

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Bennett S36412

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District of Kentucky Sct:

On this first day of June 1818 before me the subscriber, one of the Judges for the Comm'lt afsd personally appeared Richard Bennett, aged 56 years resident in Scott County and District afores'd, who being by me first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war: That he enlisted in the year 1777 in August in the company commanded by Capt George Slaughter [W8729] in the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. Jno Bowman [sic: Abraham Bowman W396] in the State of Verginea for 3 years and served out the same and then reenlisted during the war and served till its close and was honorably discharged at Philadelphia. That he was in the battles of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and several skirmishes – that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

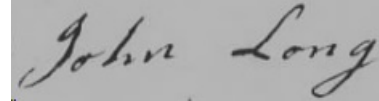
[23 Oct 1819]

For a more particular statement of the said Richard Bennett respecting his Revolutionary services as a Soldier agreeable to the requisition of the Honorable Secretary of War; I Richard Bennett do declare, that I lived in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County in the State of Virginia in the year 1777 and in the August of the same year I inlisted to serve three years as a private Soldier in Captain George Slaughters Company in the eighth Virginia Continental Regiment, then commanded by Col. Bowman, then I enlisted in Culpepper County, & was marched from ther to a place called the wet encampment in Pennsylvania, where we joined the main army, thence we marched to Germantown I was in that battle, there I was continued with the army in Pennsylvania & the vicinity, until the battle of Monmouth in New Jersey, & was in that battle; soon after I was marched on further to the Eastward, to the White Plains, & then returned to Middlebrook in New Jersey, & continued in that quarter of the United States until my said three years had expired; then immediately after on the expiration of the said enlistment, at Middlebrook I enlisted to serve during the war into the same Company, then commanded by Capt. Kirkpatrick [Abraham Kirkpatrick BLWt1210-300], & marched on to the Southward with the Virginia Troops, & was in Bufords defeat [defeat of Col. Abraham Buford S46372 at Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780], where I was taken a prisoner; that I ran away from the English & came on to Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] in Virginia, where I reported myself to Col. Hand[?] of the American Army, & was put into Capt. Loves [Love's?] Company in the Virginia Continental line, which belonged to the Marquis Fayette's [sic: Marquis de Lafayette's] detachment, & continued in that until the Siege of Yorktown commenced [28 Sep 1781], in which I was, & was present when Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781] – immediately after that, I was marched on to the State of New york, where we were a number of months & then marched back to Philadelphia, where I was discharged some time in 1783, & received an honorable discharge, which I lost twelve years after in coming down the Ohio river by the boats bilging in which my papers were

Richard hisXmark Bennet

I John Long [pension application S36047] of the County of Franklin & State of Kentucky, do declare, that I lived at the commencement of the Revolutionary War in Culpepper County in the State of Virginia, & a near neighbour to the above said Richard Bennet, & was well acquainted with him, that in the year 1777 he enlisted as a private Soldier to serve three years in Capt. George Slaughters Company in the 8th Virginia Continental Regiment, that he served out the said time & enlisted with the said Company, soon after, to serve during the war & did serve honorably to the close of it. I was a Soldier in Col. John

Greens Regiment in the Virginia Continental Line.



District of Kentucky Sct.

On this 14 day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court being a Court of Record for the said Circuit Richard Bennett, aged sixty two years resident in the county of Owen in the said Circuit who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: that in August 1777 in Culpepper County Virginia he as a private soldier enlisted to serve three years in Captain George Slaughter’s Company belonging to the eighth Virginia Continental Regiment was Commanded by Colo. John Bowman, that he was marched on to the North into the state of Pennsylvania and joined the main army and served between two and three years, when he inlisted to serve during the war, into Capt. Kirkpatrick’s Company belonging to Colo. John Nevells [sic: John Nevill BLWt1595-500] Regiment in the said virginia Continental line and served untill some time in the fall of the year 1782 when I was honorably discharged at Philadelphia That on the first day of June 1818 he made his declaration according to Law, for a pention under the act of Congress of March 18th 1818, and has received a Pension cirtificate from the United States Numbered 15932. and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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 he is a farmer by occupation but is unable to labour much on account of a Hernia of the strater [straddle?] that he has a wife and two children one of whom is about three years old and the other about nine months.

Richard hisXmark Bennett

A Schedule of the property of Richard Bennett –

60 acres of 3nd [3 written over 2] rate Land in the County of Owen Kentucky value \$1. per acre. . . \$60
Miss Dupont and others of New york have an adwers claim upon my said land which is older and a better claim than the one under which I hold and the said Dupont and others have requested me to give them possession of the said Land or purchase the claim of them the men of whom I purchased the said land have broke and run away –

One mare 15 years old value.	30
One Cow value.	8
10 sheep value \$1 per head.	10
5 Hogs value \$1.50 per head.	7.50
16 Hogs \$1.	16.00
	\$131.50

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[Patrick Major, M.D. of Frankfort KY certified that Bennett was “unable to undergo the fatigues of hard labour in consequence of a Scrotal Hernia.”]

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I Richard Bennet of the County of Owen & State of Kentucky do on oath declare that I in the County Culpepper in the State of Virginia in August 1777 enlisted as a private Soldier to serve three years in Captain George Slaughters Company in the 8th Virginia Continental Regiment that I was marched on to Wet Camp in Pennsylvania, thence to Germantown & was in the battle fought at that place – that I was in the battle of Monmouth – that I was soon after marched on Eastward to the White Plains & then back to

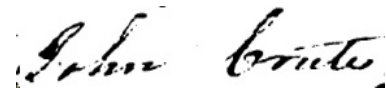
Middlebrook in New Jersey – that I served out the said three years & immediately at Middlebrook enlisted to serve during the War into the same Company then commanded by Capt. Kirkpatrick; that I was marched on to the Southward – was at Bufords defeat in South Carolina, where I was taken prisoner; that a few months after I was made a prisoner I ran away from the British & came on to Fredericksburgh in Virginia, where I reported myself to Col Hawes [Samuel Hawes BLWt1066-450], & was ordered to join the Company of Capt. Love, which belonged to the Marquis Fayette's detachment; that I was in the Seige of Yorktown in the said Capt. Loves Company & saw Cornwallis surrender his Sword [sic: see endnote] – that I was immediately after marched on to the Eastward[?] where I was continued in service until some time in 1783 when I was honorably discharged at Philadelphia, which discharge I lost in coming down the Ohio river twelve years later by the boat bilging in which I was [undeciphered word] in a box with some other papers, & all were lost & I never found any of them – that I never received any bounty Land warrant nor never sold my rights to it.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Bennett".

Prince Edw'd Cty [Prince Edward County VA] – To wit.

I hereby certify, that Richard Bennett served with me in the revolutionary war of the Seventh Virginia Regt for the term of three years; I was with him in several engagements viz, Germantown, Brandywine, and sever others. As witness my hand this 30th Novr. 1819.

[John L. Crute S24980], Lieut, late of the revolutionary war

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John L. Crute".

NOTE: Cornwallis did not personally surrender his sword, but delegated the task to Gen. Charles O'Hara.