

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Thomas Barron R565

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State of Georgia, County of Jackson

On this 25th day of October, personally appeared in Open Court, before the Inferior Court of said County being a Court of record now sitting Thomas Barron 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 & served as herein stated.

He is in the Seventh Sixth year of age, he enlisted in the service of the US in Edgecomb [sic, Edgecombe] County North Carolina under Captain Gripin Cofield shortly after the Commencement of the war, he was then about 18 or 19 years of age. He enlisted for nine months for service in North Carolina, South Carolina or Georgia as circumstances might require. General Jones of North Carolina was to have commanded the Regiment, but being sick the command devolved upon Colonel Abram Shepperd. The Regiment was encamped for some time on Cross Creek in the neighborhood of the Scotch Tories, who being considered peaceful at that time, the Regiment was marched to Camden South Carolina to await further orders from Head Quarters at Charleston. No orders however arrived before the expiration of his service, and this deponent was discharged after having received full pay for his whole tour of service. He was in no further personal service. He answers to Questions asked by the Department as follows:

1. I was born in Edgecombe County North Carolina near the town of Tarborough on the 15th of May 1757.
2. I have no record of my age – was told it by my father.
3. He has given an answer to this question above.
4. He volunteered at the first instance & served in person nine months as above stated – was afterwards drafted for nine months & hired a substitute instead – was never a substitute for anybody else. Upon his furnishing a substitute he was discharged regularly from service by Col. Robert Bignal in writing which discharge was burnt up in the year 1782. He was drafted a second time for three months & hired a substitute again & received a discharge from Colonel Henry Hart which has been lost.
5. He never knew any regular officers or if he did he has forgotten them.
6. I have above accounted for the discharges received for substitutes – the discharge for my nine months personal service was given by Col. Abram Shepherd & was burned up about the year 1782 at the same time mentioned that my discharge was burned which was given by Col. Bignal.
7. John Border, Joseph McLester Alex Morrison

He has no documentary evidence & knows no person by whom he can substantiate his claim. He hereby declares that he has no claim to any pension or annuity except this one & his name is not upon the roll of any State. He also states that since the revolutionary war he has resided in Georgia & now resides in Jackson County in said State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Thos Barron, B his mark

S/ Joseph Hampton, JIC

S/ Aug. J. Brown, JIC

S/ David Witt, JIC

[David C. Barron, son of Thomas Barron and wife, Obedience, was born February 15, 1779.

Thomas Barron died March 28, 1836

Thomas and Obedience were married on January 8, 1778.]