

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Caleb P. Bennett<sup>1</sup> S35779

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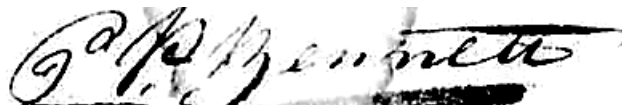
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Lt. Caleb P Bennett

Be it remembered that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord 1818 before the Honorable John Day Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the State of Delaware Comes Caleb P Bennett a resident of the Borough of Wilmington in the County of New Castle and State of Delaware who upon his solemn affirmation administered affirms and saith, that on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 1776, he enlisted in a Company of State Artillery commanded by Captain George Latimore for the term of nine months soon after was promoted to the first Sergeant of the Company, being raised for the defense of the aforesaid State & that in the month of June or July, the company both Officers and privates, solicited, or petitioned the proper authorities of the state to be attached to the Delaware Battalion then on their march or perhaps arrived at their destination in the neighborhood of New York, about the same time a Battalion of Flying Camp being raised, and commanded by Colonel Samuel Patterson of New Castle County to which the said Company was ordered to join and to act as a Company of Light Infantry to the aforesaid Battalion and remained in actual service during, and after the expiration of the term of Enlistment. On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 1777 being appointed and Commissioned to be an Ensign to the 5<sup>th</sup> Company of the Delaware Regiment commanded by Captain Thomas Holland, then on the Continental establishment, remaining in actual & active service in said Regiment receiving the different grades of promotion therein, during the remainder of the Revolutionary War, until honorably discharged, I believe by Proclamation, which took place at New Castle State of Delaware in the fall of 1783 –

It may be remembered also, that during the term of service as above stated that I received two wounds, one in the knee on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1777 at the Battle of Germantown, the other in the foot, on the Pedee River North Carolina in August 1780, the scars of which my shattered frame still exhibits. In the late war being called out with the detached Militia of Delaware was appointed by the order of General Jos. Bloomfield [Joseph Bloomfield] Commandant of the District to command the detachment stationed at New Castle Delaware during the year 1813, and while in the active duties of my profession as Commandant received a wound in the hip, since which the Effects has been attended at times with serious inconvenience and as age advances may calculate the effects will also increase , being now in my sixtieth year.

S/ C. P. Bennett



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<sup>1</sup> BLWt227-200 Lieut. issued May 30, 1789 no papers

And on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818 Before the aforesaid Judge, Personally comes C P Bennett and upon his solemn affirmation, affirms and declares that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for Support.

S/ C. P. Bennett

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas of the State of Delaware being a Court of record as so expressly made and declared by the Act of the General Assembly of said State, which created the said Court Caleb P Bennett aged upwards of sixty-one years resident in the Borough of Wilmington County of New Castle in the State of Delaware, who being first duly affirmed according to law doth on his affirmation declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows to wit in the Delaware Regiment as will appear by the original Declaration made by me to the Department of War dated the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, where on certificate of pension No. 526 was issued. And 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons 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 to wit

Lands none

House none

Bonds or mortgages none

Notes one of \$30 desperate 10 shares of Stock in the New Court Bridge Company which from the time of purchase has not neated [netted?] more than one per Cent, Debt, some small debts due to me as a public Housekeeper which it is presumed are generally desperate

one mahogany desk

Two do Bureaus

One ditto Dining Table

One Walnut dining table

One mahogany Breakfast Table

One Cherry ditto

One eight Day Clock

One Walnut Bureau

One mahogany frame chair boHomed [?] Sopha [sofa?]

One mahogany Side Board

Two ingrain carpets

One Stair Ditto

Seven looking glasses, 6 of which are old

One Windsor settee

One Open Iron Stove

One Ditto Cooking Ditto

One Sheet Iron ditto

2 pair of old Brass andirons

One pair new ditto

2 pair Shovel and tongs

One Silver teapot  
One ditto Sugar Dish  
One ditto cream Jug  
1 Doz. Silver Spoons  
1 Doz. Do Tea Do  
6 Walnut chairs old  
matting for 2 rooms  
2 ½ Doz. Windsor chairs old  
four dinity [?] Window Curtains

Sundry articles of glassware, crockeryware, kitchen furniture etc. etc. which I verily believe together with what is above enumerated would not now sell for more than \$500

Income none certain

I am occupied at present by keeping a boarding house but have little or no business at present. I also hold the appointment of Treasurer for the County of New Castle for the present year, The probable income whereof may be about \$400 –

My family consist of a wife aged upwards of 50 years and 4 children, a daughter named Caroline who is of full age, a son named Charles who is upwards of 12 years old, a son named Edwin, who is about 8 years old, and a daughter named Boadicia who is about 7 years old – my Daughter Caroline is necessarily engaged in assisting her Mother in the keeping of the House and taking charge of the younger children.

