

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Bennett Williams S35726

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State of Kentucky }                      June Term 1818

Pendleton County }

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1818 before the Court of Pendleton County and State afs'd appeared Bennett William aged [blank] years Resident of Pendleton County and State afs'd. who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by an Act to obtain the provision made by an Act of Congress, entitled, an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the united states of the United States in the revolutionary War

that he the said Bennett Williams was enlisted in the service of the united states in Prince William County Virginia in the year to the best of his Recollection of 1778 otherwise the year before Charlestown was taken [Charleston SC, 12 May 1780] for the term of Eighteen months under Lieut. Young at Dumphrese [sic: Dumfries] and marched to Alexandria under the Command of Lieut. [Isaiah] Marks who commanded the Company on a march to Petersburg at that place was attached to a Regiment commanded by Col. [Abraham] Buford and Col. [Samuel] Hawes of the Virginia line on the Continental Establishment and marched from thence to near Monks Corner [sic: Moncks Corner] in South Carolina about the time that Charlestown was taken and then was encamped on a water called Black water or Congaree and after being about 14 months in the service was made a prisoner near the line of North & South Carolina near a place called the Hanging Rock [Battle of Waxhaws SC 10 mi N of Hanging Rock, 29 May 1780] by Col. Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton] and was paroled and he states he delivered his parol to either Col. Hawes or Capt. Marks and that he never applied for any discharge. The time of service expiring soon after he never heard of being exchanged – and that he is in Reduced Circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support

[signed] Bennet Williams

The Commonwealth of Kentucky }

County of Grant Sct }

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 1830 personally appeared in open court being a court of Record for the District and County of Grant B. Williams resident in said County aged sixty six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to claim the provisions made by the acts of congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820, that he the said B. Williams enlisted for the term of 18 months on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year [blank] in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Howard in the Regiment commanded by Collonel Buford in the line of the State of Virginia in the continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps untill the [blank] day of [blank] 1780 when he was discharged from the service in the waxhaws settlement in the State of South Carrolina, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present; that his name has been placed on the pension list, that the Number of his pension Certificate is [blank] and that he never before exhibited a Scedule of his property because it was not untill recently his property has become so reduced, nor his infirmities so great as at present. And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of

March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That since the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property; 60 acres of Land was sold by virtue of an Execution which emanated from the Clerks Office of the Grant Circuit Court, to George Williams on the [blank] day of [blank] 1829 by the sehreff of the said County to satisfy and pay a Judgment obtained against me in said court by Martin Draper for Money borrowed of him:

amount for which it sold		\$104.00
One horse sold to Geo. Williams on the	}	
[blank] day of [blank] 182	amount received	25.00
Ditto, one to Charles Wright on the [blank] day of [blank] 182	amount	}
received in Commonwealths paper \$60. equal to \$30. in specie	}	30.00
Cattle amount received to the best of my recollection		25.00
Lost by death something like 16 or 18 head of sheep – sold one	}	
[illegible] to Martin Draper on the [blank] day of [blank] 1829	}	<u>5.00</u>
		\$189.00

[Certificates by George Williams and others of the sobriety and industry of Bennett Williams, and legal documents relating to the sale of his property.]

Schedule of Property now [10 Jan 1831] in Applicants Possession

to wit Two horses of the Value of \$80	\$80.00	
One cow & Calf & one heifer \$12	12.00	
Seven head of sheep \$8. One bureau & cupboard 12	20.00	
Two plows & one ax 4.00 Pot metal 5.00	<u>9.00</u>	
	\$121.00	Bennett Williams

He further States that he is a farmer but very infirm and totally disqualified from age and the remaining effects of his wounds which are yet very afflicting, from Labour; having no person except his wife to assist him who is also old and very infirm being he believes sixty five or seventy years of age and the only member in his family except himself. January 10<sup>th</sup> 1831. Bennett Williams

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that the children of Bennett Williams received the final pension payment up to the date of his death, 1 June 1838.