

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Barnabas Fair S12895

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State of Alabama Tuscaloosa Circuit & County

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D.1832 personally appeared in open court before Anderson Crenshaw Judge of the Circuit Court of Tuscaloosa County now sitting Barnabas Fair a resident of Alabama in the County of Tuscaloosa in the third Judicial Circuit aged seventy-four or seventy-five 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 Act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

Col. Campbell [William Campbell] commanded, the Lieutenant Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] were colonels of the Regiment, Captain Minor Smith, Lieutenant Samuel Houston, Ensign Oliver Charles, subordinate officers – that he entered the service as a drafted militia man for three months, that he was then about 19 years of age and the time he entered the service was in the fall of the year, pretty early in the season, though the particular day is not now recollected. That he served in said Regiment under the officers aforesaid in the Battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780], that in this service he [illegible word, could be 'accrued' or 'incurred'] no wounds nor was he in any engagement but this during the time. That Captain Smith who commanded him at nearly the first fire was shot through both his cheeks, but survived. That at the end of his service aforesaid he was discharged, but if it was done by a writing, he does not now remember it, at any rate if he got a written discharge he has so mislaid or lost it that he knows not what has become of it. He is however sure he served his full time & honorably returned to his father's residence.

This affiant was born in Pennsylvania about sixty miles from Philadelphia as his parents have told him & while very young his parents removed to the State of North Carolina Surry County, from which place he was drafted as above set forth, that, that part of Surry as it was then known has by a deviation of the County now the name of Stokes. After the Revolutionary war was closed, he removed to South Carolina Pendleton District at which place he resided until the year 1818 when he removed to this State and settled in the County of Tuscaloosa where he has ever since resided.

That after the expiration of his first service he was again drafted for eighteen months, he thinks the next succeeding fall to his former draft, & being under the control of his father & his services being required at home, his father rather than spare him hired a Substitute at the price of Seventy pounds.

When Cornwallis was marching through North Carolina with his Army, this affiant was again called into service, but the date he is unable to remember but refers to History for that fact nor does he remember for how long a time he was called out. He is inclined to the belief that a call was one of an unlimited character for the protection generally of the Country. He was present under this call at the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], not though immediately in the action, owing to Captain William Bostick who commanded the company getting sick & not bringing them into action. General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] commanded as General that part of the troops to which this affiant belonged – and shortly after, he went in pursuit of the Tories in the up Country – upon which expedition this affiant was frequently engaged in scouts and small encounters or skirmishes but no regular or serious battles against them, [illegible word, could be “and”] in fine [?] he during the whole war until the close of it was called upon and acted as a militia man ready & prepared for service.<sup>1</sup>

During this period it became a part of his duty to be one of a guard or escort for the Representatives of the State of North Carolina when they assembled at the Moravian Towns in Surry County.

This affiant states that he has as before stated no written discharge within his power, nor is he able to prove by anyone in this part of the Country that he knows of the services he has rendered in the Revolution, but relies upon the truth of his own statement, and a character for veracity which he hopes is unsullied.

In stating the instances of his service, he has not heretofore spoken of any Regular officer particularly. It will be seen he was at no time but at the battle of Guilford under the command of regular officers <sup>unless there were some at Kings Mountain</sup>. In that battle [sic, Guilford] the commander in chief was General Greene [Nathanael Greene at the battle of Guilford Court House]. He also states, that to put his whole service together, he does not know precisely what length of time it will make, but it is a good deal more than two years.

He has no Register of his age. His father kept one, and he has kept an account from it so as to bring his age to the number of years he first stated.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832.

S/ Barnabas Fair, X his mark

S/ John M. Jenkins, Clerk

[Thomas A. Smith, a clergyman, and John L. Tindall, John O Cummings gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Alabama, Tuscaloosa County

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Barnabas Fair, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades: For three months as a private soldier in the militia, for 18 months in the same grade, and as a minute man as a private in the militia until the close of the War about three years more and for such, I claim a Pension: Given under my hand & seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 1833.

S/ Barnabas Fair, X his mark

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<sup>1</sup> The latter part of this sentence is transcribed as it appears notwithstanding the fact that it makes no sense.

S/ Samuel Frierson, J. P.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia.]