

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of George Barnhardt (Bernhardt) R544A Mary fn25NC
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State of North Carolina, Cabarrus County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Cabarrus County begun & held at Concord – This 15 Th October 1832

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina, now sitting, George Barnhardt, a resident of the County of Cabarrus, and State of North Carolina, aged 72 the 6th day of February last – 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, 1832 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. “I was a volunteer in the County of Mecklenburg, and the part of the County now called “Cabarrus” for three months under Captain William Osborne Lieutenant Harris, Major Harris – Colonel Lillington. We rendezvoused at Charlotte. There was but one Regiment of us. Colonel Lillington left us after a few days – and we marched under the other officers mentioned from Charlotte N. C. through Camden S. C. to Charleston SC. We got in vessels on Cooper River & went into Charleston with them – and was there placed under General Lincoln of the Main Army – Colonel Malmeda [sic, Malmedy?]. I volunteered about the first of March 1780 – and arrived at Charleston about the last of March. Remained there under the Regular officers until the capitulation & surrender to the British the 12th May 1780. I was in the siege of that place – and was taken prisoner – and, being of the militia was put on parole, till we were exchanged or released, as the paroled read. The three months were nearly expired when I was taken prisoner. I remained a prisoner till after the three months and was exchanged and never returned. I served out the full term of my service, three months, I was afterwards drafted in Mecklenburg County North Carolina [in the] month of September 1781 – under Captain William Gardener – Lieutenant Robert Patterson – Ensign Peter Quilman, -- Major James White, Col. Phifer – (till we reached Black River in N. C.)-- then Colonel Loftin [sic, Lofton?] – General Griffith Rutherford was drafted for three months – went under these officers to Wilmington North Carolina – where we deposited a number of Tory prisoners that had been taken on our route to Wilmington. I served out this three months and was regularly discharged by Captain William Gardner in the month of December 1781. I served in all six months – was three months a volunteer & three months a draft – I was born on the 6th day of February 1760 as on record in my family register in the County of Mecklenburg (now Cabarrus) where I now live on the same plantation. I have lived there ever since as well as before the Revolution. I have lost or mislaid my discharges. I have no documentary evidence of my service. I refer to Thomas Campbell¹ as to my three months service to Charleston – and as to the tour to Wilmington I refer to A. Alexander² & Paul Walter.³ I have no documentary evidence of my service – and as to my character & their belief of my services I refer to General Paul Barringer⁴ & C. Melcher Esq.. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Geo. Bernhardt [sic]

Questions propounded by the Court to George Barnhardt

Question 1st When and in what year were you born?

Ans: was born in the County of Mecklenburg (now Cabarrus) in the month of February 1760

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

1 FPA S8169

2 [Abram \(Abraham\) Alexander S8013](#)

3 FPA S7821

4 [Paul Barringer R564](#)

Ans: I have a record in a boat at home

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: Always on the same plantation, in what is now called Cabarrus County

Question 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I was a volunteer once – then I was drafted

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I do not remember the names of any of the regular officers except General Lincoln who was at Charleston – I was in the siege of Charleston – was taken prisoner – I was also in the expedition to Wilmington N. C.

Question 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: When a prisoner at Charleston, I received a parole – and when I went to Wilmington N. C. after my time was out, I received a discharge from Captain William Gardner. Both are lost or destroyed so that I cannot find them

Question 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: I refer to General Paul Barringer & C. Milchor

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

We Abraham Alexander and Paul Walter do hereby certify on oath that we knew George Barnhardt in the service to Wilmington under General Rutherford that he served three months that we were with him

S/ Paul Walter

S/ A. Alexander

I Thomas Campbell do hereby certify on oath that George Barnhardt was in the siege of Charleston – was in the service with me in the same company – he served through his three months and was put on parole.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Campbell

[Paul Barringer and Christopher Melchor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On July 18, 1843, Joseph Barnhardt, son of George and Mary Barnhardt, filed in Cabarrus County, NC, on behalf of himself and other heirs of George and Mary Barnhardt stating that his father was a pensioner of the US at the rate of \$20/year; that George married Mary Mitchell in late 1789 or early 1790; that George died February 5, 1833; that Mary died May 12, 1841; that his mother never remarried but remained the widow of his father until her death.]

[Catherine Yeoman and Mrs. Elizabeth Cook gave supporting affidavits.]

[facts in file: Mary Barnhardt died survived by the following six children: Joseph, Paul, George F., Solomon W. Barnhardt, Susan Barnhardt who married one Jacob Seamon & Sally Barnhardt who married one James Cline.]