

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Bennett Mud (Mudd) W26283

Ann Mudd f42MD

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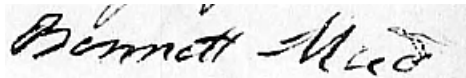
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I Bennett Mud in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" do make my declaration as followith: "I am a citizen of the United States, resident in George Town in the District of Columbia, aged 58 years; I am in reduced circumstances in life, and in need of assistance from my country for support: I was a soldier in the revolutionary war, and enlisted in the year 1777 in Capt. Bruce's [William Bruces'] Company of Col. Adams' [Peter Adams'] Regiment in the Maryland line until sometime in the year 178?<sup>1</sup>, when I received an Hon. discharge which I have since lost; having served out faithfully the three years for which I enlisted; I served under General Washington in New Jersey and under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] in South Carolina, and was at the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], and in other battles during the said war; I have no other evidence to offer now in my possession or power of the foregoing facts, except the annexed certificate of the Hon. George Peter.

S/ Bennett Mud



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I Certify that I have heard of Col. William D Beall and Major Lloyd Beall state that Bennett Mudd served with credit during the American Revolution, his loss of speech prevents him from detailing that full information as to his services that will make his certificate complete, Mudd Enlisted and as served 10 years since the Revolution part of the time with me from 1799 until 1804

S/ Geo. Peter



George Town 24<sup>th</sup> of March 1818

1780.  
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Saint Mary's County Maryland

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1818, before me the subscriber one of the Associate Judges of the first Judicial District of Maryland composed of the Counties of St. Mary's, Charles and Prince George's personally appeared Benedict Mudd of Charles County and State aforesaid resident in the said District, 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 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 Benedict Mudd was enlisted as a private in February 1779 by Lieut. Samuel McPherson in the first Maryland Regiment and served until November 1780 when he reenlisted to the end of the War. That he continued in the service of the United States until the end of the War. That he was at the battle of Camden [August 15-16, 1780] and at the Siege of York [Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown on October 19, 1781] in Virginia – 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 – but the certificate of one of his old officers Capt. William Bryce and the certificate of the Auditor of Maryland taken from the Muster Rolls which accompany this declaration.

Sworn to and declared the day and year aforesaid

S/ John R Plater

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Saint Mary's County Maryland

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the associate Judges of the first Judicial District of Maryland personally appeared Benedict Mudd aged about fifty-eight years resident in Charles County and State aforesaid who being 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 in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said Benedict Mudd enlisted in Charles County in the State of Maryland in the company of which Lieut. McPherson was the recruiting officer of the first Maryland Regiment in February 1779. That he continued to serve in the Corps or in the service of the United States until November 1780 when he reenlisted and served to the end of the war. That he was at the Siege of York in Virginia and at the battle of Camden to the southward. That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for a support that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services –

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ J. R. Plater

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I hereby Certify that Bennett Mudd was Enlisted by me or Lieut. Samuel McPherson as a Soldier in the 1<sup>st</sup> Maryland Regiment of Continental Troops in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary Army in the year 1780 for 3 years & served in Capt. Henry Gaither's Company of the said Regiment for the term aforesaid & was discharged in the Spring of the year 1783 when his term of service expired & that he acted during his term of service as a faithful soldier. Given under my hand this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 1818

S/ William Bruce,<sup>2</sup> late a Capt.  
in the 1<sup>st</sup> Maryland Regiment of  
Continental Troops in the service  
of the United States in the Revolution

I hereby certify that Bennett Mudd was Enlisted by me on  
Lieut. Samuel Stephenson as a soldier in the first Maryland  
Regt. of Continental Troops in the Service of the United States  
in the Revolutionary Army in the <sup>year</sup> 1780 for three years & served  
in Capt. Henry Gaither's Company of the said Regt for the term of  
& was Discharged in the Spring of the year 1783 when his term of  
Service expired & that he acted during his term of service as a faithful  
full soldier, Given under my hand this first Day of November  
the Eighteen Hundred & Eighteen

William Bruce, late a Capt.  
in the first Maryland Regt of  
Continental Troops in the Service  
of the United States in the Revolution

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Maryland Sct.

Auditor's Office Annapolis November 9, 1818

I certify that it appears by the Musters of Maryland Troops that Bennett Mudd Enlisted as a private in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 1779, was appointed Sgt. on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1780 and was present on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1780.

S/ R. Lockerman, Aud. Genl.

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State of Maryland Charles County Sct.

On this twenty first day of August in the year of our Lord 1821 personally appeared Bennett Mudd in Charles County Court then in Session being a Court of record constituted such by the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland possessing unlimited Jurisdiction in point of amount together with the power of fine and imprisonment the said Bennett Mudd being a resident in Port Tobacco Parish in said County; who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he enlisted in the revolutionary war under Capt. Henry Gaither in the 1<sup>st</sup> Maryland Regiment under Col. Smallwood [William Smallwood] and was discharged after the Siege of York the exact time he don't now remember that he has received a pension from the United States of America and that his pension certificate is numbered 7374 and commenced 15<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year 1818 but the blanks for the dates and [indecipherable word]<sup>3</sup> filled

<sup>2</sup> [William Bruce S34668](#)

<sup>3</sup> 2106

up. And I the said Bennett Mudd 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

1 bed, bedstand & bedding valued	\$8.00
7 common chairs	2.00
1 Table	.50
1 Looking Glass & one oven	.85
1 skillet 1 Kettle 1 desk	1.12 ½
11 Bottles 1 Set Crock ware	1.68 ½
1 Iron pot & coffee mill	<u>1.37 ½</u>
	\$15.53 ½

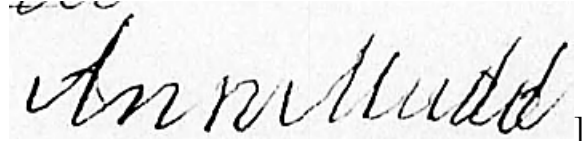
A pension from the State of forty dollars annually  
S/ Bennett Mudd, X his mark

witness John Johnson

That I have no trade and am rendered by age incapable of supporting myself by labor. That I am 61 years of age and have 6 children 3 males and 3 females none of whom have any property, that my wife is living aged about 43 years.

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On October 30, 1838 in the District of Columbia Washington County, Ann Mudd, aged 60 years, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Bennett Mudd, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in the year 1792; that they were married by Parson Long, a Methodist minister in George Town; that her husband died August 23, 1830; and that she remains his widow.



[p 6: On October 31, 1838 in the District of Columbia, Ann Brown gave testimony that she knows that Bennett Mudd and his wife were married in 1792 by Parson Long a Methodist preacher; that Ann Mudd was then Ann Swain; that she, the affiant, was married January 12, 1792 and knows that the veteran and his wife were married 4 months and a few days thereafter. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 15, 1818, for service as a private for one year and 9 months in the Maryland Continental line. His widow was pensioned in the amount of \$75.67 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband service as a private for 16 months and 21 days and as a Sgt. for 40 days in the Maryland Continental line.]