

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jordan Bennett W2713  
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State of Virginia }  
County of Mecklenburgh [sic] } SS On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1852, before me Thomas Wartman a Judge of the County Court of the County of Mecklenburg State of Virginia, the state of her health not permitting her to attend the Court personally appeared Nancy Bennett, aged 76 years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 29 1848. that she is the widow of Jordan Bennett deceased, who was a private soldier in the Revolutionary War, that to the best of her knowledge he served in the Virginia Regiment, as he entered the service in Virginia, Tho he served part of the time in the same Regiment with one Bartlett Cox [Bartlet Cox (Coxe), pension application S24964], a Revolutionary Pensioner, now deceased; that as appear from the accompanying affidavit, of Bartlett Cox, her deceased husband was at the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], where Cox had his leg shot off; that her said husband continued in the service until the taking of Cornwallis at York Town [19 Oct 1781], a period of more than six months; that, as appears from the statement of Cox the Regiment was the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Militia, Col Mumford [sic: Robert Munford], Major Long.

That, as will appear from the affidavit of William Coleman [pension application S39337], a Revolutionary Pensioner, her deceased husband served a tour of three months in the Company commanded by Cap Whitton, Col [Henry] Skipwith, Virginia troops. That to the best of her knowledge and belief, her deceased husband performed several tours, but she cannot give any further particulars as she has none of his papers which will throw light on the subject.

She declares that she was married to the said Jordan Bennett in the County of Mecklenburgh, Virginia by Court Licence in the year seventeen hundred and Ninety Five by one Rev'd [illegible] Lloyd; that her name before marriage was Ann, alias Nancy Murphy. That husband the said Jordan Bennett died in the County of Mecklenburgh, State of Virginia the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year 1822 That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service; but the marriage took place previous to the second of January 1800 viz, at the time above stated. She further swears that she is now a widow, and that, although the accompany affidavits were procured several years ago with a view of obtaining a pension, the matter has been delayed to the present time from no fault of hers

She also declares that she has appointed William Hunt of Washington City D.C. to present her claim and to receive her certificate of pension, if allowed.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year above written before me, and I certify that I believe the above facts are true  
[signed] Nancy Bennett

The deposition of Williamson Rainey Sr [pension application R8563] aged eighty one years taken at the house of the said Rainey in the County of Mecklenburg deposeth and saith that he was personally acquainted with Jordan Bennett a revolutionary soldier and that he verily believes that said Bennett served as much as three months in the war of the revolution and that Nancy Bennett is the widow of said Jordan Bennett and that he served under Capt Whitten, Major [John] Holcomb Colo George Tucker [sic: St. George Tucker] & General [Robert] Lawson in the year 1781 – an further this deponent saith not  
Given under my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1843 [signed] Williamson Rainey

Mecklenburg County to wit

This day William Coleman now in his Eighty third year, personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said county, and made oath, that Jordan Bennett late of the said County served a Tour of three

months in the Revolution under the command of Capt. Whitton, & Col. Skipwith, in company with him, We marched from Mecklenburg Court House to Prince Edward Court House from thence to the Point of Fork [at the confluence of James and Rivanna rivers], we then retreated back, & from there we beat about untill we got to old James Town & I think we were discharged at Mobbins Hill or some such name of place [Malvern Hill, 15 mi SE of Richmond] given under my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1843

Personally appeared before me Ch. Haskins a Magistrate of the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 1844 Bartlett Cox an old Revolutionary soldier and being duly sworn says that he was well acquainted with Jordan Bennitt the deceased Husband of Mrs Nancy Bennitt the present applicant for a pension to Congress; That he the said Bennitt was with him the said Bartlett Cox in the Revolutionary War; that they both belonged to the same Regiment, which was the 10<sup>th</sup> of Virginia draughted Malitia Commanded by Col Mumford, Major Long, and Capt Lucas; that the said Jordan Bennitt was at the battle of Guilford, with him the said Bartlett Cox, and discharged his duty on that occasion like a soldier; that he the said Bartlett Cox had his leg shot off at Guilford, and consequently was no longer in service, but the said Jordan Bennitt continued in the service of his country untill the close of the War, and was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis at York Town, and that the said Jordan Bennitt died in the county of Mecklenburg he thinks in the year 1822.

NOTE: On Nancy Bennett's application for bounty land dated 16 July 1855 the date of Jordan Bennett's death is said to be 4 Oct 1823. That application was witnessed by Joseph Bennett and George E. Bennett, residents of Mecklenburg County. In the file is a copy of a record stating that Jordan Bennett and Nancy Murfey were married by Rev. John Loyd on 17 Dec 1795.