons, 16.
- 1840 United States Census, Capt. E. Jones District, 195th District, Elbert County, Georgia, p. 175:

Beck, John 1 male 0-5; 1 male 5-10; 1 male 10-15; 1 male 20-30; 1 male 40-50; 1 female 10-15; 1 female 30-40.

Beck, John slaves: 1 male 10-24; 2 males 24-36; 3 males 36-55; 1 male 55-100; 1 female 10-24; 2 females 36-55; 1 female 55-100. [NOTE: This is presumably John Beck, Jr. household.]

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John Beck: Selected Deeds

Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. R, pp. 234-5.

Georgia }} This Indenture made the eighth day of May in the year of our lord one thousand Eight hundred & nineteen between **John Beck** of the County of Elbert & State aforesaid merchant of the one part and John McKinne & James Lamkins of the city of Augusta County of Richmond & State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said **John** for and in Consideration of the Sum of twenty five thousand Dollars to him in hand paid by the Said John & James the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, Sold, released & confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain Sell, release, & confirm unto the Said J & J and to their heirs and assigns forever, all the real Estate composed of the tract of land Situate lying & being in the said County of Elbert wherein the Said **John** now lives, together with Several adjoining tracts Containing altogether fifteen hundred acres more or less of which the said **John** is now Seized & possessed, and the said **John** hereby covenants to & with the said John & James, that the above described premises are free from all encumbrances, and that the Said **John** hath full power to alien & convey the same unto them the Said John & James by them now & at all times henceforth forever peaceably to be held and enjoyed - pursuant to which the Said John & James by them now & at all times hence forth forever peaceably to be held and enjoyed - pursuant to which the Said **John** by these presents doth Covenant to & with the Said John & James that they shall hence fore have & hold the above bargained premises to them their heirs and assigns to their own proper use benefit & behoof forever in fee simple - Provided however & these presents are upon this express Condition, that if the said **John** should well & hereby pay to the Said John & James the Sum of Twenty five Thousand Dollars with lawfull [sic] interest thereon on or before the first day of September next according to the terms of a promissory note bearing even date herewith, executed by the Said **John** to the Said John & James the words & figures following to wit \$25000 On or before the first day of September next & promises to Pay John McKinne & James Lumkins or bearer the Sum of twenty five thousand Dollars with interest from this date for value Received this 8th day of May 1819

John Beck

Then these presents and the said promissory note shall cease [illegible] & be null & Void - But in case of the nonpayment of the Said Sum of twenty five thousand Dollars or any part thereof or the interest aforesaid or any part thereof then in every Such case, it shall & maybe lawfull [sic] for the Said John & James, their heirs or assigns to enter

Mortgage & Consisting of two thirds to Thomas Gardner of Savannah therefore know ye that I the said John McKinnie in Consideration of twelve thousand dollars to me in hand paid before the sealing hereof by the said Thomas Gardner do by these presents bargain transfer & assign & Make over to the said Thomas Gardener his heirs & assigns forever all my Right title & interest in said Mortgage to have & to hold the same to him the Said Thomas Gardener his heirs & assigns as fully & [illegible] As I the said John McKinnie my heirs & assigns might or could hold and convey the Said by Virtue of the Mortgage deed aforesaid and not otherwise And I do for Myself my Heirs & executors & administrators &c do hereby authorize & empower the said Thomas Gardner his assigns heirs &c to become for their own use two thirds of the Sum of Money Mentioned in the Conditions of Said Mortgage Whenever the same shall be tendered or paid to him by the Said John Beck his heirs executors administrators &c on two thirds of the property mentioned therein in Case the Said Mortgages should be foreclosed agreeably thereby & to discharge the Said Mortgage or to recover of the said Sum with interest by Sale of the Said Mortgaged property to otherwise or by law is provided as fully to all interest & purposes as I the said John McKinnie my heirs executors administrators &c And I do for myself my heirs executors administrators &c Covenant with the said Thomas Gardner his heirs executors & administrators & assigns that I have Good Right to assign the Said part of two thirds of said Mortgage as aforesaid & that the said Thomas Gardner shall & Have hold occupy possess & enjoy the same Subject however to the right of redemption as by law in Said Case provided against the lawful Claims of all persons. In witness whereof I have hereby set my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of May eighteen hundred & twenty one in presence of Test

Henry Gardener
David Bottom

John McKinnie {{seal}}

Georgia }}
 Richmond County }} Personally appeared before me Henry
 Gardener who being duly sworn deposeseth & Saith that he saw John McKinnie Sign Seal
 & deliver the within deed for the purposes Therein Mentioned and that he the deponent
 Subscribed the Same as a witness & saw David Bottom
 Subscribed & Sworn to before }}
 Me the 24th day of May 1821 }}
 John [illegible], Junr., J. P.
 Registered 5th August 1821

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Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. T, p. 16.

