Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Elisha Bennett VAS2485

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[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

I Elizabeth Bennett aged 76 years do hereby certify that I was acquainted with Elisha Bennett and know that some time during the year 1778 or 79 he enlisted as a private in the continental service during the Revolutionary war, under Captain John Hockaday [VAS1556] who was afterwards promoted as Major, for three years, that shortly after he enlisted he was ordered to the North, where he remained in service, and it was believed that he was slain in battle in the engagement at Philadelphia. that the said Bennett has not been heard of since that engagement. [signed] Elisabeth Benet

I Nancy Goodall aged 69 years do hereby certify that my brother Elisha Bennett enlisted as a private in the continental service during the Revolutionary war, but the particular year I do not recollect, I know that he enlisted for three years, and under Capt John Hockaday who was afterwards Majr. Lt. Hog [probably Samuel Hogg S38845] was a Lieutenant in the same company, that he was ordered and went to the North, where he remained in service, and it is believed that he was killed in the battle at Philadelphia. The said Elisha Bennett has not been heard from since that engagement

[signed] Nancy Gooall

City of Williamsburg to wit

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the said city Elizabeth Bennett and Nancy Goodall, whose names are subscribed to the two foregoing certificates, and who were sisters to the said Elisha Bennett, and made oath according to law as to the correctness of the statements as set forth in the said certificates. And I do hereby certify that any statements made by the said Elizabeth Bennett and Nancy Goodall are entitled to full faith and credit

Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of October 1833 [signed illegibly]
It is to be presumed that this is the only evidence that can be collected to prove the services rendered by said Bennett