

## Pension Application for Abraham Bennett or Abram Bennitt

S.2987

State of Ohio

Seneca County SS.

On this 22d day of July 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Supreme Court of Seneca County aforesaid now sitting Abraham Bennett a resident of Scipio in said County and State aged 69 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was born in Orange County in the State of New York as he is informed and believes in the year 1764 but has no record of his age.

That (in March or the first of April 1780 as he verily believes) he entered into the service of the United States as a private soldier in the militia or State Troops of the State of New York at Minisink in Orange County and State of New York, then residing at Warwick in said county under Col. Wisenfelt and Capt. Westfall—He entered as a substitute for a class of 12 men who were required to furnish a man or stand a draft—the head man of the class or those that procured his service were Edsall Esq, Samuel Amley and [?] McKean.

From Minisink he marched with the army to Peanpack—therein to Mamakating—thence to Surenkill—there to Pinebush—there was attached to Capt. White's Company of the same regiment—was then picketed out in a small detachment under Lieutenant VanWycks and marched to [Mumbacus?], thence to [Maractan?] to headquarters—then to Shoken, and was there put under Lieut Green—remained there three months. Stood guard Scouted &--Went on a scouting party to [Shandatin?], then to Pakatocton took one white man prisoner some horses etc, and returned to Pinebush to the Company of Capta White—and was then discharged the last of December or the first part of January 1781 by Lieut Vanwycks who at that time commanded the company, but received no written discharge having served a full term of nine months—

He was not acquainted with any of the regular officers, and being the greater portion of his time in small detachments, he does not now recollect the names of any other than those men named.

Since the revolutionary war he has resided five or six years in the State of Pennsylvania, then in Newtown in the State of New York then in Steuben Co., then in Seneca Co. in the same state—from thence he removed to Seneca county in the State of Ohio where he has resided for 12 years and now resides.

He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person except Jonathan Bennett whose testimony he can procure as to his services, and his deposition is hereto attached, Henry Wetsell & Yost Wyant are his neighbors and will testify as to his reputation and credit.

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 any agency of any state. (Signed) Abram Bennitt

Sworn to in open court July 22, 1833. Joseph Howard, Clerk Sup. Court.

Letter in file dated August 21, 1939, written in response to a letter of inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of Abraham Bennett, of Orange County, New York.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S.2987, based upon service of Abraham Bennett, in the Revolutionary War.

Abraham Bennett was born in 1764, in Orange County, New York. The exact date of his birth and names of parents were not stated.

While a resident of Warwick, Orange County, New York, Abraham Bennett enlisted in March or April 1780, served as a private under Captains Westfall and White and Lieutenant VanWyck, and Colonel

Weisenfels in the New York troops, was in a skirmish at Pokatoc-ton and was discharged after having served nine months.

After the Revolution, the soldier resided five or six years in the State of Pennsylvania, then in Newtown, New York; from there moved to Steuben County, then Seneca County, in the same state; from there he moved to Seneca County, Ohio, and was residing in Scipio in that County, when he was allowed pension on his application executed July 22, 1933. He stated in his application that he had been living in Scipio, Ohio, twelve years. He signed his name both Abram Bennitt and Abraham Bennett.

In 1845, Abraham Bennett was living in Michigan, in or near Jackson County, with children. In 1848, he had moved back to Seneca County, Ohio, and living with children there, his post office being Republic, Ohio.

Abraham Bennett's wife, who was about the same age as the soldier, was still living in 1849. Her name and other details concerning her and names of their children were not given.

The soldier died May 12, 1852.

In 1849, Abraham Bennett's brother, Jonathan Bennett, was aged sixty-one years and made affidavit in Delaware County, Ohio, in behalf of Abraham.