Sheriff Willis To George W. Heard

Georgia }}
 Elbert County }} This Indenture made this Eighth day of November in
 the year Eighteen hundred & twenty one between John Willis Sheriff of said County of
 the one part & George W. Heard of Said County of the other part Witnesseth that
 whereas a fieri Facias issued out of the Superior Court of said County at the Instances

of Richard D. Easter & C. for the use of Isaac Minis against the goods & Chattels lands & tenements of Gaines Thompson & **John Beck** and whereas by virtue of said Fieri facias I the said John Willis did levy on one lot of land [unimproved], adjoining the Town of Elberton Richard Fortson & Simeon Maxwell within the County aforesaid, Containing one & one fourth acres more or less as the property of the said Gaines Thompson, and After advertising the same according to law and on the first Tuesday in this Instant upon the same to Sale at the Court house in said County at Pulbick outcry and the said George W. Heard being the highest bidder the same was knocked down to him at the sum of one hundred & twenty Seven dollars - Now this indenture further witnesseth that I the said John Willis Sheriff as aforesaid for & in Consideration of the sum of money aforesaid the receipt of which I do hereby acknowledged do by virtue of the power & authority in me vested by law, bargain Sell & by these Presents convey unto the said George W. Heard & to his heirs forever all that interest title or claim which the said Gaines Thompson has, held or enjoyed in or to said lot of land with its appurtenances To have & to hold to the said property use benefit and behoof of him the said George W. Heard & his heirs forever, hereby warranted & defend the same against the claim of him the said Gaines Thompson, his heirs, & all persons claiming under him, but against no other person or persons whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto seal my hand & Seal, date above written
 Signed Sealed & delivered }} John Willis Sheriff {{seal}}
 In the presence of }} E. C.
 Eli Ragland }}
 William Henderson J. P. }}

Recorded 26th March 1822 B Houston Clk

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Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. T, p. 56.

Georgia }}
 Elbert County }} Whereas in obedience to a writ of fieri facias issued out of the superior court of the county of Elbert at the suit of John McKinnie & James Lampkin for the use of Thomas Gardner & Henry Gardner against **John Beck** on the foreclosure of a mortgaged, and John Willis Sheriff of the county aforesaid did lately seize the tract of land hereinafter described as the property of the said **John Beck** and after being duly and publicly [sic] advertised agreeable to Law did on the first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and twenty two at the place of publick [sic] Sales in the Said County of Elbert upon the [illegible] at publick [sic] outcry, when Henry Gardner & Thomas Gardner being the highest bidders the same was knocked off to them at the price or Sum of Seven thousand three hundred dollars.

Now this indenture made the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty two and in the forty sixth year of the Independence of the United States of America between the Said John Willis Sheriff as aforesaid of the one part and the Said Henry Gardner & Thomas Gardner, as Tenants Common of the other part - Witnesseth that the said John Willis Sheriff as aforesaid for and in consideration

of the Sum of Seven thousand three hundred dollars to him in hand paid by the said Henry Gardner & Thomas Gardner, at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath Granted, bargained, and sold and by these present doth Grant, bargain and Sell, So far as the office of Sheriff Authorized him, unto the said Henry Gardner & Thomas Gardner and their heirs and assigns all that Tract or parcel of land lying and being in that County aforesaid and on the waters of Beaverdam creek and Vans Creek Containing fifteen hundred Acres more or less Joining William Jones Land James Clarke's Land, being the Land whereon **John Beck** & Benjamin Henry now reside. Together with all and Singular the rights members, and appurtenances thereof unto the tract or parcel of Land, being, belonging, or in any wise appertaining; and also all the estates, right, tithe, interesting, property, claim and demand of the Said **John Beck** in law, equity, or through whatsoever of, or to the Same: To have and to hold the Said Tract of land and premises, and every part thereof unto the Said Henry Gardner & Thomas Gardner, heirs and assigns to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said Henry Gardner & Thomas Gardner their heirs, and assigns forever, in fee Simple in as full and ample a manner as the Said John Beck or his heirs or assigns did or might have held and enjoyed the Same, had it not been seized and Sold unto the indenture aforesaid. In witness whereof the Said John Willis Sheriff as aforesaid hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his Seal the day and year first above written. Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of

John A. Heard	}}	John Willis, Shff	{{seal}}
Jas. Oliver	}}		
Wm Woods J. I. C.	}}		

Recorded the 20th Decr 1822 B Houston Clerk

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Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. T, pp. 57-8.