Signed C. P. Bennett

#### Revolutionary Claims

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, 1828, I Caleb P Bennett of the Borough of Wilmington, in the County of New Castle, in the State of Delaware, do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such until the close of the War in the month of October in the year 1783 at which period I was a Lieutenant in the Delaware Regiment and acted as adjutant. And I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates (commonly called commutation certificates, for a sum equal to the amount of 5 years full pay; which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 1783, instead of half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1780.

And I do further declare, that I have received of the United States as a pensioner since the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1826, no pay or emoluments.

Witness my hand, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 1828.

S/ C P Bennett

#### Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department,  
14<sup>th</sup> of June 1828

Caleb P Bennett of Wilmington in the County of New Castle in the State of Delaware has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that was an officer in the Continental line, and served as such to the end of the War, at which period he was a Lieutenant in the \_\_\_ regiment of the Delaware line; and that he received

commutation certificates for the five years full pay granted by the resolve of 22 March, 1783; and, further, that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March 1826, nothing ~~dollars, paid to him by the agent in the State of~~ \_\_\_

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary  
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,  
Third Auditor's Office,  
17<sup>th</sup> of June 1828

It appears by the records of this office, that final settlement certificates had been issued for the commutation of five years full pay to Caleb Prue Bennett in the Delaware line, amounting to sixteen hundred dollars.

It further appears that Caleb Prue Bennett is not on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1826 ~~at the rate of \_\_\_ per month.~~

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department: Bounty land office  
1828

The records of this office \_\_\_

S/ Robert Taylor

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing April 7<sup>th</sup> 1818, for service as a Lieutenant in the Delaware line.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 6-page file

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Lt. Caleb P Bennett

This case comes within the principle decided in Captain James McFadon's<sup>2</sup> case. The Executive had on a former occasion after much deliberation, decided against the claims of these officers on the ground that it did not appear satisfactorily that Virginia had credit for these officers as part of her quota – (see Statement in McFadon's case). But when the Resolution of 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1780 was discovered, it removed all doubts of the Executive and the claim was allowed. It appearing very clearly that the officers transferred were to be considered in every respect as if originally raised by the States to which they were transferred. Lt. Bennett requested me to present his claim as an officer of Colonel Washington's [William Washington's] Regiment of Cavalry in the Virginia Continental line.

November 1830

S/ William Lambert, Jr.

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To his Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council of the  
Commonwealth of Virginia

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<sup>2</sup> [James McFadon BLWt1079-200](#)

Your petitioner C. P. Bennett of the Borough of Wilmington State of Delaware would respectfully represent that he entered the Army of the United States in March 1776, during that campaign was under the command of General H Mercer [Hugh Mercer]. In 1777 was appointed an officer in the Delaware Regiment and served in the northern Army until April 1780, when the Regiment was ordered to join the Southern Army, and proceeded on and were defeated at Camden in South Carolina under General Gates [Horatio Gates] the 10<sup>th</sup> August following [sic, Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], when the Regiment by the loss sustained in that action was reduced to two companies in which situation they remained until General N. Green [Nathanael Greene] took the command of that army, when a General order was issued by him for the two companies of the Delaware Regiment to join Colonel William Washington's Regiment of Light Dragoons, belonging to the Virginia Continental line which was accordingly done and we were transferred to that Regiment, and performed the requisite duty the remainder of the war and were disbanded in 1783; –

His services during that period were near eight years in which he was never superseded in command or cashiered being personally engaged in the following battles: in 1776 on Staten Island under Captain Hugh Mercer, 1777 same place under General John Sullivan at Brandywine [September 11, 1777], at Germantown [October 4, 1777], (where he received a wound), and at Monmouth [June 28, 1778]; he was also wounded on the Pee dee river [Pedee River] North Carolina, and commanded the left Battery of the American Army at the Siege of York Town Virginia, the day that Lord Cornwallis surrendered, as well as many skirmishes and hard service in the Southern Department.

S/ C. P. Bennett

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This day Peter Jaquett<sup>3</sup> of the County of New Castle, State of Delaware personally appeared before me Thomas McDowell Notary Public of the State of Delaware, duly commissioned an authorized and residing in Wilmington, and made oath that Caleb P Bennett of the Borough of Wilmington and State of Delaware entered the Army of the Revolution in the spring of 1776 and continued to the end of the war in 1783, he was in many engagements and was transferred to Colonel Washington's Regiment of Cavalry after the battle of Camden and continued therein to the end of the war.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this \_\_ day of October 1830

S/Thomas McDowell, Notary Public

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<sup>3</sup> [Peter Jaquett S46500](#)