

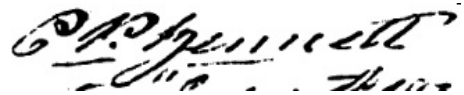
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Virginia documents pertaining to Reuben Gilder VAS3706
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files. One document is illegible.]

I Caleb P Bennett [S35779] late a Lieutenant in the Delaware Regiment of the Revolutionary War Do hereby certify that I was personally acquainted with Doctor Reuben Gilder that he was appointed surgeons mate in the Delaware Battallion in January 1776 – was promoted Surgeon to the said Regiment the ensuing year 1777, was at the Battle of Camden South Carolina in August 1780 [16 Aug 1780], where and when the aforesaid Regiment was reduced to two Companies by killed, wounded and prisoners. Soon after General Green took command of the southern Army [sic: Nathanael Greene, 3 Dec 1780] he issued a general order that the two Companies of Delaware should be attached to Collonel Wm Washingtons Regiment of Cavalry [William Washington, 3rd Regiment of Continetal Light Dragoons] and form a Legionary Corps Doct. Gilder was included in the Gen'l Order and performed the requisite duties accordingly untill the Evacuation of Charleston by the Brittish Army [14 Dec 1782] when the remains of the Delaware Regiment with the Doct'r. still attached returned to the state and were disbanded in Oct 1783. And I do hereby also certify that I have, with several Officers of the afs'd Regiment obtained bounty lands from the State of Virginia for services performed as above stated and it is my belief that the heirs of Doctor Reuben Gilder are equally entitled to receive the land bounty as those with the same claims and pretnetions who have received. [see endnote]

C P. Bennett
Wilmington Jul 7th 1835

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. P. Bennett". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name and date.

[The original of the following table has two other columns on the right, written vertically. The first column reads, "Two Ensigns wanting to compleat the Establishment" The second reads as follows:

"Reuben Gilder Surgeon } Appointed April 5, 1777
John Platt Mate }"

In the following transcription abbreviated names are spelled out and the numbers of pension or bounty-land applications are added.]

Arrangement of the Delaware Regiment January 27th 1780

Names	Rank	dates of appointments	Remarks
David Hall	Colonel	Jan'y 4 1777	
Joseph Vaughan	Lt Colonel	Dec'r 14 1779	
John Patten	Major	Dec'r '4 1779	
Robert Kirkwood [BLWt1102-300]	Captain	Dec'r 1 1776	
James Moore	d'o	Dec'r 2 1776	
John Learmonth	d'o	Jan'y 4 1777	Prisoner of War
Peter Jaquett [S46500]	d'o	Jan'y 4 1777	
John Wilson	d'o	Oct'r 15 1777	
John Corse [S35864]	d'o	Jan'y 26 1778	
John Rhodes	Capt Lieut	March 1 1779	
Wm McKennan [William McKennan W3104]	1 Lieut't	Jan'y 4 1777	
Daniel Powell Cox	d'o	Jan'y 4 1777	
George Purvis	d'o	Oct'r 15 1777	Adjutant
Paul Quenouault [BLWt287-300]	d'o	Jan'y 26 1778	
Henry Duff	d'o	Sept'r 7 1778	
Caleb Brown	d'o	Sept'r 7 1778	
John Hyatt [John Vance Hyatt]	d'o	Sept'r 7 1778	Prisoner of War
James Campbell	d'o	March 1 1779	
Caleb P. Bennett [S35779]	2 Lieut't	August 14 1778	
Joseph Hosman	d'o	August 14 1778	
Elijah Skillington	d'o	Sept'r 7 1778	
Charles Kidd	d'o	Sept'r 7 1778	
Edward Roche [S36257]	d'o	Sept'r 10 1778	Pay Master
Thomas Anderson [S39941]	d'o	Sept'r 10 1778	Quarter Master
Stephen McWilliam	Ensign	Oct'r 27 1779	

We do hereby Certify that the above is a true State of the Rank & dates of Commissions to which we are entitled & that we are satisfied Herewith.

Geo Purvis Lieut & Adj't
Caleb P. Bennett Lieut
Elijah Skillington Lut.

J Patten major
wmcKennan Lieut.
James Campbell Lieut
Joseph Hosman Lt.
Edward Roche Lt & paymaster

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Caleb P. Bennett Lieut
Elijah Skillington Lut.*

*J Patten Major
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Washington's dragoons attached to Virginia, but they mustered with the Maryland Continentals. In spite of not being Virginia soldiers, the Delaware officers named above, but not Dr. Gilder, were granted bounty land by Virginia.