John Willis Shff. To T. & H Gardner]]
 Georgia }} Whereas in obedience to writ of Fieri
 facias issued out of the Superior Court of Elbert at the Suit of Richard I. [or J.] Easterling
 & Company for the use of Isaac Minis against **John Beck** and whereas I John Willis
 Sheriff of the County aforesaid, did lately Seize the tract of land hereinafter described as
 the property of the Said **John Beck** and after being duly publicly advertised agreeable
 to Law did on the second day of January in the year eighteen hundred and twenty one
 at the place of publick [sic] Sales in the said County of Elbert upon the Same at public
 out-cry, when Thomas Gardner & Henry Gardner being the highest bidder the Same
 was Knocked off to them at the price or Sum of one hundred dollars - Now this
 Indenture, made the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
 hundred and twenty two, and in the forty Sixth year of the Independence of the United
 States of America, between the Said John Willis Sheriff as aforesaid of the one part,
 and the Said Thomas Gardner & Henry Gardner in of the other part - Witnesseth that
 the Said John Willis Sheriff as aforesaid, for and in Consideration of the Sum of one
 hundred dollars to him in hand paid by the Said Thomas Gardner & Henry Gardner at
 and before the sealing and delivering of the presence the receipt whereof is hereby
 acknowledged hath Granted, bargained, and Sold and by these presents doth Grant,

Bargain, and Sell, So far as the office of Sheriff Authorized him, unto the said Thomas Gardner & Henry Gardner to be by them held as tenants in common & not as joint tenants, their heirs & assigns, all that tract or parcel of Land lying & being in the County aforesaid on the Waters of the Beaverdam & Vans Creek Containing fifteen hundred [acres], more or less, adjoining William Jones James Clark & others, being the Tract of Land whereon **John Beck** Benjamin Henry & William Beck now live Together with all and Singular the rights, members and appurtenances thereof unto the Said tract of land, being belonging or in anywise appertaining and also all the estate, right, title, interest, property claim and demand of the Said **John Beck** in law equity or otherwise whatsoever of in or to the same: To have and to hold the Said tract of Land and premises, and every part thereof unto the Thomas Gardner & Henry Gardner in manner aforesaid, their heirs and assigns, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the Said Thomas Gardner & Henry Gardner their heirs and assigns forever, in fee simple, in as full and ample a manner as that said **John Beck** or his heirs or assigns did or might have held and enjoyed the same had it not been Seized and Sold under the Execution aforesaid. In Witness whereof the Said John Willis had hereunto set his hand, and affixed his Seal the day and year first above written. Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of

John A. Heard }}
 Jas. Olive }}
 Wm Woods J. I. C. }} John Willis Shff {{seal}}

Recorded the 30th December 1822 B Houston Clerk

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Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. U, p. 14.

Georgia }} This Indenture made & entered into the thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred twenty four between Henry Gardner of the County of Richmond & State aforesaid of the one part & John Banks of the County of Elbert in Said State of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Henry Gardner for & in consideration of the sum of four thousand dollars to him in hand paid by the said John Banks, at & before the sealing these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hat granted bargained, Sold, aliened & Conveyed & by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien & convey, unto the the ["the" repeated] said John Banks a certain parcel & parcel of Land lying & being in the said County of Elbert, on the waters of Beaver dam & Vans Creek containing fourteen hundred thirty three acres more or less joining William Jones land & James Clarks land, being the same land mortgaged by **John Beck** to John McKenne & John Lampkin sold by the Sheriff of Elbert County under the foreclosure of said Mortgaged, to have & to hold the above bargained premises with all the privileges & appurtenances thereto belonging unto him the said John Banks his heirs, & assigns forever in fee simple. And the said Henry Gardner for himself his heirs Executors & administrators doth by these presents warrant & will forever defend the title to the above bargained premises unto him the said John Banks his heirs & assigns forever against the Claims of all person or persons whatsoever. In Testimony whereof the said Henry Gardner hath hereunto set his hand and [illegible] his seal on the day & year above written Signed sealed & delivered in the presents of

Wm . Gouldy
Ralph Ketchum, J. I. C. R. C.
Recorded 29th July 1824

Henry Gardner {{seal}}

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Elbert County, Georgia Deeds, Vol. U, pp. 13-14.

