

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Daniel Bennett (Benning): S37752

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Virginia At a Superior Court of Law holden for the County of Wythe at the Court House on Thursday October 11th, 1821.

On this eleventh day of October 1821 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Superior Court of Law for the County of Wythe (being a Court of Record in consequence of its proceeding according to the course of the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceedings), Daniel Bennett, alias Daniel Benning aged Seventy five years who being first sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 & the first of May 1820: That he the said Daniel Bennett alias Benning enlisted first for the term of six months to the best of his recollection on the [blank] day of July in the year 1775, in the State of Maryland in the company commanded by Captain Jacob Good, and was marched by land & water to what was called the flying Camp stationed between East and North Rivers near Fort Washington close to the White Horse, from whence after some months he was marched back to Philadelphia where the arms were delivered up; at that place he again enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Jonathan Morris, in the 7th Regiment commanded by Brigadier General William Smallwood, Colo. John Gunby & [first name blank; probably Peter] Adams, in the line of the State of Maryland on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until his term of Enlistment for three years expired which happened while he was in winter quarters near Middlebrook and Bonbook [sic: Boundbrook] in New Jersey, where he enlisted a third time in the company commanded by the same Captain Jonathan Morris for and during the War. That he was at the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and at Gates' defeat in the South [Battle of Camden SC where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780]; after said Defeat and while he was in Winter Quarters at Hillsborough in North Carolina he became very sick and at the breaking up of the winter quarters being ordered to march Southward again he had not fully recovered and by crossing a creek called Alamance he got such a relapse that he was unable to follow and never could reach the army again having been reduced to the state of extreme weakness, which has continued on him ever since; and has subjected him to the loss of his hearing and the loss of one of his eyes, from which causes he was unable to apply for a discharge; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Service. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820 I Daniel Bennett alias Benning do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the united States on the 18th of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons, engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me; except an allowance of twenty Dollars per annum made me by the Overseers of the poor of Wythe County; nor have I any occupation nor ability to pursue any, nor have I any visible estate, real or personal, to deliver any Schedule thereof except the allowance aforesaid nor have I any family nor any fixed place of residence.

[Another declaration dated 10 May 1822, identical to the above except as follows:]

...and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me except such as is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed - nor have I any family, or a fixed place of residence in the said County of Wythe except such as is assigned to me by the Overseers of the poor of the said County.

No real Estate. No personal Estate, except a yearly allowance of twenty Dollars made to me by the Overseers of the poor of the County of Wythe -

Dan'l hisXmark Bennet
sometimes called Benning