

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Bennet Osborn W26603      Rebecca      fn50NC  
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[Kentucky, Scott County]

The declaration of Bennett Osborne in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. On this 20th of August 1832, Bennett Osborne personally appeared before the Justices of the Scott County Court resident of said County and State of Kentucky aged 68 the 6th of February last, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of June 7th 1832

That he the said Bennett Osborne lived in the County of Burke North Carolina during the revolution; that on the 12th of December [1778] he entered the service of the United States in the militia service under his brother Captain Benjamin Osborne who raised a volunteer Corps which Corps was authorized & received by the State & served as a soldier in said company till 8th of May 1779 making upwards of five months – this company was a part of the Regiment of Colonel Brevard, & attached to General Rutherford's Brigade. They marched to the Savannah River about 25 miles above Savannah town & joined General Lincoln in 1779 – the Corps continued to guard & marched up & down the River nearly night & day until April 1779 the British on one side & the Americans on the other being in sight of each other during the whole winter. He remained at home sometime, when there was a call for troops to protect & guard the frontiers against the Indians & our own unfortunate Country men who turned against us & in the year 1779 (the month not recollected) he said Osborne served three months under Captain George Johnson for the purposes above stated & returned home the year 1780 & soon after the time of his return not recollected during the said year 1780 the said Osborne states that he joined a light Horse company raised and commanded by William Adams & served three months & 10 days & honorably discharged. This company was a part of Colonel Brevard's Regiment or rather under his command. In the year 1782 after taking Cornwallis in the month of October of said year 1782 [sic, 1781] Colonels McDowell & Hearn were authorized to raise a Regiment of 500 of mounted men to go against the Hostile Creeks & to protect the frontier & the said Bennet Osborn joined said Regiment under Captain Willson – that he said Osborne acted as Lieutenant to said company & James Weathers Ensign – that they marched against the Indians through a trackless wilderness & served six weeks, before the returned & discharge of said Regiment – making in all upwards of 12 months faithful services for his Country when a youth.

He received discharges The close of each Service, but they are lost & destroyed.

S/ Bennet Osborn

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Bennet Osborn". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

and the said Bennett Osborn states in Open Court upon his oath that he does hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Attest: S/ Ben. B. Ford, Clk

[fn p. 6: On May 16, 1853 in Scott County Kentucky, Rebecca Osborne, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Bennett Osborne, a pensioner for his services in the revolution; that she married him in November 1813 (the day of the month she does not recollect); that her husband died the sixth day of December 1841; that she was married to him and Woodford County Kentucky and that she has no private record of her marriage.]

[fn p. 15: on April ninth, 1855 in Scott County Kentucky, Rebecca Osborne, 79, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Bennett Osborne; she states that she married him in November 1813 and Woodford County; that they were married by Cornelius Riddle, a clergyman; that her name prior to her marriage was Kirtly; that her husband died the seventh day of December 1841 and that she remains his widow.

[fn p. 20: marriage bond issued in Woodford County Kentucky to Bennett Osborne and Richard Taylor November 2, 1813 to secure the marriage of Bennett Osborne to Rebecca Kirtly.]

[fn p. 21: there is a typed letter dated February 16, 1935 which contains the following statement: "Bennett Osborne was born February 6, 1754; the place of soldiers birth and names of his parents are not given." I do not find it any document in the file that would support this statement since the veteran, in his application, stated that he was only 68 years old as of the date of his application in 1832. That would place his birth has February 6, 1764. If the latter date is the correct date of his birth, that would mean he was only 14 years old when he first entered the service in December 1778.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$62.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for eight months service as a private in the infantry; three months service as a private in the Cavalry and 42 days service as a Lieutenant in the Cavalry.]