Georgia

This Indenture made & entered into this thirteenth day of April in the year of our lord eighteen Hundred Twenty four between Anna Gardner administrator of all & Singular the goods & Chattels& debts & credits of Thomas Gardner late of the County of Richmond of the first part & Henry Gardner of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Anna Gardner administrator as aforesaid for & in consideration of the Sum of twenty six hundred & twenty Seven dollars to her in hand paid by the said Henry at & before the signing of these Presents and the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath bargained, Sold granted aliened & Conveyed by these Presents doth grant bargain and alien convey in her Capacity as Administrator as aforesaid unto the said Henry all the right title & interest of the said Thomas Gardner deceased at the time of his death, held a certain tract or Parcel of Land situated being in the county of Elbert & State aforesaid on the waters of Beaverdam Creek & Vans Creek, Containing fifteen hundred acres more or less, joining the Lands of William Jones & James Clark, being the same land Conveyed by the Sheriff of Elbert county unto the said Thomas Gardner & Henry Gardner ostensibly in Common by two deeds and bearing date the second day of January eighteen hundred twenty one & the other on the first day of January eighteen hundred & twenty two. To have & to hold the above bargained presents with all the privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging unto him the said Henry Gardner his heirs & assigns forever in fee simple. And the Said Anna Gardner, administrator, as aforesaid doth Covenant & forever defend the Title to the above Contained Premises to him the said Henry Gardner his heirs assigns forever against the Claims of the heirs, Creditors & distribution of the Estate of the said Thomas Gardner deceased & of all persons Claiming under them & against all Claims of her self as administrator as aforesaid. And the said Anna Gardner, administrator as aforesaid doth further Covenant with the said Henry Gardner that the aforesaid described Premises have been sold unto him purchased in full Compliance with the laws provided for the disposition of the real estate of persons deceased intestate & under an order fuly obtained from the Honorables the Inferior Court of the county of Richmond aforesaid Sitting for Ordinary Purposes. That the application for said order was duly admitted and the land aforesaid & duly Knocked down to him, the said Henry Gardner, as the highest & best bidder. In testimony whereof the said Anna Gardner as Administrator as aforesaid hath hereto set her hand & seal, this day & year first above written

Signed, Sealed & Delivered }}
In Presence of }} Anna Gardner
Wm. T. Gould }} Agent for Est Thomas Gardner
Ralph Ketchum J. I. C. R. C. }}

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Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year within written and I certify that in consequence of old age and infirmities **Mrs. Sarah Beck** is unable to appear in open court. I also certify that the within interlineations was made previous to **Mrs. Sarah Beck** signing the Declaration. John F. Compton J Peace

State of Georgia }}
Murray County }} Justice of the Inferior Court in and for said county do hereby certify that I have examined the proceeding [sic] here set forth before John F. Compton a Justice of the Peace in and for said county and find the same to be legal & right and said proceedings have my approval. Given under my hand & private seal [having no seal of office] this 15 December 1856

Francis W. Galt J I C

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[handwritten]

Mrs. B. Mathiason
Hawthorn
Florida

February 26, 1937
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BA-J/ady
John Beck
R 692

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter relative to solders of the Revolutionary War. Revolutionary War data furnished by this office are obtained from claims made to the United States for pension and bounty land based upon military service of soldiers of that war. A careful search of the records fails to show such a claim on file on account of the services of Thomas Weeks as described by you or Thomas Hamilton Weeks or Hamilton Weeks, all spellings of the names searched.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers of the file in the Revolutionary War claim for pensions, R.692, based upon the military services of **John Beck** in that war. **John Beck** was born February 14, 1762, place, and the names of his parents are not designated. He married June 5, 1784, in Albemarle county, Virginia, **Sarah Wanslow**, who was born March 6, 1765, place not stated. He died July 11, 1824, in Elbert County, Georgia. His widow, **Sarah**, applied for pension August 4, 1856, at which time she was resident of Murray County, Georgia. She stated that her husband, **John Beck, Sr.**, was a lieutenant in the Continental Line of Virginia and served until the close of the war, and that one of his officers was named Pelham. Her claim was not allowed as she failed to furnish proof of service as provided by the pension law. One William A. Beck, of Murray County, Georgia, in 1856, stated that he had possessed the family record since the soldier's death.

Thomas B. Hansard and Penelope Hansard, of Murray county, Georgia, appeared in behalf of soldiers widow in her application for pension in 1856. It is not stated whether William A. Beck, Thomas B. Hansard and Penelope Hansard were related to the soldier.

The following data are shown:

Sarah L. Beck born April 3, 1803.

John Henderson and Matilda Beck married January 29, 1807.

Charles N. B. Carter and Eugenia M. Beck married May 3, 1838.

John Beck Henderson born October 24, 1806.

James Beck died June 14, 1787.

John Beck, Jr. died February 28, 1789.

Very truly yours,
A. D. MILLER
Executive Assistant To the Administrator

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Selected records from Revolutionary War Pensions and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files. Beaty, Reading-Beckenbaugh, Leonard. [National Archives and Records Administration, NARA]

"John Beck and Sarah Wanslow was married 5th June 1784

John Henderson and Matilda Beck was Married 29th Jany 1805

Charles N. B. Carter and Eugenia [illegible] Beck were married 3rd May 1835

John Beck was Born 4th February 1762.

Sarah Beck was Born 6 [?] March 1765

Sarah L. Beck was Born 3rd April 1805

James Beck Henderson was born 24th Octo 18??

James Beck died 14th June 1787

John Beck Jun died 28th Feby 1789

John Beck Snr died 11th July 1824"

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