

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Barrett: R558

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State of No Carolina } Wheas on the 25th day of May 1836
Buncombe County } Personally appeared before us (Henry Hunt & A Blackstock Two
acting Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid) John Barrett a resident of the county &
state aforsaid aged eighty four years old, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on
his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an act of congress
passed the 7th of June 1832

That he entered the servis of the united states, under the following named officers, &
served as herein stated;

That he entered the servis of the united states as a privet soldier, in the militia, & as he
now believes, a volunteer sometime a bout the first of January 1781, in Henry county, in the
state of Virginia, under Captain Geo Hairston, & marched to north carolina, Guilford county,
where he joined the main army, he thinks under the command of Col. or Gen'l. Lawson [Gen.
Robert Lawson in the southern army commanded by Gen. Nathanael Greene], from thence he
was marched to Ramsour's Mills [probably Ramsey's Mill on Deep River, tributary of Cape Fear
River], & there to cape fear, where his term of servis had expired, it was then required that
each captains company should furnish a certain number of men, which was done by
volunteering. This declarant was then discharged by his captain, which discharge is in the
following words & figures, Towit,

"1781 apr'l, 23^d I hereby discharge John Barrett a soldier in my company of militia orderd,
Henry county which has faithfully served a Tour of duty

Geo Hairston capt."

which discharge is here Transmitted; This declarant then Returned Home to Henry County
Virginia, where he remained untill he thinks about the last of May or first of June 1781 when
he again was drafted or volunteered, under Captain Eliphas Shelton, to suppress & Take some
out layers or Torys as they were then called. he was then marched to Hambys on Maho [sic:
Mayo] River in Henry county Va, where they stayed untill the last of June or first of July, when
the enemy dispersed & this declarant returned Home, but not being discharged They was
imediately ordered to march to a place caled Rhoda Moores in the hollows of Dan River [in
present Patrick County] where they took some prisoners they stayed there a short time, the
enemy again became scatered & the Troops again Returned home, with orders to be in
readiness to march at a moments warning, & in a few days they was informed that a partie of
Toris or out layers was in the settlement off Hudgepaths, on Dan River, where he again
marched under the command of the aforsaid Capt to the above mentioned place on Dan River
where they caught several out layers, routed the Tories, & after a short time Returned home.
Their Term of time having expired, they was then discharged by the Capt, he believes verbally,
with a promise of a writen discharge when the company could be again called together, which
this declarant dont recollect was ever done. this was about the last of Septr or Octr 1781. he
recollects that some man was employed to make some arrangements with the soldiers in Capt
Sheltons company afterwards, respecting their servises, but cannot recollect whether it was to
give them their discharges or not. - this declarant was in one or two more short expeditions
against the out layers, But cannot recollect how long nor at what time as he has no
documentary evidence of his servises, except the discharge he has here transmitted, nor could
he have made any correct statement of the time of his servis under Capt Shelton until since he
found his discharge from Hairston, & by the date of that he is enabled to be he thinks correct,
in the time & date of his servis under Capt Shelton, as he thinks it was imediately after the
Tour performed under Capt Hairston, in Aprl. 1781. This declarant from extream old age,
disability affliction, neglect & the consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect all the
particulars of his servises as to the name & rank & grade of all the different field officers, men
& places; his discharge had been filed away with other old papers many years since, which he
was unable to find untill recently; & he had disparied of making any application for a pinsion

as he was informed & believed it would be useless unless his servises could be identified, & he knows of no person living that he could prove his servises by. he is confident that he has served as a soldier, in the War of the revolution, not less than the time he has stated (but Believes that he served longer) for which he claims a pension. he here by Relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity, only the present one, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

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