

Pension Application for James Bennet

W.16191 (Catharine)

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State of New York

Cortland County SS.

James Bennit of Homer in the County of Cortland aforesaid & State of New York being duly sworn saith that he this deponant is an actual residents of said Town of Homer—that this deponent served in the Revolutionary War against the common enemy as follows, to wit, this deponant enlisted in the forepart of the year 1775—into Capt. Daniel Mills Company in the Fourth Regiment of the New York Line commanded by Col. James Holmes and served as Sergeant in that company until the last day of Decr in the same year when his time of service expired--& further that in the fore part of Jany 1776 this deponant enlisted into the first New York Regiment Commanded by Col. Goose VanSchaick where he served in the capacity of Sergent Major until the last day of Decr of that year inclusive when his period of service expired.

That in the year 1777, he this deponent was commissioned as an ensign in the 2nd Connecticut Regiment of foot commanded by Col. Herman Swift in which Regt and capacity this deponent served until the first day of September 1778 at which time he this deponent was commissioned as a Lieutenant in said Regiment in which office this deponent served until 1783—at the close of the war and was disbanded with the army at West Point in June 1783.

When the preliminary articles of peace were published and was liable to be called into actual service again until the arrivals of the definctive? treaty of peace when Congress resolved that they had no further service for the Continental Army—

And this deponent further saith that from his reduced circumstances he is in need of assistance from his country.

That at the battle of Monmouth he received a musket shot in his under jaw—that he is old and infirm & has a wife & three children to provide for with no resource but his daily labor.

And this deponent further saith that on the Eleventh day of Feby 1798 his house was consumed by an accidental fire & that his commissions and all of his private papers were also consumed.

And the said James Bennet hereby relinquishes all claim to any and every pension heretofore, granted or allowed him by any law of the United States. (Signed) James Bennet.

Sworn this 13th day of April 1818 before me, John Keess, First Judge of Cortland Common Pleas.

Letter in folder dated July 1, 1939, written in reply to an letter of inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Captain Thomas Bennett of South Carolina and Lieutenant James Bennett of Connecticut, both having served in the Revolutionary War.

Revolutionary War data furnished by this office are obtained from claims for pension and bounty land made to the United States and based on the military service of soldiers in this war. A careful search of the records fails to show such claims on file on account of the Revolutionary War service of the Thomas Bennett described by you.

The data which follow were taken from papers on file in pension claim, W.16191, based on the military service of the only Lieutenant James Bennet (searched all spellings) of Connecticut, that is found in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

The date and place of birth of James Bennet (personal signature Bennet but pensioned as Bennett) and the names of his parents are not shown.

James Bennet enlisted in the forepart of 1775, place not shown, and served until December 31, 1775, as sergeant in Captain Daniel Mills' company in Colonel James Holmes' New York Regiment. He enlisted in the forepart of January, 1776, and served until December 31, 1776, as sergeant major in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's New York regiment. In 1777, he was commissioned ensign in Colonel

Heman Swift's Connecticut regiment and served as such until September 1, 1778, when he was commissioned lieutenant in Colonel Heman Swift's Connecticut regiment; he was in the battle of Monmouth where he received a wound in the under jaw and he was discharged in June, 1783.

James Bennet was allowed pension on his application executed April 13, 1818, at which time he was living in Homer, Cortland County, New York.

He died November 13, 1819, in Homer, Cortland County, New York, age not shown.

James Bennet married at Catskill, Greene County, New York, November 14, 1819, Catharine Bogardus.

She was allowed pension on her application executed August 29, 1838, while a resident of Oxford, Chenega County, New York, aged seventy-three years.

The names of the following children of James and Catharine Bennet are shown:

Adolphus B. Bennet, married Harriet Cary, date not shown.

Nancy, aged forth-nine years in 1838 and a resident of Oxford, New York; she married Samuel Wheeler, date not shown.

James A Bennet, married Christena Tompkins, April 8, 1814.

Egbert Bennet married Gitty Rechtmyre, date not shown.

Angeline Bennet married Reuben Bancroft, date not shown.

Eugene Bennet married Betwey Anable, Janury 22, 1828.

Catharine Bennet married Siver (?illegible) Tuttle, October 18, 1833.

John Bargardus, brother of the widow, Catharine Bennet, was living in Catskill, New York, in 1838, aged seventy-one years.

There are not further data relative to family.