



The dedication of a new headstone to honor Revolutionary War Veteran, William Bennett, was held August 7, 2010 on the Old Bennett Farm, Middle Island Creek, just outside St. Marys, West Virginia.

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PENSION APPLICATION OF WILLIAM BENNETT - HeritageQuest

(9-1770)

| SERVICE | NAME | NUMBER |
|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| <i>New York</i> | <i>Bennett, William</i> | <i>S. 5276</i> |
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Virginia 12. 520

Order to pay August 26, 1877

William Bennett

of Tyler in the State of Virginia
who was a Private in the Company commanded
by Captain M. C. Brantley the 1st Regt. commanded
by Col Van Skoyke in the New York
line for 2 years

Inscribed on the Roll of Virginia
at the rate of 80 Dollars per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 6th day of May 3 -
and sent J. Hicks
Tyler C. H. Va. (clerk)

Amount to the 1st of March 33 - 160
Pension allowance ending Sept " 40

\$200

Feb. 20. 1845

{ Revolutionary Claim
{ Act June 7, 1832

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State of Virginia
County of Giles

On this 17th day of October 1832, personally appeared before me James Bailey a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Giles & State of Virginia aforesaid William Bennett a resident of said County of Giles & State of Virginia aforesaid, aged Eighty Six years the 18th day of January 1832 Old Style, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted about the 1st of June in the year 1777 for three years or during the War, in the Army of the United States as a substitute for Nicholas Motier & served under the following named officers, to wit - That he belonged to a Company commanded by Cap^t Joseph McCracken, attached to the 1st Regiment of the New York State Line, which Regiment was commanded by Col^o G. van Hook, Lieut Col^o Isaac Vanduyke & Major John Graham & Peter Rice Adjutant. That he was marched from Fort Edward, New York, where he enlisted to Salem in said State, from thence to Stillwater on the Hudson River to intercept the passage of Burgoyne's Army, then on their March down the Hudson river, where his Regiment together with the Army under the Command of General Gates remained, until the Regiment to which he was attached was sent expressly to relieve Fort Stanwick, which had been besieged by a Party of British, Indians & Tories, but the Enemy having raised the siege of Fort Stanwick & left that part of the Country before his Regiment arrived, they were then marched to Johnstown, from thence to Schenectady where they went into Winter quarters, from whence early in the following Spring they were marched to Albany from thence to Richkill, from there to the Valley Forge Pa where they joined the Main Army under the Command of Gen^l George Washington, shortly before the Battle of Monmouth, in which battle he was - That his Commander Cap^t Joseph McCracken lost an arm in the said Battle - That he the said William Bennett had been detailed & taken from his Company to serve as an Artillery man, that in the early

part of the action aforesaid Lieut^r McClure, who had the
Command of a piece of Artillery, which he the said William
Bennett assisted to man, was killed, having part of his
head shot off; that the command of the said Piece of
Artillery was then assumed by a Sergeant Rogers,
whose command was for some misconduct on his part
immediately taken from him by Cap^t McClure of the
Artillery & given to him the said William Bennett,
that he commanded the said piece of Artillery after-
wards during the continuance of the battle, in which
time he loaded & fired forty eight shots at the enemy
& although he escaped being wounded, yet so frequent
were his comrades shot near him, that at the close
of the battle, his clothes were from ^{his} head to ^{his} feet
covered with their brains & blood; that he took
a surfeit in his whole system from the great
exertion made & the excessive heat he experienced in
this engagement, which has ever since ^{greatly} oppressed and
harrassed & yet oppresses & harrasses him to a great
extent; that the day after the battle of Monmouth
he was permitted & did join his own company again
and his Regiment was marched to & stationed on the
east side of the Hudson river, until about the 1st
of September 1778, when they received marching orders
& were marched back to Fish Kill & there took water &
sailed to Albany, from there to Fort Stanwick again, from
which place a detachment of 500 men was sent (of
which detachment he found one) under the command
of the said Col^o Van Skoike & Major John Graham
against an Indian Town called Onondaga, which
town they captured, killing a number & taking thirty
seven prisoners; that he was born in the State of
Rhode Island, & resided at the time of his enlistment
in the State of New York (& as well as he recollects)
in what was then called the District of Saratoga, of
which Argyle was the County town, now situated in
Washington County, that he continued to reside in the
State of New York for many years after the close of
the Revolutionary War, but for the last thirty years past
he has resided in this County & the County of Ohio, from
which Tyles was taken - (that he served the United

States three years certain, but he believes he served
Howe years & some months, as a soldier of the Revolution
and received a discharge from the service as having
served during the war, from Lieut Colonel Vanduyke,
which discharge, according to the best of his recollection
he received after Lord Cornwallis was taken,
which if correct, would make his service more than
Howe years from the time he entered the same as
Cornwallis was taken in the fall of 1781.

