Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Barnet [Barnett] S12971 fn15SC
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State of Alabama Perry County

On this 6th day of September 1833 personally appeared in open Court -- before the Honorable Dunklin Solomon Judge of the County Court of the said County of Perry and State of Alabama now sitting Thomas Barnet a resident of the said County of Perry and State aforesaid aged sixty-nine years who being urge 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 the 7th of June he or he. That he entered the service of the United States under a remained off and served as stated viz.:

That he first entered the service of the United States as a drafted man in the Spring of the year 1781 or in a company commanded by Captain John Goin in the Regiment commanded by General Andrew Pickens in Spartanburg District in South Carolina; That he was marched across the Savannah River at the Shallow Ford and down to Augusta in the State of Georgia where we remained but a short time being in pursuit of the British Army who declined an engagement with us we continued the pursuit to Charleston in South Carolina; failing to be engaged with the British we were ordered back for the purpose of guarding a frontiers which was at that time in great danger the Cherokee Indians; That on his return he was confined for a considerable length of time by sickness so that being unable to perform active military service he was thrown into a Fort -- where he continued to perform such service as he was able under Captains John Goin and Francis Prince until the fall of the year 1781 when he was discharged having served four months. That he again entered the service as a drafted man in the fall or winter of 1781 in a company commanded by Captain Hampton & in a Regiment commanded by Colonel John Thomas [John Thomas Junior] and marched on an expedition into the Cherokee nation and continued in service during this tour two months that -- he was not engaged in any battle; That he never received a written discharge from the service; that he resided when he entered the service and during the continuance of the war in Spartanburg District South Carolina that -- he has no recollection of the names of any of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where he served nor of any names of any of the Continental or Militia regiments where he served that -- he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by group his services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Interrogatory first by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer -- I was born from all that I can learn from my family tradition on this 6th day of March 1764

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

Answer -- I have no record of my age

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

Answer. When called into service I lived in Spartanburg District South Carolina; From thence I removed into Franklin County Georgia from thence I removed in 1805 to the Tennessee River in the State of Tennessee from thence back to Franklin County Georgia; from thence to Morgan County in the same State; from thence to Montgomery County Alabama and from thence into Perry County Alabama in 1820 where I now reside

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

Answer. I was drafted at each time I entered the service I was never a substitute nor did I ever volunteer.

Interrogatory 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.

Answer. I do not recollect the names of any of the Regular who were with the troops where I served I have no recollection of the names or descriptions of any of the Continental or Militia Regiments where I served; The general circumstances of my service was in marching against the British and Indians and in garrisoning forts & stations

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

Answer. I never received a written discharge.

Interrogatory 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.

Answer. I am known to the Reverend John Tubbs Senior William Saunders Enoch Chapman Peter Sinclair Esquire John Saunders and William Tubbs & Robert Carter all of whom now live in my neighborhood testify as to my character for veracity and good behavior. I know of no person who can testify as to my services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid

S/ J. B. Nave, Clerk

S/ Thomas Barnet, X his mark

[John Tubbs Senior, a clergyman, and Charles Heard gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of 20 dollars per annum commencing March 4th,, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]