

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Bennett R755

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: to wit

On this first day of October in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court, to wit the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas, for the District aforesaid, George Bennett, a resident of said District, aged seventy-four years, who being sworn in due form of law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress, passed on the 7th day of June, 1832, to wit,

On the last of May 1781 after the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] I entered the Service as a volunteer private Soldier in the Company of Captain Thomas Price, in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel John Thomas, and continued to serve in said Company and Regiment, without intermission, except on occasional furlough until the month of July 1782, making a term of one year and 2 months, and was then verbally discharged by his Captain, at Goens Station [Gowen's Fort?]. I was a Resident of Spartanburg District South Carolina when I entered the Service -- and have resided there ever since. I was marched to Beach Island, and Briar Creek, in the State of Georgia and shortly afterwards returned, and the remainder of my Services were rendered in this State. I was engaged in the fight or battles of Hamptons [Capt. Edward Hampton's, Earle's Ford, July 15, 1780],<sup>1</sup> Musgrove's Mills [August 19, 1780]<sup>2</sup> -- and Thicketty Fort [July 26, 1780].<sup>3</sup> I do hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Geo. Bennett, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court on the day & year aforesaid

S/ Joseph J. Evans, Presiding Judge

To the questions propounded by the Court,<sup>4</sup> I answer, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> I was born in Frederick

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_earles\\_ford.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_earles_ford.html)

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_musgroves\\_mill.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_musgroves_mill.html) Some historians list the action as occurring on August 18, 1780, but it occurred on August 19, 1780.

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_thicketty\\_fort.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_thicketty_fort.html)

<sup>4</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where

County in Virginia on the 29 day of December 1759 and have the Record of my age now in my possession. 3rd See within -- 4th I was a Volunteer -- 5th I knew Col. Marbury [probably a mistaken attempt to name Col. Francois Malmedy] and served under him while in Georgia and Col. Hammond, besides my own officers. 6. I never received any written discharge -- 7th I refer to Reverend Abm Crow Oliver Clark Mathew Seay who can attest my character for truth.

S/ Geo. Bennett, X his mark

[Abraham Crow, a clergyman resident in Spartanburg district, and Major Oliver Clark and Captain Mathew Seay, resident in the same, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[This application was rejected but the file does not disclose the reasons for its rejection. My guess is that it was rejected because the applicant fails to state how long he served. Proof of at least six months service was required to qualify for a pension under the 1832 act.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>5</sup> relating to                      George Bennett                      AA22  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 444A

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No. 102

[No.] 1766

[Book] X

Geo. Bennett for 383 days duty as a Horseman from 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1780 to the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1781: both days Included in [Captain] Major Parson's Company of Col. Roebuck's [Benjamin Roebuck's] Regiment

Charged [old South Carolina currency]                      £383

Add more 7 days

at 20/ per day                      £7

                    [old South Carolina] Currency                      £390

   Sterling                      £55.14.3 ¼

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G." [Executed by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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The State of South Carolina

to George Bennett

Dr.

Add 7 days more                      To 383 Days Duty done as Horseman from  
the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1780 to the first July 1781 both days  
included per Pay Bill of Major Parson's

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do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

<sup>5</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>.

& Certified per Colonel John Thomas at 20/  
Stg.

£383.0.0  
£54.14.3 ¼

20/ £390  
Stg. £ 55.14.3 ¼

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Received 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1786 full Satisfaction for the Within in an Indent No.1766, X p. Order  
S/ John Lindsey

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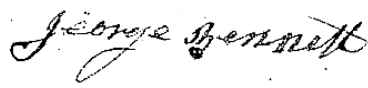
Edward Blake

Peter Boqueate } Esqrs. Commissioners of the Public Treasury of South Carolina

Gentlemen

Please to Deliver my Indent that is due me from the public to Colonel John Lindsey and you will  
oblige your Humble Servant 25<sup>th</sup> of August 1785

S/ George Bennett



[p 7: Form of the Indent No. 1766, Book X dated March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1786 and issued to George Bennett.]

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To the Honorable the Senate & house of representatives of the State of South Carolina

The petition of George Bennett of Spartanburg District humbly Sheweth – that your  
petitioner was a voluntary Soldier in defense of his Country from the commencement of the  
Revolutionary War; and continued in the Service until the close of the said War; during which  
time he was in the following battles (to wit) at Capt. Edward Hampton's on North Pacolet  
[River] – at Musgrove's Mill on the Enoree River, and at the taking of Anderson's Fort on  
Thicketty Creek – that your Petitioner is now old and infirm and almost passed labour – is in  
remarkably low circumstances and humbly hopes your Honorable house will take his unfortunate  
case into consideration and so far relieve his Necessities as to place him on the pension roll,  
where your Honorable body have placed a number of my brother soldiers; – And your petitioner  
as in duty bound will ever pray.

17<sup>th</sup> November 1829

S/ George Bennett, X his mark

Test:

S/ Wm Dodd

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State of Georgia Hall County } Personally came before me an Acting Justice of said County  
Daniel Bennett who being duly sworn saith on oath that George Bennett did Serve a 6 months  
Tower [tour] in the State of South Carolina in the defense of the United States under Captain  
Major Pearsons [Major Parson] and was in the Battles at the following places to wit at North  
Pacolet and at Edward Hampton's and at Musgrove's Mill on Enoree River and at the taking of  
Anderson Fort on Thicketty Creek in the year 1780.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 1829

S/ Philip M Byrd, JP

S/ Daniel Bennett



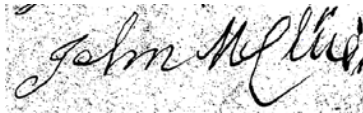
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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District } Personally came John McClure before me and made Oath that he became Acquainted with your petitioner George Bennett sometime about or a little before the close of the revolutionary War, that they were frequently on duty together when Stationed on the line against the Tories and Indians, and that he was always ready at his Post when called on –

Sworn and Subscribed the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 1829

S/ Wm Kelso, JP

S/ John McClure



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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District } Personally came George Bennett your petitioner before me and made Oath, that he entered as a Volunteer Soldier in the State and District aforesaid at, or, about the commencement of the revolutionary War, and continued in the Service until the close thereof and was in the following battles (to wit) at Captain Edward Hampton's on North Pacolet, at Musgrove's Mill on the Enoree River, and at the taking of Anderson's Fort on Thicketty Creek and this deponent further states on oath that he is now old and infirm, and that he is almost passed labor, and that his property is not worth \$100.

Sworn and subscribed the 17<sup>th</sup> November 1829 before me

S/ W. Bennett

S/ George Bennett, X his mark

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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred George Bennett's Petition praying for a Pension – Beg leave to report that the prayer of your petitioner ought to be granted.  
November 26, 1829

S/ T Richardson, Chairman

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November 28, 1829

Report of the Committee on Pensions, on George Bennett's Petition praying for a Pension  
Senate, November 28, 1829

Resolved that the Senate agree to the report.

Ordered to the H. R.

S/ Job Johnston, C. S.

Tomorrow

Agreed to

Rejected in H. R.

Disagreed to

Pensions

S/ T. Richardson

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The committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of George Bennett praying for a Pension

Respectfully Report

they have considered the same and recommend that the Report of the Senate be not concurred in  
– 8 December 1829

S/ Sampson Pope, Chairman