

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of David Bazwell R645

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State of Tennessee, Williamson County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions April Sessions AD1833

On this 11th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open court now sitting before us William Johnson, Christopher E. McCoroney[?] Gilbert Marshall justices of the court of pleas and quarter sessions held for the county of Williamson in the State of Tennessee aforesaid David Bazwell a resident of said county and state aged 74 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of an act of Congress passed the 7th day of June AD 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

I was born in Virginia Mecklenburgh [sic, Mecklenburg] County in the year 1759 where I lived when I first entered the service substituting myself in the place of William Minor, into Capt. Green's Company. This tour was when there was a call for men to go to Norfolk, but I do not recollect the time, we were marched on towards Norfolk crossing Mahesia [?] River in Ottaway [sic, Nottoway?] county and had arrived near Dunwiddie nearly 100 miles from home when we were informed the British had left Norfolk. We then returned home. I served in this tour at least half a month.

While living at the same place, I entered as a substitute in the place of one George Stanback. I was stationed at Taylor's Ferry on Roanoke [River] under a Continental Lieutenant by the name of Vowles[?]. I served thirty days here guarding the magazine. I do not recollect the year in which this tour took place from the loss of memory and distance of time.

My father then removed with me to North Carolina, Person county.¹ We were all numbered and classed in this county. Soon after my arrival it came to my turn to fight for my country. I entered into a company under the command of Capt. Frederick Hargas [sic, Hargis], and Lieutenant Witherford. We marched to Hillsborough where we remained stationed guarding the General Assembly of North Carolina from invasion by the enemy. I served here until the three months, for which I had entered, expired, when I got a discharge for a tour of three months service. It was signed by the Capt. last mentioned. After this I returned home, when having remained a short while I was called upon again by lot to serve my country. I entered into a company commanded by the same officers, viz Capt. Hargis and Lieutenant Witherford. We marched to the same place Hillsborough to guard the Assembly again. We remained here in service three months when I was discharged again by my Capt.. They were both signed by Hargis. I do not recollect the time when these different tours took place. I do not remember whether I got any written discharge or not in my Virginia tours. I sold one of my North Carolina discharges to Col. Murphey for fifteen shillings soon after the termination of the war. I sent the other by one Benjamin Douglass to an auction of muskets and Cartridge boxes that he might buy me a musket. He did so and gave in pay my certificate of service. I know of no person living who can prove my service as stated. My younger brother John can prove my leaving home and my returning in my different tours. I recollect of no officers except those mentioned who were with the troops where I served. While I was in my first or second tour at Hillsborough (N.C.) the battle of the Eutaw Springs took place in which my brother Robert was mortally wounded and soon after died.

I have not any record of my age it being destroyed. I have no documentary evidence of my service. I mention John Page, David Lamb, George Moppin [sic, Maupin] and Jesse Warren to whom reference can be had as to my character for veracity and their belief of my service in the

¹ Person County was not formed until after the Revolutionary War in 1791. It was formed from Caswell County, which was formed in 1777 from Orange County, NC. Most likely, applicant lived in Caswell County, NC at the time he describes in his application.

revolution. I know of no person who can prove my service as stated. My brother knew when I went into service and when I returned.

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or an annuity whatever except the present and declare my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. I came to Williamson County in the state of Tennessee about 11 years ago from Person County North Carolina, I have lived in Williamson ever since and live in said county at this time.

Sworn in open court 11th April 1833-

S/ David Bazwell, X his mark

We Samuel Dunaway and William Warren residents of the county and state aforesaid do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with David Bazwell who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be 74 years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn in open court, 11th April 1833.

S/ Samuel Dunnaway

S/ William Warren

I John Bazwell aged 62 years a resident of said county and state make oath, that I have been acquainted with David Bazwell my brother ever since I can recollect anything. I have read his declaration and have the best reason in the world to know it is true, except having seen the facts therein contained. I was too young myself to serve, but I know of my brother leaving home and his absence, and the reputation of his being in the service also of his return home. I know also that he was in the service when another brother Robert was mortally wounded at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs.

Sworn in open court 11th April 1833.

S/ John Bazwell

S/ Thos Hardner, Clerk

[Widow, Susan Bazwell, filed for a pension May5, 1840 in Maury County, Tenn. She states she married David Bazwell on June 29, 1793; that her husband died on December 29, 1846.]

[Samuel Dunnaway of Davidson County, Tenn. Gives an affidavit that he knew David Bazwell and his wife, Susan Price for 50 years, that they were married in Caswell County, NC on June 29, 1793.]

[Susan Bazzell, widow, files another affidavit in Maury County, Tenn. Dated September 16, 1849.]

State of Tennessee - Davidson County.

Personally came before me John B. Hodges an acting Justice of the Peace for said County of Davidson Samuel Dunnaway of the county and State aforesaid, and after having been sworn in due form of law, deposeth and saith, That in addition to his affidavit, stating the time when the marriage of David Bazwell and Susan Price took place in the State of North Carolina of County of Caswell, on his creek, that deponent was personally acquainted with the aforesaid David Bazwell and Susan Price, for six or seven years before their marriage, and at the time when they were married, said deponent went in company on to William Moore a Methodist Parson, who married the aforesaid David Bazwell and Susan Price and since said Marriage said deponent has been acquainted with the above named David Bazwell and Susan, his wife - with the exception of a few years -- up to the time that David Bazwell died, deponent furthermore states, that the reason why he has so correct an idea of the circumstances connected with the marriage oath of the aforesaid David Bazwell is in consequence of having married the sister of said David Bazwell.

Sworn to and subscribed this 11th day of November 1840 before

S/ John B. Hodges JP Davidson County.

S/ Samuel Dunnaway