Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Bennit Britton VAS2658

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[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

The affidavit of Anslem Bailey [Ansolem Bailey S37702] of Henrico County an old man now 83 years old. This affiant being duly sworn saith. He new Bennit Britton well. That he enlisted in the United Service in the year 1778 as a private of Infantry and served in the second Va. Regiment, in General Muhlenburgs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850] brigade, I believe to the end of the War. I well recollect seeing Bennit Britton at York Town (he was then in the service) when Lord Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781]. I do not recollect the name of the Captain under whom he served. Given under my hand this 6th day of July 1841

Anlem hisXmark Bailey

The affidavit of John Williams [W4390 or R20123] of Chesterfield County Va. taken before me a Magistrate for the said County of Chesterfield duly sworn saith That he was well acquainted with Bennit Britton a Soldier in the War of the Revolution. He served as mate of a United States Vessell which was engaged in the transportation of munitions of War and clothing from place to place for the use of the Army which was commanded by Captain [undeciphered] and served with him to the end of the war. Said Williams's Captain had the charge of [undeciphered word] wagoners and he [undeciphered word] to Britton [several undeciphered words] does not recollect the [undeciphered word] time said Bennit Britton services commenced but he knows that he served to the end of the war. said Williams is now and has been for many years on the pension list and [several undeciphered words]. In Witness whereof he has hereunto set his hand [several undeciphered words] 1841

Test [undeciphered] John hisXmark Williams [certified 6 Sep 1841]

Henrico County 11th September 1841

Sir Enclosed I send you the evidence of my father's claim to bounty land for services performed by him in the War of the Revolution. I am informed and verily believe my father Bennit Britton served the whole war. His first three years services were as a private of the 2nd Va Regiment under the Command of General Muhlenburg. his second enlistment & services will be shewn by the evidence of Jno Williams which is enclosed and is hoped will be sufficient. You will please lay this claim before your board, and that they may advise the Register of the Land Office to issue a Warrrant for the bounty land to which he is entitled

Very Respectfully/ I am/ Your Most Ob. Servant

Jesse Britton/ for myself & my sisters Aggy Britton/ Elizabeth Britton