

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Barton R12277
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State of Virginia, County of Grayson

On this 18th day of June A.D. 1857 [could be 1851] Mrs. Elizabeth Barton personally appeared before me Benjamin H. Phipps a Justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid who after being duly sworn according to law, Declares, That she is the widow of John Barton, Deceased, late of the County of Grayson – State of Virginia-- She states that she now resides in the County & State aforesaid in the immediate neighborhood where her late husband the said John Barton lived for many years before his death – And where he died – She states that her said Husband the said John Barton Deceased was a soldier & officer in the War of the Revolution – That her said husband lived in the time of said War in the State of North Carolina, County of Rowan. That he first served as a private & then as Captain. That from what her said husband said & from what she also always heard from others -- & especially from the older Brother of her said Husband Isaac Barton – who was also a soldier of the Revolution – That her said Husband John Barton entered the service of the United Colonies at an early period of said war—That she thinks, to the best of her knowledge and belief that her said Husband served in the Regiment under Colonel Owens & General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]. That he served both in South & North Carolina – she states that her said Husband was in the Battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781], Guilford [March 15, 1781] and Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] – that she has heard her said Husband often speak of different officers & expeditions-- That she can't now recollect-- she states that her said Husband the said John Barton continued in the Service of his Country whilst he lived in the forks of the Yadkin [River] – for some four or five years – that he served whilst there as much if not more than two years as a private and two years as a Captain – And that towards the latter part of said War – her said Husband removed to the West side of the Blue Ridge and was located near the North Carolina & Virginia line – most of his time in North Carolina Wilkes County – now Ashe County North Carolina. That after his coming up to this part of the Country he was again in the service of the United Colonies – and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Cleveland with Captains Nall [probably William Nall or Noll], Gambill [Martin Gambill], Johnson [Samuel Johnson] & others – That she has often heard him speak of – but in what grade he served in Cleveland's Regiment she does not know – but thinks & believes that it was as Captain-- She states that she was born in the Hollows of the Yadkin on the East side of the Blue Ridge & never knew anything about her said Husband – until sometime after the close of the War – That she was born on the 10th day of August 1776. And that her father's name was Micajah Penington. That she was married to her said Husband the said John Barton in the County of Wilkes – now Ashe County; North Carolina – on the 4th day of September A.D. 1793 by one Daniel Holoman, a Justice of the peace. And that her name before her said marriage was Elizabeth Penington. She states that her said Husband died at his residence in Grayson County Virginia on the 3rd day of January A.D. 1839 [could be 1833]. She is herewith sends the family record of her father's family that shows her own birth-- and the record of her

own family that shows the marriage of herself to her said Husband, the said John Barton. And that these are all the records she has – or knows of except the public record of her said Husband's Service in the War of the Revolution – She states that the record of her family as to the children begins with the birth of her daughter Eady Barton who was her fourth child – That her three first children, died – two of them being stillborn & the other one living but a short time no record was made of their births – And that her said daughter Edy Barton & her said the fourth child was born on the 20 day of August 1799.

She states that her said Husband the said John Barton was much older than herself – That for many years before his death That he went very little from his Home and then but short distances-- That for many years before his death he had not been to the Court House of his County which was distant off – about 20 miles or upward-- And consequently made no application for a pension in his lifetime – though he often spoke of it and said he was entitled to a pension –[upon hearing of the pensions ?] of the old soldiers & officers of the Revolution – but that there was no person in this part of the Country to her knowledge in the lifetime of her said Husband-- That was engaged in the business of getting up the pensions of the old soldiers of the Revolution – And she states that she is totally unlearned and was ignorant of her own rights as the widow of her said Husband until some four years ago one H. Smith of Taylorsville Tennessee came to see her – and drew up some papers for her – for the purpose of as he said – giving her a pension – but that she does not know whether or not he has ever done anything in the matter – as she has not seen him since nor has she heard anything from him about said matter – she states that she is old and infirm – and entirely without any means of her own to live and as she is justly entitled to a pension from the United States on account of the services of her said Husband in the War of the Revolution for his services of at least two years as a private & three years as a Captain She therefore prays the Government to Grant her just dues.

She further states that she is quite an invalid on account of an old injury to one of her legs – and is in other aspects healthy [?] & unable to travel – That she feels altogether unable to go to the Court House of her County to make this declaration. That she has not been so far from her home in many years. That it is distant off 5 miles or upward and it is over a very bad road a part of the way could not be gone safely with a carriage & the whole distance is over a very rough Country – and is still a widow.

