

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Bennett Williams S7956

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State of North Carolina, Person County

Before me Robert Vanhook one of the Justices of the peace for the county of Person, personally appeared John Dennis aged about 70 years a resident of Orange County in the State of North Carolina who being duly sworn, maketh oath that in the year 1778 or 1779 (he does not remember which), Bennet Williams^{Sr} now of Person County aforesaid was engaged in the service of the United States in the militia of North Carolina, that during the absence of the said Bennet Williams Senr this affiant furnished the family of the said Bennet with provisions; that before the service of the said Bennet had expired, he was taken sick and obtained a furlough and sent to the father of this affiant to assist him in getting home; that his father accordingly dispatched this affiant with two horses after said Bennet whom he met near Haw river returning home on a stud horse belonging to Col. Thaxton [James Thackston] and accompanied him home, and after the said Bennet had recovered his health, he returned into the returned into the service again.

John Dennis, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 18th day of September 1832.

S/ R. Van Hook, J.P.

State of North Carolina, County of Person

On this 17th day of Decr 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the county court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Person now sitting, Bennett Williams Senr. a resident of the County of Person and State aforesaid, aged Seventy nine 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United State under the following named officers and served as herein stated, viz: In the year 1778 or 1779 (he does not remember which) he volunteered to serve five months in the militia of North Carolina under the command of Capt. John Pend and Lieutenant Robert Hester. That he marched from Granville County where he then resided to Ramsay's Mill on Deep River in North Carolina. That he remained sometime at said Mill and then marched to Eutaw Spring in South Carolina, and then returned to Ramsay's Mill where he was taken sick and obtained permission of Col. William Moore his commanding officer to return home. That as soon as he regained his health he repaired to his post again, and served out the term for which he had volunteered; that the object of the expedition to which he was attached was to protect the public store of provisions kept at Ramsay's Mill, and to keep the Tories in subjection, some of

whom they took and delivered over to the Continental troops. That in the year 1781 he again volunteered to serve a term of three months in the militia of North Carolina, at that time he resided in Caswell County, in the State aforesaid, from whence he was marched under the command of Captain Shadrach Hargis to Hillsborough in said State to guard said town against the attacks of Tories. That he remained at Hillsborough until the time for which he had volunteered expired, when he was discharged and returned home. That he was born in the county of St. Mary in the state of Maryland in the year 1754. That he has no record of his age, but is enabled to ascertain his age from recollection of having seen it in the family bible of his parents; when first called into service he resided in Granville County aforesaid, and when called out the last time he resided in Caswell County in which latter County he continued to reside until the division of said County into the Counties of Caswell & Person, since then he has resided in Person County; That there were no regular officers or Continental Troops attached to the forces with which he acted; that the first tour he served was under Genl Butler [John Butler] who was a militia officer; that he received discharges at the end of both his terms of service from his commanding officers but has lost or mislaid them. 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.

Bennett Williams, X his mark{Seal}

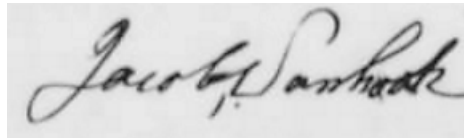
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S/ John Dickins, Clerk

State of North Carolina, Person County

On this 18th day of September 1832 before me Robert Vanhook one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid personally appeared Jacob Vanhook¹ of Halifax County, Virginia, who maketh oath that in the year 1781 in the summer of that year this affiant volunteered to serve three months in the militia of North Carolina. That he was placed under the command of Capt. Shadrack Hargis and ordered to Hillsboro in said state to guard said town against the attacks of the Tories who had some short time previously captured Governor Burke [Thomas Burke], and that this affiant remained at Hillsboro with his company until the expiration of said term of three months when he was discharged, and this affiant further state that he knows of his own knowledge that Bennet Williams Sen. now of Person County aforesaid was also a private in the Company of Capt. Hargis and served with this affiant the same length of time that this affiant did at the town of Hillsboro aforesaid.

S/ Jacob Vanhook

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Vanhook". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ R Van Hook, J.P.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [Jacob Vanhook S9509](#)