

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of Benjamin Netherland W8487      Theodocia      fn82Ga/Va.  
Transcribed by Will Graves      1/24/09 rev'd 3/7/10

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Also, the handwriting of the original scribes often lends itself to varying interpretations. Users of this database are urged to view the original and to make their own decision as to how to decipher what the original scribe actually wrote. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. Folks are free to make non-commercial use this transcript in any manner they may see fit, but please extend the courtesy of acknowledging the transcriber—besides, if it turns out the transcript contains mistakes, the resulting embarrassment will fall on the transcriber.]

[fn p. 60]

Rec'd 9 Dec. 1831

I entered into the Service in the first Virginia Regiment as a Cadet Commanded by Col. Henry I served in that Regiment till there were 7 regiments more raised by the State of Virginia I was in the battle at the Long Ridge from there we went to Norfolk continued there till the town was burnt by Dunmore I then received an Ensign's Commission in the 5th Regiment Col. George Matthews was Lieut. Col. the State of Virginia admitted the State of Georgia to raise to Regiments the 2nd & 3rd. I found a number of my connections & friends had got commissions, I resigned & went with them to the State of Georgia under the promise of an Ensign's Commission by Mr. George Walton, I received money to recruit & enlisted 18 men & when I got to Georgia I did not get my Commission, the Capt. had appointed one, I then got a 2nd Lieut. in the first Regiment commanded by Col. Joseph Habersham, I was on several scouting parties against the Indians and an expedition to St. Augustine the British discovered it & prevented the row galleys & some sloops from getting into the mouth of St. John's River & we who went by land to meet them at St. John's got [gave] out of provisions & suffered much in March 1778 I was sent to Fort Barrington on the Altamaha River to release those who were stationed there & on the 14th day of the same month I was taken by Col. Brown a Tory who lived in Georgia he had about 300 men one company of the 62nd Regiment of British troops the balance was Indians & Tories I had 38 men & and Ensign under me. I lost 17 of my man killed 9 wounded the balance with myself was carried to St. Augustine, I was put in the dungeon under the lighthouse on the Island approach to the Town where I remained 19 days Captains Backup and Beacham British officers had arrived from Savannah who I had treated very Friendly got me removed to the common jail where the balance of my man were I continued several months in jail got the fever & suffered very much I was sent to Charles Town on a cartel from there to Georgia with my men & being in a very low State of health obtained leave to go to sea for my health I went to Charles Town where I got acquainted with Capt. Smedley who commanded the Ship *define* [sic, *Defence*?] who sailed out of Boston, he landed me in Boston where I stayed till November 78, I [indecipherable word] further South in Philadelphia I got [gave] out of money & through Mr. Langworthy [sic, Edward Langworthy] a member of Congress from Georgia went with me to the Treasury of that place & I got 50 or \$100 I cannot say which but say with \$100 in the year 1780 I got leave of General Samuel Elbert to go to Kentucky as there were not a command for more than two thirds of the officers, I returned & early in 1781 he said Elbert gave me leave to return to Kentucky I received no pay from the winter 1777 or 78 nor no computation [sic, commutation?] to the end of the war I was a Capt. by rotation which I think I am entitled to half pay, the Indians took my

commission from me when Brown took me prisoner I was at the Battle of the Blue licks in 82, when or will none [sic, but ?] I was the cause of saving many lives through my conduct that day I was appointed Major of that County in the year 86 or 87, I got sufficient vouchers from Col. Joseph Habersham & others to obtain my pay, I gave them to Mr. Abram Baldwin a member of Congress from the State of Georgia who was taken sick soon after he got to the City and departed this life I expect he must of put them in the War office & they got burnt, I am now in my 76 year and at least half my time down with pains in my arms, hands, knees, legs & ankles, and am living in a house belonging to my children and no property but one horse & a [indecipherable word] I received a letter from the War office stating that I joined the Navy I never joined the Navy nor resigned my Commission.

Given under my hand this 9 day of April 1831.

S/ B. Netherland, Sr.

[fn p. 59]

Jessamine County State of Kentucky

I do hereby certify that I was acquainted with engine the Netherland (who is now a resident of Jessamine County State of Kentucky) when he was a Commissioned Officer, in the United States Service, doing duty, as such in the State of Georgia, during the War of the American Revolution. Given under my hand and Seal this 27th day of September in the year 1831.

S/ James Fergus<sup>1</sup>

[fn pp. 56]

Capt. Benjamin Netherland Jonesborough 23rd of February 1830

Dear Sir

You will no doubt think it strange to receive a letter from an old friend after 50 odd years absence, knowing you were in the Continental Army in the State of Georgia and I think in the 3rd Regiment and of course you could not help knowing me as Lieut. in that Regiment in the Company of Capt. Joseph Lane, this is therefore to request the favor of you could give my son-in-law Mr. Ross your deposition to that effect and that you served with me as an officer in the Continental Army in the State of Georgia you will no doubt recollect we boarded together at Mrs. Swords in Philadelphia about the year 1778. I have obtained your Brother's deposition that he knew me as a Lieut. while I stayed at Cumberland old Court House.