S/ Elizabeth Barton, X her mark

[p 3: information in the file: Bible record

Micage [Micajah] Penington [also spelled Penlinton] was Born th April 28 in ye 1743

Rachel Jones was Born Jun [June] th twelf [12th] Day in ye 1741

Micage penington and Rachel Jones was marred Jenery [January] in ye 1761 the twenty eight day

Elige penington was Born December the ninth Day in ye 1761

Micage penington was Born December th thirteenth day in ye 1763

Mary penington was Born novmber the Eight Day in ye 1765

Levi penington was Born Decmber the twenty fivgt in ye 1767

Edward penington was Born Decmber th twenty ninth in ye 1769

Rachel penington was Born Decmber the twenty five Day in ye 1771

Lesebth [Elizabeth?] penington was Born aujgt the tenth day in ye 1774

Sarey [Sarah or Sally?] penington Was Born November the 24 day in ye 1776

Johaner penington was Born the 24 day of march in the ye 1779

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 Mary penington was Born November the eight
 Day in y^e 1765
 Jenni penington was Born Decmber the
 twenty first in y^e 1767
 Edward penington was Born December the
 twenty ninth in y^e 1769
 Rachel penington was Born December the
 twenty six Day in y^e 1771
 Joseph penington was Born August
 the tenth Day in y^e 1774 - 1774
 James penington was Born November
 the 24 Day in y^e 1776
 Thomas penington was Born the 24 Day of March
 in the y^e 1777

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John Barton was Married in the year of our Lord 1793 September 4th

Eady Barton was born August 20 in the year of our Lord 1799

Isaac Barton was born May 27th in the year of our Lord 1804

Rachel Barton was born June 8 in the year of our Lord 1806

Charity Barton was born February 27 in the year of our Lord 1809

Absalom Barton was born 28th day of May in the year of our Lord 1811

John Barton was born 25 July in the year of our Lord 1812

Febby [?] Barton was Born the 1 Day of May in the year of our Lord 1814

John Barton was born 20th of March in the year of our Lord 1817

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 Day of May In the year of our Lord
 1811
 John Barton was Born the 25th
 of July in the year of our Lord 1812
 Debra Barton was Born the 1st Day
 of May in the year of our Lord 1814
 James Barton was born 20 of March
 in the year of our Lord 1817

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Benejah [illegibly faint] was born Jun the 15 day in the yr. 1782

Hanah Bolin daughter of Jesse Bolin and Mary his wife was born 28 April 1786

Mary Bolin daughter of Jesse Bolin and Mary his wife was born March 1 day 1788

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 Mary his wife was born the 28 of April
 1786
 Mary Bolin daughter of Jesse Bolin
 and Mary his wife was Born March
 the first day 1788

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State of North Carolina, County of Ashe

Be it known that on the 20th day of March 1855 personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace within and for the County & State aforesaid John Taylor Sr a resident of said County aged 86 years – who being first duly sworn according to law declares as he was informed and believes by his parents that he was born in Burke County North Carolina on the Catawba [River], and a short time before the beginning of the War of Revolution my father removed in to the County of Surry in said State just above the fork of the Yadkin River and lived there some three or four years, and during that period became very intimately acquainted with John Barton and his brother Isaac and whilst I was living a near neighbor to them at the aforesaid time John was an officer and served in the Regiment of Colonel Benjamin Cleveland for the term of two years and upwards and Isaac as a private in said Regiment served fully as long as John and at the end of the three or four years the affiant removed on the North East side of the Blue Ridge near the Virginia line and in a short time after he had settled there the said John Barton and Isaac removed and stopped near the affiant and in a short time after they had stopped to look out for homes the said John Barton went into the service as an officer in the Revolutionary war with Captain Martin Gambill & Captain William Nall and they both served until the final ratification of peace against the Tories and outliers and the disaffected men in the country and near the final ratification of peace for said John Barton and his Brother Isaac settled in Virginia near the State line where they lived and died he further states that the said John and Isaac were in several skirmishes against the Tories and robbers and the disaffected man in the country after they had stopped on the North East side of the Blue Ridge as the affiant declares that he seen them frequently out on duty John as an officer and Isaac as a private, and he further states that while living on the Yadkin River as aforesaid that he well recollects of seeing of the said John & Isaac going to the service and returning home and he states that John & Isaac was in the Battle of Eutaw and Isaac in the Battle of Guilford as he was informed and believes he states that he lived within eight or 10 miles of them up to their deaths heard them frequently talking about hardship they met with during the war – declares that the said John Barton married one Elizabeth Penlington a daughter of Micajah Penlington of Wilkes County North Carolina now Ashe County by the Justice of the peace said marriage took place in the month of September in the year 1793 he states he was not present at the then marriage though he was asked to attend and was informed the next day by those that was present and saw them lawfully married – he states that the said John and Isaac is the identical man who served as aforesaid and the above services rendered by them is of not own personal knowledge and John was the lawful husband of the said Elizabeth and that she is has remained a widow ever since the death of said John and is still his widow and he died at his residence in the County of Grayson in the State of Virginia some 10 or 11 years ago.

