

Pension Application for Gershom Bennett or Bennitt

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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of Steuben

October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County of Steuben, Gershom Bennett a resident of the town of Tyron [Tryon] in the County of Steuben aforesaid and State of New York aged sixty seven years who being first 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in the Town of Warwick, County of Orange and State of New York on the 20th day of November 1765.

That he has no record of his age and knows his age from what his parents told him.

That when first called into service he was living at the land place of his birth.

That when he first entered the service (which was when in his 14th year of age) he took the place of his brother Mitchell Bennett who was hurt by a fall from a wagon the wheel running over him. This was in the opening of the year 1779 as deponent thinks and the company was commanded by Capt. Westfall of Naversink in Orange County aforesaid and by Lietuenants John English of the same place, cannot recollect the names of his field officers, but his Col resides a little way in Peenpack Orange County—marched on to his frontiers where the Naversink empties into the Delaware Rivers, were quartered at Chamber's Forts at the forks of the Naversink was out at this time nine months and lay at this place during the whole of said tour—was discharged when his time was out and went home—remained there till spring of 1781 early in April went as a substitute for one Israel Rickey of Sussex County New Jersey in Capt. Pattersons' Company & Lieutenants Benjamin Norde of same county can't remember the names of his Field Officers, were marched on to the Delaware River opposite Milford and were there stationed & built a block house while there and remained there to the end of the tours for which they were called which deponent is sure was as long as three months & thinks longer. Capt Harters Company of Nine Months men from Sussex County New Jersey were stationed there at same time, deponent was dismissed and went home. And in a few days was ordered out and marched to Chambers, Fort near the junction of the Neversink and Delaware in Capt. David McCambley's Company and stayed there some time, thinks three months, was dismissed and went home a few days after he was again called out on an alarm gone [???] in Capt. McCambley, Col. [?] regiment & Genl Hawthorn's Brigade, went home and was soon after drafted and out again to Naversink and served out his tour the length of which he does not recollect, but that it was long enough to get his class certificate for 25 acres of land, at this time was attached to Capt. John [Cin?] company & from this time up to the close of the Revolutionary war deponent was almost continually engaged in the service (except in the [?] of winter) on scouts—alarms &c—that he was in actual service as much as twenty seven months—that he ever received any written discharge.

That he never received a commission.

That in 1783 he removed to Northumberland, Pennsylvania, resides there till 1790 or 91. Then removed to Chemung Tioga County, New York and remained there till 1803 or 1804, then removed to the ten town of Frederickstown now Tyron in Steuben County, New York where he has continued to and still does reside.

That he is well acquainted with Genls William [?] Abraham [?] and Silvanus Arnold in his present neighborhood and with [?] David Bartley [?] in said court who can testify to his character and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

That he has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no person in this county who can testify to his services except Benjamin Sutton of Romulus, Seneca County, New York.

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. (Signed with his mark)
Gershom Bennett

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid before. J. L. Rumsey, Dep Clk Steuben County