

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Bennett S1495

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State of Virginia } S.S.
County of Mecklenburg }

On this [blank] day of [blank] 1833 personally appeared In open Court before the Court of Mecklenburg County Virginia now sitting Joseph Bennett a Resident of the County of Mecklenburg & State of Virginia aged Seventy six years – who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration In order to Obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after Stated – To Wit under Captain John Ballard Lieut. Malone Eg'n. [Ensign] Davis of the County of Mecklenburg State of Virginia – A Volunteer Commanded by Colo. Henry Delaney (Redg't. not recollected) we took up the line of march some time in the spring of 1776 (the day nor month not recollected) from the County of Mecklenburg Va. Went thro the Counties of Brunswick & Dinwiddie [sic: Dinwiddie] to the Town of Petersburg, at that place were attached to Colo. Merediths Redg't. & Colo. Delany Returned home; we marched on from thence thro Prince George & Surry Counties Crossed James River and to Williamsburg were stationed there a few weeks. from thence to Hampton were stationed there from June till September. from thence to Portsmouth and continued there untill discharged some time in the month of December In the same year makeing a term of service of nine months. Received a written discharge from Capt. Ballard but since lost, and the day cannot be recollected whilst on this tour was several times on Board of a privateer cruising the Hampton Roads & captured several of the Enemies Vessels under Command of Capt. Barron [see endnote] –

In the year 1781 I took the place of John Bugg of Mecklenburg County Va. as a substitute the 10th day of Jan'y. marched from the County of Mecklenburg Va. under Capt Asa Oliver Lieut. Finch Eg'n. (Not recollected) thro the Counties of Brunswick Greensville, South Hampton [sic: Southampton] and so on to the dismal Swamp and Elizabeth River and joined the main Army Commanded by Gen'l. Mulingburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]. attached to Colo. [Charles] Fleming's Reg't. the No. of Redg't (not recollected) after joining the main Army was transfered from Capt. Oliver to Capt. Jessee Sanders a light Infantry Capt. were In several small scirmishes no Gen'l. Engagement. and continued with him until discharged on the 10th day of April following in writing and the same is lost a term of three months – dureing this Tour served as Drum Major –

Shortly after returning home to the County of Mecklenburg was drafted in the service and marched under Capt. Stephen Mabry, Lieut. Taylor, Eg'n. Fox. Commanded By Colo. Lewis Burrell [sic: Lewis Burwell] (Redg't. not recollected) all from the County of Mecklenburg Va. Took up the line of march about the first of June 1781 (the day not Recollected precisely) thro' the Counties of Lunenburg Prince Edward Crossed James River at Point-fork [sic: Point of Fork at the confluence of James and Rivanna rivers] thence the most direct Rout to Glosester [sic: Gloucester] in pursuit of Talton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton] and there joined Gene'l. Lafaettes [sic: Lafayette's] Army and continued there untill discharged and the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] – reced a discharge In writeing from Capt. Mabry for a Tour of Three months service but since lost.

This your applicant was Borne and Raised in the County of Mecklenburg state of Virginia and have resided in the said County untill this day except a few years in Granville County State of No Carrolinia – and that he has no documentary evidence to prove his service, but he has the affidavits of Robert W. Fitz [pension application S8475] and Carrol Jones to Cotemporary Soldiers to prove his services as a revolutionary soldier.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he

declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state or (if any) only on that of the agency of the state of Virginia

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid Joseph hisXmark Bennett

Mecklenburg County Va. Sc

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia Carrol Jones who being first sworn deposeth and saith that he was Intimately acquainted with Joseph Bennett this applicant from his Child-hood both being Borned and raised in the same Neighbourhood in the said County of Mecklenburg Va. and have lived within a few Miles of each other untill this day and were Both in the service of the Revolutionary War of the United States together; and served two Tours of 3 months each under Capts. Oliver & Mabry agreeable to the statement made in the said Jos. Bennetts declaration Given under my hand & seal this 30th day of July 1833 –

Stephen P. Pool J.P.

Mecklenburg County Va. Sc

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Joseph Bennett, who, being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less that the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades – For Eleven Months I served as a private, for one Month I served in the Navy, and for three Months served as Drum-Major and for such service I claim a Pension – Given under my hand & seal this 13th day of Dec’r. 1833.

A Statement Shewing the Service of Joseph Bennett Meck’g Co Va.

| when the service was rendered | Duration of the Claimants Service | Rank of the Claimant | Names and Rank of the Field officers under whom he served | age at present and place of abode when he entered the service | Proof by which the declaration is supported |
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| 1776 | 8 | private | Col Deloney & Meredith | 76 years | Robert W Fitz |
| " | 1 | on ships | Capt Barron Genl Mulenburg | Meck’g Cty | " & " |
| 1781 | 3 | Drum Maj | Colo Fleming Genl Mulingburgh | Virginia | Carroll Jones |
| 1781 | 3 | private | Colo Lewis Burrill Genl Lafaette | | Carroll Jones |

[29 Oct 1836]

We the undersigned do hereby testify that Joseph Bennett served as a minute man in the service of the united states in the year 1776 – marched from Delony’s Ordinary in the County of Mecklenburg the 1st of April, to Hampton, where he remained untill the month of October & then crossed over to portsmouth & there remained untill December Williamson Rainy Sen’r [Williamson Rainey, pension application R8563]

Thomas Tanner [R1039]

NOTES:

Capt. – later Commodore – James Barron (pension application W12264) commanded the *Liberty*. In 1776 her crew captured the transport *Oxford* and the sloop *Dorothy*.

On 7 Aug 1838 Bennett applied to have his pension transferred to Tennessee having moved to Rutherford County for the following reason: "That nearly all his children have removed from Virginia to Tennessee, the state aforesaid, and that he was anxious and desirous to be with them."