The object I have in getting the depositions is to come under the provisions of Congress as an officer of the revolutionary Army I want you to state who was the Col. of the 3rd Regiment and where we entered the Service you know we received our Commission of old Mr. George Dalton of Prince Edward in Virginia and has well as I can recollect our commissions were dated in the year 1775. You must know I am the same Samuel Jackson that served with you in the State of Georgia from what I have stated I will for your satisfaction mention a Number of officers who were in the service with us to prove I must be the identical person I shall be glad to hear from you by my son-in-law --

and remain Dear Sir,

the names of the officers

John Mosby

Jesse Walton

Your old friend

S/ Samuel Jackson<sup>2</sup>

---

<sup>1</sup> This MAY be the same man as [James Fergus W25573](#) who claimed to have served some time in Georgia.

Robt. Dalton  
Thos Scott  
Saml. Scott Capt of the Horse  
Capt. Pannell  
George Henock  
Edward Davall [Duvall?]  
Lieutenant Miller

[fn p. 4]

State of Kentucky Jessamine County

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in Open Court, before the justices of the Court of said County now sitting Benjamin Netherland Senior a resident of the town of Nicholasville, in the County of Jessamine and State of Kentucky aged seventy-seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Statement in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he has previously made application for a pension under the Act of the 18th of March 1818 and his application or claim was rejected. That he also made application under the Act of 15th May 1828 which was rejected. That he served as 2nd Lieut. in the first Regiment of the Continental line of the State of Georgia in 1776 he Regiment was commanded by Col. Habersham Lt. Col. Harris -- that he commanded as Capt. under the Commission (of Lieutenant) by [indecipherable word, looks like "roleane"] and in 1780 he got a brevet as Capt. That his said Commission was signed by John Hancock and handed to him by Col. Habersham. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State. That his present place of residence is in the town of Nicholasville in the County of Jessamine and State of Kentucky and that his place of residence was at the same place in his former applications were made.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ B. Netherland, Capt.

[fn p. 64]

The deposition of Samuel Jackson taken at the house of Benjamin Netherland in the Town of Nicholasville Jessamine County Kentucky on the 21st day of August 1832 to prove the services of Benjamin Netherland Senior in the Revolutionary War this deponent being of lawful age & first sworn deposed and saith: Question by said Netherland-- at what time did you know me and was I then in the Continental service in the State of Georgia. Ans<sup>r</sup> I knew you in the early in the year 1776 and you were as I suppose an Ensign & afterwards you entered the 1st Regiment Continental Regiment as Lieutenant. Commanded by Col. Joseph Habersham & late in the year 1778 I left you in the service just at the time the British commander Provost [sic, Augustine Prevost] invaded Georgia and I believe at the time I left the service you then ranked as Captain or was Captain and said Jackson further states that he will be seventy-seven years of age in Sept. next.

S/ Samuel Jackson  
Lieut. in the 3rd Regiment of the  
Continental Troops of Georgia

---

<sup>2</sup> [Samuel Jackson W945](#)

[fn p. 7: On June 19, 1843 in Jessamine County Kentucky, Theodocia Netherland, 76, applied for a widow's pension as the widow of Benjamin Netherland, a pensioner at the rate of \$320 per annum; that she married him in February 1787 him and; that he died October 6, 1838; she asserts she proves her marriage by a deed of gift from John Netherland, the father of her husband, for several slaves to Ambrose Bramlett in trust for the benefit of her husband, herself and their children -- said deed being dated in September 1789 and recorded in Powhatan County Virginia on October 15, 1789.]

[fn p. 11 is a copy of the deed of trust dated September 21, 1789, from John Netherland to Ambrose Bramlett (father of Theodora Netherland) for the love and affection he (John) has for his (John's) son, Benjamin Netherland and his (Benjamin's) wife, Theodora and such child or children as they may have, said Ambrose Bramlett to hold the gifted property in trust to pay for the education and support of Mary Anne Netherland, daughter of Benjamin and Theodora, and such other children as Benjamin and Theodora may have; the trust to end when the youngest of such children shall reach 18, then the property to be conveyed to such children outright. The corpus of the trust was the following: "negro slaves , to wit, Bob a man, Kate a girl, Billy a boy, also a Waggon and two horses, to wit: a dark bay gilding about four feet nine inches high and a light bay gilding about four feet six inches high, with geer compleat for four horses;"]

[facts in file: Theodocia was the daughter of Ambrose Bramlett of Surry County, NC; she and her husband married in NC; Mary Anne Netherland, daughter of Theodocia and Benjamin, was born as of the date of the deed of gift and she is the only child whose name appears in the file.]