

Lawson L. Deck
of

Rutherford Co., N. C.

Oct. 6. 65

Applies for Pardon
1st exception
Rebel Postmaster,Pardon respectfully recommended
W. W. Holden,
Per Em.Executive Office D. C.
Reb. 25 1865.Received from
Department of Justice
December 10, 1896
R. & P. 403286

L. L. Deck

North Carolina }
 Rutherford County } 8th August 1865

To His Excellency Andrew Johnson
 President of the United States of Amer-
 ica:

The Petitioner of Lawson L Beck
 a citizen of the County & State aforesaid
 aged forty one years last July & a Farmer
 by occupation, represents that he was an
 original ^{Union} man at the commencement of
 the Rebellion, that his conduct during the
 same was quiet & orderly until after
 the act of conscription passed by the Congress
 of the U. S of A, after which he was forced
 to hunt deer for about fourteen days.
 which was all the active service rendered
 by your petitioner, your Petitioner also
 held the office of Post Master at "Brittain"
 of said County under the U. S of A.

The political opinions of your petitioner
 underwent no change during the rebellion.

Your petitioner asks a pardon under
 the first clause of the Amnesty proclamation
 of 29th May 1865.

The petitioner has taken the oath of Am-
 nity as prescribed by the President's message
 of 29th May 1865 & intends to observe the same.

Your petitioner desires a pardon for
 the offense with which he is chargeable & to be placed
 upon the footing of a loyal citizen to the U. S of A.
 & in duty bound will ever pray. Given under
 subscribed the date above

Very Respectfully
 L. L. Beck

I, Lawson L Beck do solemnly swear
 or affirm, in presence of Almighty God,
 that I will hereafter faithfully support, prot-
 ect and defend the Constitution of the Uni-
 ted States, & the Union of the States the

subscribed the date above

Very Respectfully
L. L. Deek

I, Lawson L Deek do solemnly swear
or affirm, in presence of Almighty God,
that I will hereafter faithfully support, prot-
ect and defend the Constitution of the Uni-
ted States, & the Union of the States there-
under, & that I will, in like manner
abide by & faithfully support all laws &
proclamations which have been made
during the existing rebellion with reference
to the emancipation of slaves. So help
me God. subscribed 8th Augt 1865 -

L. L. Deek

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