

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Bennet S39969

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Lancaster County SS

On the fourteenth day of April in the year of our Lord 1819 before me the Subscriber President of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Lancaster personally appears Benjamin Bennet aged Sixty-three years now resident in said County who being first duly affirmed according to law doth on his affirmation make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late 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" That he the said Benjamin Bennet enlisted in the month of January 1777 at Wilmington in the State of Delaware in the company commanded by Captain Kirkwood [Robert Kirkwood] of the Delaware Regiment commanded by Colonel Hall [David Hall] which was attached to the Maryland line for three years or during the war; that he continued to serve in the said Corps in the service of the United States until the end of the War when he was honorably discharged at New Castle in the said State of Delaware. That he received a certificate of his discharge which was destroyed by fire. That he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] & Monmouth [June 28, 1778]; & that he is now in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

S/ Benjamin Bennet



I Patton Coleman of Lancaster County State of Pennsylvania do own oath testify that in the year 1777 in Wilmington Benjamin Bennet joined Captain Robert Kirkwood's Company & served therein for Six years and [illegibly faint] months and to my certain knowledge he who has made the afore written declaration served as a private in the revolutionary war as above declared & further he saith not

S/ Patton Coleman, X his mark

Office of the Secretary of the State of Delaware
Dover 28 June 1819

There are in this office pay rolls of Captain Robert Kirkwood's company from March 1777 to March 1780; which Company was attached to and formed part of the Delaware Regiment in the Service of the United States on the Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War: from which pay rolls it appears that a man of the name of "Benjamin

Bennett" belonged to the said company as a private soldier from March 1777 inclusive to March 1778 inclusive, his name was mentioned in the said pay rolls for that period, though in many of them he is listed as "sick absent.": In the payroll in March 1778 no remark is made opposite his name: in the said pay rolls from April 1778 inclusive to July 1779 inclusive his name is not mentioned: in the pay rolls from August 1779 inclusive to March 1780 inclusive his name is again mentioned as a private soldier serving in the said company and it is noted in one of them that he "was retaken 15 August 1779."

It also appears from "A muster roll of the noncommissioned officers drummers and fifers and rank and file of the late Delaware Regiment then the first company of the second Battalion in Colonel Williams' Regiment serving in the southern Army of the United States," dated "Hillsboro North Carolina September 1780" and which muster roll is now in this office, that a private soldier of the name of "Benjamin Bennett" then belonged to and was serving in the said last mentioned company.

David Hall was the Colonel of the Delaware Regiment above mentioned from January 1777 until it was broken up.

S/ H. M. Ridgely

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Lancaster County: SS

On this 22nd day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas of said County, Benjamin Bennett aged Sixty-five years resident in the [indecipherable words] in Lancaster County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: enlisted in the year 1777 in Captain Kirkwood's Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hall and served six years and eight months and was then regularly discharged.

That his original declaration was made on the 14th day of April 1819 and on which was granted a pension certificate dated the 22nd of July 1819 and numbered 12,509. 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 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 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

Am a Blacksmith by trade, but am unable to follow it, have no family

S/ Benjamin Bennet

Sworn, declared and subscribed August 22nd, 1820 in open Court

A schedule of the property of Benjamin Bennet a Soldier in the Revolutionary war, taken August 22nd, 1820

No Property

The above contains a correct return oh all my property, of whatever kind, necessary bedding and clothing excepted

S/ Benjamin Bennet

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 14th, 1819, for service as a private for 3 years in the Delaware Continental line.]