

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Philip Becannon R690 Jane Becannon French
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State of New York; } SS.

County of New York. } On this twenty second day of October, one thousand eight hundred & fifty two, personally appeared before me, a Commissioner of Deeds within & for the county & state aforesaid, Jane Becannon, aged eighty three years, a resident of the city of New York & state aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Philip Becannon, deceased, who was, as deponent believes a soldier or orderly sergeant in the independent corps known as the Seventy Sixes, commanded by Captain Chapman (which corps was composed, at the time referred to, of men who had served in the Revolutionary war, and was not, as deponent believes, attached to any regiment) in the war with Great Britain declared by the United States on the 18th day of June, 1812; that her said husband volunteered or enlisted at the city of New York in the year 1812, month not recollected, & continued in actual service in said war for the term of two years or upwards, according to the best of deponent's recollection and belief, & was honorably discharged at the city of New York

She further says that she was married to the said Philip Becannon in the city of New York about the year 1795, the month not recollected, by a minister from the state of New Jersey whose name deponent does not recollect, and that her name before her said marriage was Jane Bogert. Deponent further says that a private record of said marriage, in a family Bible, was lost in a fire about the year 1808, & that no other record thereof exists to her knowledge. She further says that her said husband died at New York city in the month of March, 1822, & that she is still a widow
She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the "Act granting bounty lands to certain officers & soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States, passed September 28th 1850. Jane herXmark Becannon

State of New York; }

City & County of New York. } On this nineteenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred & fifty two, personally appeared before a justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York – Jane Becannon, a resident of New York City, aged eighty three 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 29th AD. 1848.

She declares that she is the widow of Philip Becannon, who was a private or orderly sergeant in the brigade or body of troops that came to the United States in the year 1777, with the Marquis de la Fayette [Lafayette], that he served in the revolutionary army from that time till the close of the revolutionary war, & that he took part in the actions at Yorktown [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], which resulted in the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. For proofs of her husband's services as aforesaid she refers to the records in the office of the pension department at Washington, & the affidavit of Cornelius Bogart, attached to her application for bounty land, under the Act of 1850, now on file in that office.

She further declares that she was married to the said Philip Becannon in the spring of the year 1794 or 1795; that her husband, the aforesaid Philip Becannon died in the month of March, A.D. 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 eighteen hundred, viz. at the time above stated, for proofs of which she refers to the affidavits attached to her said application for bounty lands

She further swears that she is now a widow, & that she has never before made any application for a pension. Jane herXmark Becannon

NOTE: Jane Becannon's application was rejected because the pension laws did not provide for foreign soldiers except for officers who had commanded American troops. An appeal to Congress was rejected.