

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Rush R9089

Jemima Rush

f43VA

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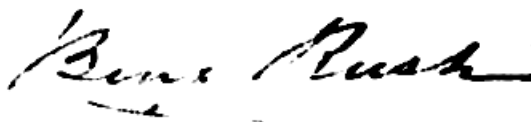
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To the Legislature of Virginia

The petition of Benjamin Rush of the County of Madison and State of Virginia, begs leave to represent to your honorable body that your petitioner enlisted in the year 1777 as a private for the space of two years in the State service, that he served his time faithfully in defending the West and frontiers of Virginia from the lawless depredations of the Savages, that whilst he was thus engaged in the service of the state he got severely wounded and has continued an invalid to this day which will appear by the accompanying documents. Your petitioner further represents that he is now old and infirm and has a large family to support, and he throws himself upon the liberality of his Country for a small pittance to support him for the remnant of his days. Your petitioner is advised that he cannot avail himself of the benefit of the law of Congress providing for those who served on Continental establishment as he served exclusively in the state service. Your petitioner further represents that although he did not serve on Continental establishment, his services were equally meritorious and more perilous, he therefore asked for the Legislature of his Native State to give such relief by placing him on the pension list as his present distressed situation may require and your Petitioner will ever pray &c.

S/ Ben. Rush



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The deposition of Michael Utey aged 66 years taken in the County of Madison the 15th of September 1819 this deponent saith that in the year 1776 Benjamin Rush of Madison County lived with him as an apprentice to learn the weaving business. That at that time the said Rush was a healthy active young man, and that the succeeding year he enlisted as a Soldier for two years to go against the Indians and that he continued two years in the country's service and returned home a cripple and has so remained to the present time.

Witness my hand the day & date above.

S/ Mich'l Utey, X his mark

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The deposition of Robert McCallister aged 77 years taken in the County of Madison the 15th of September 1819. This deponent sayeth that he recollects Benjamin Rush of said County to have

enlisted in the year 1777 under Matthew Arbuckle for 2 years to guard the frontier inhabitants of the State of Virginia from the depredations of the savages. That the said Rush served his time, got his discharge and that when he came home he was lame and has so remained to the present time – Witness my hand the day and year above.

S/ Rob't McCallister, X his mark

State of Virginia Rappahannock County SS

On this 10th day of August 1839 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County Jemima Rush a resident of said County aged 83 years who, being 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 act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows;" That she is the widow of Benjamin Rush late of Madison County, who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and a pensioner for some years from the State of Virginia by petition to her Legislature, to the amount of \$60 per annum until his death. That she cannot state particularly the nature or length of his service from her own recollection or knowledge, though she knew when he was gone in this service – She begs leave to present the petition of her said husband to the Legislature in support of her claim and relies upon the affidavits of Michael Utz and Robert McCallister to sustain the petition and this claim.

She further declares that she was married to the said Benjamin Brush on the ___ day of March in the year 1782; that her husband, the aforesaid Benjamin Brush died on the 13th day of March 1831: that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794: viz. at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before

S/ John L Parllow, JP

S/ Jemima Rush, X her mark

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Auditors Office of Virginia
December 21, 1842

I do Certify that Benjamin Rush an old soldier of the Revolution who was a resident of Madison County in this state was placed on the Virginia Pension list by an act of Assembly passed 1 January 1820 and that he received the sum of \$60 annually up to the 11th of March 1831 the date of his death.

S/ Jas. E. Heath Aud P. Accts.

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 20th day of October 1787, in the name of Benjamin Rush, as a Soldier of Infantry for £33.6.8, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to William McKee and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
15th day of January 1844.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

State of Virginia, County of Culpeper, to wit:

Be it known that before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, duly authorized by law to administer oaths, and take acknowledgments &c, personally appeared Elzey Sisk and his wife, Mildred Sisk, who intermarried with the said Elzey Sisk, each residents of Culpeper County in the State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, she the said Mildred Siske is the daughter of Jemima Rush deceased of Culpeper County and State aforesaid, and the said Jemima Rush, deceased, was the widow of Benjamin Rush deceased, late of Madison County and State aforesaid, who was a revolutionary Soldier, and that day the said Elzey Sisk and his wife Mildred believe the United States are still indebted, under existing laws, for the pension that was due under the application heretofore made by their mother, Jemima Rush deceased and that they are directly interested as claimants in the pension to which application was heretofore made as aforesaid, and we hereby constitute and appoint William Slaughter of Rappahannock County Virginia, our true and lawful attorney, with irrevocable power to examine into, investigate and establish the claim for said pension, and to do all other acts necessary thereto.

In witness whereof, we Elzey Sisk and Mildred Sisk have on this 20th day of November 1852 signed our names and affixed our seals

Elzey Sisk (Seal)
Mildred Sisk (Seal)

[Note: this file contains 4 pages of family register as follows:

Births	Deaths
Allen Weaver was born February 7th 1808	William Shotwell May 5th 1810
Ellender Weaver was born June 22nd 1810	Daniel M. Mahlers 1st son was born July 16 1807
Martha Weaver was August 18th 1813	1 st Almira Sisk was born in the year of our Lord October 17th 1829
Daniel Weaver was born in June the 25 1815	2 nd Jane Sisk was born in the year of our Lord November 25th 1832
[Illegible name] M. Weaver was born February the [illegible] 1818	William T Sisk was born in the year of our Lord July 3rd 1835
Andra J. Weaver was born in April the 10th 1820	Lucy ann Sisk was born in the year of our Lord May 16th 1838
Ephraim Weaver Junior was born in July the 25th 1821	
Elizabeth ann Weaver was born the 30 day of September 1823	
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Deaths	
Rhoda George Fanny Massa Diseast [deceased?] August 15, 1813	

Betsy Weaver Desesed [deceased] August 31 1815	
Benjamin Rush Desesed March 13th, 1831	
Jemima Rush deceased March 21, 1846	
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Marriages	
Benjamin Rush and Jemima Was Married March the 19th Day 1782	
Betsy Rush to Ephraim Weaver March 17th 1807 [last 2 digits are unclear and uncertain]	
Thomas Rush was Married September the 30th 1819	
Mildred Rush to Elzey Sisk January 8, 1829	
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Births	Births
Benjamin Rush October 10th 1759	William Thomas February 15 1772
Jemima his wife July 23 1756	Biddy Thomas May 12, 1788
Izabell Rush December 8th 1782	George Thomas August 21st 1769
Betsy Rush March 1st 1785	Lucey Thomas December 24th 1778
Massa Rush October 25th 1789	John Thomas September 30th 1798
Thomas Rush December 25th 1793	Emma Thomas born December 1 1824
Milley Rush December 30th, 1795	Massa Rush & Willm Rush was Born June 26 th 1824
[Illegible name] Rush [illegible month] the 10th 1796	Martha E. Rush was born October the 24 1839
Emma [?] Rush was born July the 21st 1820	
Ezebeth Rush was Born in February the 16th 1822	

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 39-page file which contains only powers of attorney granted by the veteran to various persons to collect his pension from Virginia. The documents date from 1820 to 1831. Page 37 bears a signature by a "Thomas Rush" who presumably is the son of the veteran by that name. His signature appears as follows:



The signature is attached to a partially legible power of attorney. The acknowledgement contains the note that the veteran died March 11, 1830.

[Note: This file contains numerous partially legible documents conforming to the absolutely abysmal practices of the nincompoop who unfortunately made the images of the documents posted in the Library of Virginia collection.]