

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Bennet R752

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State of North Carolina Brunswick County's Superior Court of Law, Fall term 1833.

On this __day of October A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Superior Court of Law & Equity for the County of Brunswick -- State of North Carolina now sitting Daniel Bennet, a resident of said County of Brunswick, State of North Carolina aged seventy-three years the 25th of next November, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That when he first entered the service of the United States he resided in Brunswick County State of North Carolina not far from the Waccamaw River. That his father having been ordered out to serve under Colonel Edward Wingate, this Declarant was taken in the place of his father, his father being old & little accustomed to handling a gun, having been a sailor most of his life, This Declarant does entered the service the March before the November when he would be 15 years of age, being March 1775. He served under Colonel Edward Wingate two weeks this Term at Lockwood's Folly Bridge in Brunswick County North Carolina. That he was in camp during the time -- William Moony was Captain at the time under Colonel Wingate. That he next volunteered and served under Captain John Allston. That he enrolled himself under Captain John Allston at Georgetown in South Carolina in the month march in the year 1777. That James Weathers was the first Lieutenant. That Captain Allston's Company was called the Independent Company it consisted he thinks of about thirty men, John Rutledge was Governor of the State at the time. That in a few days the company set out on a march in search of flour for the soldiers that Charleston and in the neighborhood -- (at least he heard Captain Allston say this was his business). That he marched into the back part of the State -- recollects they crossed this stream called Broad River & Saluda River recollects they said they were about a days ride from Orangeburg. That he recollects Captain Allston got some flower from a man named Mountz in the fork of Broad River & Saluda River. There they marched back to the City of Charleston, that the British was then expected to attack Charleston that Captain Alston & his company, was kept riding about the City for ten nights, as was said, to keep the mob from rising and to take up stragglers in the street. That after being in Charleston about a fortnight -- the company was discharged. That he served under Captain Alston three months. That soon after this his Father moved over into New Hanover County North Carolina. That he next entered the service a New Hanover County State of North Carolina under Colonel Thomas Bloodworth [sic, Thomas

Bludworth], -- that Colonel Young commanded the Company for a short time. That afterwards Colonel Bludworth Took Command, Anthony Milford acted as Captain that the company was kept marching through different parts of the Country reconnoitering. The British at that time had possession of Wilmington. That he recollects during this time of service, some of the British on their way to New River to get old Mr. Harnet [Harnett], killed eight men out of the Company at a house on the road eight miles from Wilmington. That the Colonel Bludworth ordered the company to march the day before into Mott's neck on the sound, that all went except the eight men, or at least, seven men and Major Love, for he was one of the killed. That the next morning Colonel Bludworth & the Company came to this house on the road then occupied by one David Bowen, -- where they found Major Love & the seven men were killed -- That Colonel Armstrong was also out at this time with his company. That Colonel Bludworth wishing to inform him that the British were out, sent this Declarant out in search of his Company. That he, this Declarant, found them not far from the head of this sound at a place called Garrett's place -- that he delivered Colonel Bludworth's message -- and then returning part of the way with Colonel Armstrong's Company he left him & went to Colonel Bludworth. That this Declarant's Father then living on the sound not far from Wilmington, Colonel Bludworth told him he must not remain there any longer, that he must either join the British or move away. That his father concluded to move to Neuse River & asked Colonel Bludworth to let this Declarant assist him in moving. Colonel Bludworth gave the permission & discharged this declarant. That he served under Colonel Bludworth two months. That after being on Neuse River a short time he again entered the service. That he again entered the service in the County of Dobbs, North Carolina, on Neuse River, in the latter part of the month of May in the year 1779 -- under Captain Nathan Lassiter. That he was a volunteer under Captain Lassiter. That Himerick Hooker was the Lieutenant. That Captain with Lassiter was under the command of General William Caswell. That Captain Lassiter's Company consisted of about thirty men on horse, that they were employed in going about through Dobbs County in search of Tories, and deserting soldiers -- and those who had obtained leave of absence on furlough & had not returned -- that he was employed in this kind of business under Lassiter as a volunteer soldier for twenty-three months -- having served under Captain Lassiter until April 1781. That he was not during the whole of this time in actual service; but was under the command and at the call of Captain Lassiter during the whole of this time. That he would keep the Company out some times for a fortnight, and then they would be at home for two or three days or week & then he, the Captain, would call them out again, -- That he knows he was in actual service at least twelve months out of this time, and for this he claims a pension. That during this time Captain Lassiter's company had a skirmish with the British & Tories at the South West Bridge on Neuse [River]. This Declarant says they are were several other companies there besides Captain Lassiter's. That he thinks General Caswell was there himself. That there will were very few guns fired the Americans retreated. That this Declarant was one of the last who ran off & before he did he fired at the enemy and one of them fell -- when Major __ Gordon a Tory officer said "damn you I'll pay you for that" and came in pursuit of this Declarant, but before he was overtaken Spencer Cunwell [?] one of Lassiter's men fired at & killed this Major __ Gordon. That he did not know any of the Regular Officers. That he was not engaged in any civil occupation during the time he served as a soldier as aforesaid. That he served as a soldier of the Revolutionary war in all seventeen months & two weeks and for this he claims a pension. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not

on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

To the several Interrogatories propounded by the Department he makes the following replies.

To the first Interrogatory he saith:

I was born in New Hanover County North Carolina in the year 1760

To the Second Interrogatory he saith --

I have no record of my age.

To the third Interrogatory he saith.

I was living in Brunswick County North Carolina when I first entered the service. Since the Revolutionary War I have lived our my time in New Hanover County, & the residue in Brunswick County North Carolina -- I now live in Brunswick County North Carolina.

To the fourth Interrogatory he saith --

I was once a substitute for my father Daniel Bennett -- I was a volunteer during every other term of my service.

To the fifth Interrogatory he saith --

He cannot make any further statement then that already made in his Declaration.

To the sixth Interrogatory he saith

I never did receive a written discharge.

To the seventh Interrogatory he saith --

I am known to John Wescoat, Jeremiah Wescoat, Freeman Ruggles, Richard Langdon, John C. Baker, Samuel Potter & many others who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Daniel Bennet, X his mark

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Daniel Bennet the Applicant in the above Declaration for a pension maketh oath that he cannot at this time procure the Certificate of a clergyman in compliance with the requirements of the Department, -- the only one who knows & who can certify for him being absent & he being unable to procure his attendance.

Sworn to and subscribed this ___ day of October 1833

S/ Daniel Bennet, X his mark

[Richard Langdon, & John Wescoat gave the standard supporting affidavit.]