Pension Application of William Bennett R768
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State of Tennessee   }
Coffee County   } SS
          On this fourth day of December 1846 personally appeared before me William B. Williams a justice of the peace in and for the County of Coffee in the State of Tennessee Mary Bennett a resident of the said County of Coffee State of Tennessee aged Eighty two years who being first 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 several acts of Congress passed July 7th 1838, 3rd of March 1843 & 17th June 1844 granting half pay and pensions to certain widows
That she is the widow of William Bennett who was a private Soldier in the War of the Revolution that she is informed and believes he belonged to the Virginia Continental line but to what Company or Regiment she is unable to State that as well as she now recollects he entered the service in 1780 and continued until the latter end of the year 1781 or first of the year 1782 that he was at the Seige of York Town the surrender of Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] from the great lapse of time since, and not then being so intimately acquainted with him at that period she is unable to give further particulars touching the service of the said William Bennett while engaged in the War of the Revolution
She further declares that she was married to the said William Bennett on the 17th day of November 1782 that her husband the aforesaid William Bennett died on the 17th day of July 1826 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 towit at the time above stated   Mary herXmark Bennett

NOTE: Nancy Hicks of DeKalb County TN stated that she had been present at the marriage of William Bennett to Mary Edwards, both from Brunswick County VA, which was solemnized by Rev. Lundy of the "high Church" in that county.