

Benjamin Gosnell – Unit 13th VA, Virginia Line

Additional Info:

Benjamin was from far western Virginia in what is now West Virginia. The 3 county area where he was from filled the recruits for the 13th VA and was stationed at Ft. Pitt around 1777. Benjamin left the army and rejoined later in the war on the Virginia line and fought at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. This is the battle that is portrayed at the end of the movie The Patriot. Following this battle Benjamin fought with his fellow Virginians at the Battle of Yorktown. He then left the service in 1783. Benjamin retired with his land grant to Greensburg Indiana, where is buried not far from interstate 74 in a small family cemetery located deep in some woods. An interesting note, his grandson, Hiram Gosnell, was in the Union Army's 10th Iowa Infantry of the Civil War, being wounded severely during the lead up to the siege of Vicksburg.