That by an act of the Legislature of New York
he was in common with others who had served during
the war entitled to 100 acres of land as a donation
from the Government of the ^{said} State of New York, to be located
in the Northern part of said State, which claim he sold
to a land speculator by the name of Seth Sherwood son,
then an old man, & to enable him to get the land, he gave
him his discharge; Sherwood died soon after & he never
received a cent for his hundred acre claim, nor has
he since been enabled to regain his discharge.

That he was entitled by an Act of Congress to
500 acres of land, also as he understood at the time
as a donation or bounty ^{for his services}, which claim he sold to
one David J Sanford, whose obligation for the purchase
money thereof is annexed hereunto, on
account of which he has never received a cent.
Sometime after he sold to Sanford he seen said
Sanford in prison confined for some criminal offences;
Sanford then informed him, that he had got the 500 acres
of land, & that had been executed for a debt of his own
& sold, & that so soon after his liberation, as he could
he would pay him therefor. That since that, he
has never seen or heard of said Sanford, that he does
not know whether he told him the truth about the land
or not, that he has no other documentary evidence
& that he knows of no person, whose testimony
he can procure, who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension
or an annuity except the present, and declares that his
name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in
any State

W. Williams Bennett

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office.

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Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: $\}.$). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, showing the Service of *Wm. Bennett*, of *Tyler County, Va.*

| Period within which service was rendered. | Duration of the claimant's service. | | | Rank of the claimant. | Name and Rank of the Company officers under whom he served. | Name and Rank of the General and Field officers. | Battles in which the applicant was engaged. | Country through which he marched. | Place of abode when he entered the service, and age at the present period. | Evidence by which the duration is supported. |
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| | Year. | Month. | Day. | | | | | | | |
| <i>Enrolled 17, as a substitute for H. Morris</i> | | | | <i>Pvt.</i> | <i>Capt. Loyal Co. 6th Va. Inf.</i> <i>M. Caswell, Lieut. Col.</i> <i>Caswell, Capt.</i> <i>Major Tom Caswell</i> <i>Adjutant Peter Lee</i> <i>Gen. Gates</i> <i>Gen. Geo. Washington</i> <i>Lee</i> | <i>Gen. Lee</i> <i>Washington</i> <i>Lee</i> | <i>North Mountain</i> | <i>Fort Mifflin</i> <i>Delaware</i> <i>from there to Still Water on the Susquehanna River</i> <i>from there to Johnston</i> <i>from there to Schenck</i> <i>from there to Schenck</i> <i>from there to Schenck</i> <i>from there to Schenck</i> <i>from there to Schenck</i> <i>from there to Schenck</i> <i>from there to Schenck</i> <i>from there to Schenck</i> | <i>Orange District New York</i> | <i>Documents by proc. and testimony 86 years evidence</i> |

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,
Commissioner of Pensions.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., _____, 19__

N. F. 5-276

In reply to your request of _____ received _____
 for a statement of the military history of William Bennett
 a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired
 information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pen-
 sion on file in this Bureau.

| DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT. | LENGTH OF SERVICE. | RANK. | OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED. | | STATE. |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|---|----------------|--------|
| | | | CAPTAIN. | COLONEL. | |
| June 1, 1777 | about 4 yrs | Priv. | Joseph Hill Craven | G. Van Schaick | N. Y. |
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Battles engaged in, Monmouth

Residence of soldier at enlistment Orange County N. Y.

Date of application for pension, Oct. 17, 1832 His cl. was ab.

Residence at date of application, Tyler County Va.

Age at date of application, born Aug 18, 1746 old style in Rhode Island

Remarks: * Died July 20, 1843

There is no date on file as to his family

Respectfully,

** from Army book*
 Commissioner.