S/ John Taylor, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Ashe County

On this fifth day of September A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me the subscriber a justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Nancy Gambill a resident of said County aged 96 years, who being duly sworn agreeable to law declares on her oath that she formed a close and [was] intimately acquainted with John Barton and his brother Isaac Barton at the time she removed from the forks of the Yadkin River from the South East side of the Blue Ridge and from the County of Surry North Carolina and stopped on the North West side near the Virginia line, and in a short time after they stopped to look out for their homes John Barton went into the service of the United States as an officer with Captain Martin Gambill in the War Revolution and Isaac Barton went into the service as a private and they continued in service till the final ratification of peace, which was upwards of two

years she states that she is the wife and widow of Captain Martin Gambill¹ and is a pensioner and the Border of Captain William Nall, and the said John Barton & Isaac was frequently at the house of my said husband on search [? for] of the Tories and outliers and the disaffected men in the country and that the said John Barton & Isaac was in several skirmishes against the disaffected man with my said husband the said Captain Martin Gambill and being frequently at my house with my said husband and at the house of my father the said Captain William Nall and during that acquaintance with them the said John Barton acted as an officer with my said husband & father and the said Isaac as a private, and she further states that she has often heard her said husband and the said John Barton speaking of the Battles that he was again that is before they removed from the South East side of the Blue Ridge and that John was in the Battle of Eutaw and that Isaac was in the Battle of Guilford those battles I have a distinct recollection of hearing them speaking that they was in and I understood from them at different conversations that they was in the service two years and upwards before they removed from the South East side of the Blue Ridge not far from the forks of the Yadkin River – and she further states that the said John Barton & Isaac after her first acquaintance with them served two years & upwards & the said service was from her own personal knowledge and the of the service rendered by them and the said John Barton & Isaac is the identical men who served as aforesaid and the said John is & was the lawful husband of the said Elizabeth his widow, and that he was lawfully married to Elizabeth Penlington a daughter of Micajah Penlington of the former County of Wilkes now Ashe County and said marriage took place in the month of September in the year 1793 by justice of the peace she states that she was not present at the time it took place and understood at the time it took place by those that was present and saw them lawfully married and on the same day they was married that they was lawfully married and the said John Barton died at his residence in Grayson County Virginia and that John Barton acted as an officer in the Regiment of Colonel Benjamin Cleveland before he removed from the South East side of the Blue Ridge as I understood from him & Col. Cleveland after they had removed.

S/ Nancy Gambill, X her mark

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State of North Carolina County of __

On this 10th day of April A. D. 1857 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Francis Rose a resident of the County of Tazewell State of Virginia now in the 104th [could be 106th] year of his age – who after being duly sworn according to law states that in the time of the War of the Revolution that he lived on the Pedee or Yadkin River near the South Carolina line in the County of Richmond. He states that early in the said War that he volunteered in the cause of his Country – and served a large portion of said war – in the States of North & South Carolina-- That early in said war he became acquainted with one John Barton who lived up the River some distance above him – in about the forks of said Yadkin – as he understood at the time & ever since – That he thinks to the best of his recollection that when he first became acquainted with said John Barton that he was a private – he thinks under the command of General Rutherford – that sometime after – That said John Barton was promoted to a captaincy – in which command he thinks he served the balance of the war – He states that towards the latter part of said war that he understood the said Captain John Barton removed – and went up to the Western part of North Carolina, that towards the close of said war, that he also removed – to the Western part of said State – and settled on the North West side of the Blue Ridge – near the Virginia line – That he found the said identical Captain John Barton living in the same part of the Country – where he had been engaged (as he understood at the time and believes and always has so believed) in the service of the United Colonies – in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, and he knows of his own Knowledge that the said Captain John Barton did some service in said war even after the removal of this affiant to said part of

