

Pension Application for Jeremiah Bennett or Bennet

W.23591 (Widow: Lois) Jeremiah died January 22, 1828. They were married March 15, 1787.

District of New York

Washington County SS.

On the 1st day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said County (which proceeds according to the course of the common law—has a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount of amount keeping a record of their proceedings and having a seal, Jeremiah Bennett 2nd aged fifty seven resident in Easton in said County being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows first in the second New York Regiment – Col. Van Cortlandt & after the taking Cornwallis transferred to Col. Samuel B. Webb's Regiment Connecticut Line. Discharged by Maj'r Genl. Henry Knox as stated in his original Declaration dated twenty first of March 1818 as appears by his pension certificate number S0180 dated 22nd March 1819.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 & 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 provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818 & that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me – nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed viz.

Real Estate. In right of my wife twelve & an half acres of land situate in Easton aforesaid principally fine plain land.

One cow—one sow—five suckling pigs, 4 or 5 pewter plates—1/2 Doz tea cups & saucers, 2 tin pans—1 pail—1 wash tub—1 tea kettle—1 three quart kettle—1 dish kettle—1 iron pot—1 talbe—1 meat barrel—4 chairs—1 chest—1 axe—1 hoe—1 scythe—1/4 [?] garden rake—1 gardenhoe—1 flail—1 livingling knife. Income none, but my pension & daily labor my family consists of myself—my wife who is sickly & inform – and a son Levi Bennett who is twenty six years of age, an idiot entirely helpless and depending on me for support.

I have no trade—am able to labor at farming the principal part of the time and am infirm by reason of health but not to support myself and family without public or private charity. (Signed) Jeremiah Bennett 2nd.

Subscribed & sworn this 1st day of June 1820 in open Court. D. Shipherd Clk

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Jeremiah Bennet being duly sworn deposeseth and saith, that he was duly enlisted as a soldier in the Revolutionary Army of the United States of America on the Continental establishment, on the sixteenth day of January AD 1781 under Capt. John P. Hamtrank of the Second New York Regiment commanded by Col. Cortlandt—that he continued in said regiment until the month of December following when by a General order he was transferred to the thirty Connecticut Regiment commanded by Col. Samuel B. Weis in Capt. Edward Bulkley's Company—that he continued in said company about one year, when he was transferred into Capt. _____ Selden's Company of said Regiment where he continued until June seventeen hundred and eighty three, when he took the place in the Line, in the Company aforesaid, of a soldier by the name of Hatch who was enlisted for three years. Your deponent was then transferred into Col. Heman Swift's Regiment and in Capt. ____ Douglass, Company, where he continued until the thirty first day of October AD seventeen hundred and eighty three when he received his discharge at West Point from General Knox. That your deponent has now lost his said discharge – that your deponent in the year seventeen hundred and eighty five left the said discharge either with one

Nathan Herrick or James Patridge, for safe keeping where he supposed and verily believes it still was until a short time since, when the above persons were called upon, and no such paper could be found.

And your deponent further saith that he served as above stated until the end of the Revolutionary War on the Continental Establishment—and that he is now in very necessitous and indigent [indigent] circumstances—that he is fifty six year old and has a family a wife who is very much enfeebled and six children on of whom is an idiot, perfectly helpless who is now twenty four years old—that he is without property and no means of gaining a support but by his day labour by which he can gain but a scanty pittance—and your deponent further saith that he has no other solace or consoling hope of relief, but the Revolutionary Bill which he trusts will admit his claim and thus reward him in some degree for his tails [trials] & hardships in atchieving [achieving] an independence and that he now has no other evidence in his power of his said services.

Done at Greenwich in the County of Washington this thirty first day of March AD 1818. (Signed) Jeremiah Bennett.

Jonathan Sprague, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Washington.