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Pension Application of Jonathan Barrett R3
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Petition 1784

To the Hon'ble the Gen. Assembly. The petition of Amy Barrett humbly represents that her late husband Jonathan Barrett entered early in the Service of his Country as Second Lieutenant on board an armed brig belonging to the State Commanded by Capt. Edward Travis and was taken on a cruise by the British [see endnote] and carried to New York where he sustained a long and painful imprisonment of near 12 months, when he died in jail to the great grief and misfortune of your petitioner a very aged mother and two unhappy orphans who are but barely supported by her labour and industry. Your petitioner therefore prays that the Assembly will take her case into consideration and grant her the arrearages of half pay that is due her deceased husband and make such other for herself and her children as they in their wisdom and justice shall think fit & she as in duty bound will ever pray

An exact copy of a petition presented on the 3^d of December 1784. See Journal House of Delegates 1784 P51 This petition was referred to Committee of Claims but does not appear to have to have been reported on. No evidence is filed with the petition.

At a Court held for Princess Anne County at Kempsville the 9th day of December 1784
 Ordered that the Clerk certify to the Auditors of Public Accounts that Amy Barrot is the widow of Jonathan Barrot dec'd. who was taken in a vessel called the Rawley belonging to this State, and was early taken prisoner in the war and carried to New York where he soon after died &c &c

A true Copy Teste J. S. Burroughs CC
 Prs Anne County Clerks office Nov. 11th 1830

Dr. Jonathan Barrett of the Brig Raleigh

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| 1777 | | To Warrant on the | | | 1778 | | By the amount of wages & rations from the 22 ^d March 1777 to this day inclusive settled and allowed by the Auditors to Cap'n. Jno Barrett | 147 | 13 |
| Octo | 11 | Treasury Iss'd. J Barrett | 30 | 00 | Nov | 4 | | | |
| 1778 | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 28 | ditto ditto ditto | 30 | 00 | | | | | |
| Nov. | 4 | Certificate allowed by Auditors for the balce of acco't. to Capt. Jno Barrett | | | | | | | |
| | | | <u>87</u> | <u>13</u> | | | | | |
| | | £ | 147 | 13 | | | | | |

The foregoing is a true extract from an account raised, in a book, filed in this office which book is endorsed "Navy Acc'ts. Ledger from July 1776 to July 1779"
 Jos'h. Jackson clk of Accts
 Auditors office 7th Dec'r 1831.

Richmond, Dec 9th 1831

Gov. Floyd

Sir I offer herewith evidence of the rank of Jonathan Barrett whose claim for land bounty was rejected for want of such proof. The enclosed paper shows that his pay for one year and a half amounted to £147.15 which is about the amount that was allowed a Lieutenant at the end of the war as will appear by the Auditor's report to the last legislature, to be found in the Journal. A Lieutenants half pay is stated at £54.10 being £109 for a year. The Amount of £147.15 was paid to Capt. John Barrett the brother of

Jonathan, which creates the presumption that Jonathan was dead, and that presumption, by the evidence originally filed is greatly strengthened – I must invite your Excellency's reconsideration of the case. —

With the highest respect Yr. Obt. Servant J W Murdaugh

In the case of Lieut. Jonathan Barrett I have to request the executive to refer to the Journal of the House of Delegates of 1792 P85, in which the Services, rank and death of Barrett are set forth and proven by the record of the Court of Princess Anne. The Journal is to be found in the State library

April 12th 1832 J W Murdaugh

Executive Department April 18, 1832

Jonathan Barrett, or his heirs if he is dead, is allowed Land bounty as a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy for services during the war if not heretofore allowed John Floyd

Attest J. W. Pleasants

Warrant No. 7161 for 4000 acres issued to Mary Dunbar heir at law, and delivered J. W. Murdaugh 11 July 1832.

NOTES:

The brig *Raleigh* was captured by the frigate *Phoenix* in April 1777.

On 6 May 1850 Mary Dunbar wrote from Norfolk VA to the Pension Office requesting the arrearages of half pay.