

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Mathew Hennen S22828

PA [VA]

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Pennsylvania } On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
Greene County Ss } hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas  
in and for the County aforesaid (it being a Court of record) Matthew Hennen a resident of  
Dunkard township in the County and State aforesaid aged eighty 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  
provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7 1832.

That he enlisted in the 8<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania regiment as a soldier for the term of three years – that he  
was enlisted by Captain John Wilson in the month of August 1776 at Minor’s mill dam (now Greene  
County Penna.) (that deponent also bought David Fitzgibbons a servant of one Edward Rollins and paid  
him fifty dollars for his time in Continental money – and afterwards prevailed upon said David  
Fitzgibbons to enlist in said Capt. Wilsons company – that this deponent never received a dollar either for  
what he paid for the freedom of Fitzgibbons or for his own services except five Dollars which he received  
at Carlisle on his way down to Philadelphia) that deponent marched soon after he was enlisted to Kittaning  
[sic: Kittanning] in the regiment commanded by Col. Enos McCoy where the regiment remained for  
several months to guard the Kittaning neighbourhood (near Pittsburg) against the indians. After the  
expiration of a few months our regiment was ordered on to join the grand camp we first march’d through  
Philadelphia to Bonbrook [possibly Bound Brook NJ] the regiment was march’d to Germantown in  
expectation of an engagement with the British there, but on their arrival was deceived[?] and returned to  
Bonbrook – deponent was taken sick at Germantown and was placed in the hospital at Philadelphia where  
deponent remained so unwell as to be unable to do active active duty till some time after the Battle of  
Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] – soon after this battle deponent was removed to the hospital at Bethany –  
where he remained during the winter – deponent when he first arrived in Philadelphia which was in Dec’r.  
1776 was exchanged from the 8<sup>th</sup> Penna. regiment to the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia regiment commanded by Colonel  
[Abraham] Bowman under the following circumstances – deponent agreed with one George Askins or  
Gaskins as follows – deponent had nearly three years to serve in the Penna. line & said Askins had fifteen  
months to serve in the Virginia line – said Askins agreed to serve out deponents time provided deponent  
would give him ten pounds and serve out his term in the Virginia service – this deponent agreed to do so  
and gave him the ten pounds so that deponent was then attached to the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia regiment & served out  
said Askins’ time fifteen months in said regiment – his Captain’s name was Wm. Crochan [sic: William  
Croghan] Before deponent took sick Capt Crochan and himself came out to Pittsburg in search of  
deserters – deponent got a permit to stay with his family (who then lived about fifty miles South West of  
Pittsburg) for three weeks – deponent remained with his family these three weeks and returned to his regiment  
which then lay in the Jersey’s – deponent met them on their march and went with them to Germantown as  
aforesaid – deponent was discharged by Brigadier General [Charles] Scott at Valley forge in March 1778.  
deponent has lost his discharge

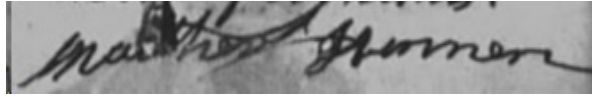
deponent was born in the province of Ulster in Ireland on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 1752. deponent  
lost the record of his age given to him by his father – deponent lived when called into the service where he  
now lives (in Greene County, Penna.) and has lived here ever since

deponent has no written evidence of his services and does not know of any one living who can  
prove his services – deponent can prove his character &c by the Rev. Nicholas Hagar and Abra Minor

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and  
declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State except on that of  
Pennsylvania which gives him forty dollars payable semiannually.

[signed illegibly]

Pennsylvania }  
Greene County Ss. } Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the Peace in and for  
the County aforesaid Matthew Hennen the applicant named in the annexed  
declaration who being duly sworn deposes and says that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of  
memory he cannot swear positively but according to the best of his recollection he served fifteen months  
in the Virginia line and five months in the Pennsylvania making altogether twenty months. That he has  
made inquiry, and ascertained no other better evidence than that which he now furnishes.  
Sworn & subscribed before me the 26th June 1833

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Matthew Hennen".

Pennsylvania } Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the Peace in and for  
Greene County Ss } the County aforesaid Gideon Long [pension application W3270] of said County  
who being duly sworn deposes and says That he has been acquainted with the  
above named Matthew Hennen for many years and that he enlisted in the same company that He did  
commanded by Captain John Wilson and that we then were attached to the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment  
commanded by Col Enos McCoy & Lieut. Col. George Wilson and that he marched with him to Kittaning  
up the Allegheny River and that from there we started to Philadelphia and at that place the said Matthew  
Hennen exchanged places with a man that belonged to the 8th Virginia Regiment and that he saw him no  
more till he returned home, and that he has been acquainted with him from that time to the present and that  
he has been a citizen of this county ever since, and I believe that the said Matthew Hennen was discharged  
at Valley Forge Camp in the year 1778 by Genl Scott.