

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Bennett R755

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: to wit

On this first day of October in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court, to wit the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas, for the District aforesaid, George Bennett, a resident of said District, aged seventy-four years, who being sworn in due form of law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress, passed on the 7th day of June, 1832, to wit,

On the last of May 1781 after the fall of Charleston I entered the Service as a volunteer private Soldier in the Company of Captain Thomas Price, in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel John Thomas, and continued to serve in said Company and Regiment, without intermission, except on occasional furlough until the month of July 1782, making a term of one year and 2 months, and was then verbally discharged by his Captain, at Goens Station [Gowen's Fort?] . I was a Resident of Spartanburg District South Carolina when I entered the Service -- and have resided there ever since. I was marched to Beach Island, and Briar Creek, in the State of Georgia and shortly afterwards returned, and the remainder of my Services were rendered in this State. I was engaged in the fight or battles of Hamptons, Musgrove's Mills -- and Thicketty Fort. I do hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Geo. Bennett, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court on the day & year aforesaid

S/ Joseph J. Evans, Presiding Judge

To the questions propounded by the Court, I answer, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> I was born in Frederick County in Virginia on the 29 day of December 1759 and have the Record of my age now in my possession. 3<sup>rd</sup> See within -- 4<sup>th</sup> I was a Volunteer -- 5<sup>th</sup> I knew Colonel Marbury and served under him while in Georgia and Colonel Hammond, besides my own officers. 6. I never received any written discharge -- 7<sup>th</sup> I refer to Reverend Abm Crow Oliver Clark Mathew Seay who can attest my character for truth.

S/ Geo. Bennett, X his mark

[Abraham Crow, a clergyman resident in Spartanburg district, and Major Oliver Clark and Captain Mathew Seay, resident in the same, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[This application was rejected but the file does not disclose the reasons for its rejection. My guess is that it was rejected because the applicant fails to state how long he served. Proof of at least six months service was required to qualify for a pension under the 1832 act.]