1 [Martin Gambill \(Gambrill\) W7504](#)

the said State against the Tories and outliers in the mountainous regions of North Carolina & Virginia – but in what capacity or grade he so served this affiant cannot state – but is of opinion from what he heard at the time that the said Captain John Barton had some command in Cleveland's Regiment, and he states that some time after the close of said war that the said Captain John Barton was married as he heard at the time to one Elizabeth Penlington-- of Wilkes County North Carolina – now Ashe County – and that this said Captain John Barton after his said marriage finally settled in Grayson County State of Virginia near the North Carolina line – where he continued to live – up to the time of his death – which took place some 15 or 20 years ago to the best of his recollection – and he says that his widow the said Elizabeth Barton still is living as he is informed and believes in the same neighborhood where the said Captain John Barton her husband lived & died – He states that he cannot state positively the length of the service of the said Captain John Barton in the War of the Revolution – nor the exact time he served as a private – and then as an officer but that he knows of his own personal knowledge that the said Captain John Barton as Captain served upwards of two years – and thinks to the best of his knowledge & recollection that he served at least one or two years as a private – And that he fully believes that the said Captain John Barton did serve in all as much as four or five years or upwards in said war – That he saw the said Barton many times in the service during said war both in North & South Carolina in the service and at different dates and I knew him well – And has had many talks with him since the Revolution as to things acquainted, seen &c in said war And he knows that he is not mistaken in his service as above stated – And he further states that he has no interest in any way and this matter.

S/ Francis Rose, X his mark

S/ A. M. Foster, JP

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State of Virginia, County of Grayson

On this 18th day of May A.D. 1857 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, Thomas Bennett, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, to me well known, aged about 95 years or upwards to the best of his knowledge and belief – who after being duly sworn according to law states that he was born and raised in the County of Richmond State of North Carolina, within about 3 miles of the Pedee or Yadkin River, near the Grassy Island, and near the South Carolina line. He states that he was much in the War of the Revolution, from about the year 1778 or '80, that he served mostly in South Carolina, under General Francis Marion. He states that in the time of said War, that he often saw Captain John Barton in the service. That said Barton lived up the Yadkin River above him, some place about the forks of said River as he understood at the time, that said Barton was a Captain & he thinks from what he heard & knew at the time the said John Barton had in the early part of the war served as a private he states he thinks and believes to the best of his recollection that said Captain John Barton, when he knew him, was in the service under the command of Colonel Thomas Owen and General Rutherford. He states that after the close of the war of the Revolution some few years that he removed up to the Western part of the State of North Carolina and stopped a while, then went into the edge of the State of Virginia and settled, now Grayson County Virginia. That when he came up to this part of the Country, that he found him here & living here the said Captain John Barton, whom he had seen and known in the War of the Revolution. That said Barton lived some time in North Carolina now Ashe County where he understood he married and finally settled & lived and died in Grayson County Virginia. That he heard of the death of said Captain John Barton some 18 years ago or thereabouts – to the best of his recollection – he thinks to the best of his recollection, that his wife and widow Elizabeth Barton is still living as he has been informed & believes in the neighborhood where her husband the said Captain J. Barton died. He states that he has always understood, from the first of his living in this section of the State, that Captain John Barton, did service in the War of the Revolution, in the latter part of the war and the Western part of the State of North Carolina & Virginia in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, and with

Captain Martin Gambill, but in what grades he served in said Regiment he does not know, nor does he know of if said service last named of his on personal knowledge, but that he verily believes it and is fully confirmed and the belief from what he always heard, and this part of the Country after his residence up here. That he often saw the said Captain John Barton after his residence of year and had many talks with him about their service in the said war. He states that he does not know correctly how long the said Captain John Barton, did serve in the different grades of service, but that he has often heard the said Captain John Barton said that he had served nearly all the war. And he states that he knows to his on certain knowledge that he served for two years and upwards as a Captain while he lived on the Yadkin River & before he removed up to the mountains of North Carolina & Virginia.

S/ Thomas Bennett, X his mark

S/ Randolph Collins, JP

[Thomas and William Osborn gave affidavit as to John and Elizabeth Barton living together as man and wife.]