

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of James Barnes S1746

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[spelling corrected]

State of Tennessee, Davidson County

On the 25th day of October 1832 Personally appeared in open Court Before William Williams, Jesse Wharton and Enoch P. Connel Esquires Judges of the Court of Pleas & quarter sessions for the County of Davidson at Nashville now sitting James Barnes a Resident of Davidson County State of Tennessee 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 Day 1832 that he was born in the State of Virginia on the 23rd Day of February 1761 agreeable to the Record furnished me by my Father and moved to Edgecombe County North Carolina where I was raised and on the 20th Day of June 1778 I took the oath of allegiance agreeable to Law in Edgecombe County North Carolina and on the 15th Day of November 1778 I Entered the Revolution war as a Drafted Militia man & mustered into service in the Town of Tarborough under the Command of Captain Lee, Absalom Barnes Lieutenant & Benjamin Barnes Ensign & Colonel Thomas Eaton & Colonel Eatherton [?] Major Linch [sic, Lynch?] & Major Horn we then Marched from Tarborough to Kingston [sic, Kinston] on Neuse River then we Marched to Elizabeth [Town] on Cape Fear River there we Joined General Ashe [John Ashe] & General Briant I think 1500 or 2000 Militia there we stayed some days then we Marched to Munks [sic, Moncks] Corner in South Carolina there we drew some provision we then Marched to the Ten Mile House there we drew New French Muskets & left our old Guns that we set out with from home then we Marched for Bacon's Bridge then we Marched to Jacksonborough on the Savannah River then Marched on the north side of Savannah opposite to Augusta where the British had Possession of the Town in a day or two the British Marched off towards Briar Creek then we Marched about half a days March towards Briar Creek and Captain John Wolfington [?] & his Company overtook us with about 20 men that had deserted our Camps at or near Jacksonboro they were tried by a Court martial & whipped then we marched down to Briar Creek Bridge there we Camped one day & one hundred men were sent under Captain Lee to Guard the Baggage Wagons across the Savannah River again and we were three days on this Expedition & Just as we Returned again to Camp & had begun to Cook our dinner the British fell on our Pickets in the Rear of the Army & the Battle Commenced & we were defeated & myself & 255 Men were taken Prisoners then the British Marched us to Dogester [sic, Dorchester?] then to Savannah Town there the British staid three days & we were sent down the River in boats to Tibe [sic, Tybee] inlet there we were put on board of the Prison Ship called unificence[?] there we stayed on board of her about two months then we were transferred to the Prison ship Dorety [sic, Dorothy?] there we stayed three days & was transferred to the Prison ship Betsy and while on board of the Betsy the American & French Fleet hove in sight we were Run of the River to Savannah Town and was there on board of the Betsy on the 9th Day of October 1779 when the Battle was Fought & Pulaski killed after that we were all taken round to Charleston & about the 15th day of November 1779 I was Exchanged in Charleston & on the 24th day of November 1779 I was permitted to return home by order of General Linkhorn [sic, Benjamin Lincoln] signed by Will Jackson ADCamp [sic, aid-de-camp?] as per Discharge herewith enclosed there I stayed in Charleston two weeks before I drew any pay & then I drew \$70 Continental Paper and set out for home & in about four weeks I reached home in Edgecombe County North Carolina – and again on the 10th day of February 1781 I was drafted to serve a second tour of duty as all our Militia or Company had served or was on duty I was in the first Class & all the first Class had to go at that time I was sick & application was made to Captain Phillips & he gave me a Furlough to stay at home until I got well which was about the last of March I Joined Captain Northington's Company at Yeats Bridge on Tar River in Edgecombe County under Colonel Linton several of our Country men that Ran off at the Battle of Guilford were again Mustered into service &

obliged to serve several months for their disobedience there we Marched to Colonel Long's in Halifax there we stayed two or three days & drew our Guns & marched to Chatham Court House there these disobedient Militia were all Returned to Colonel Pink Eaton there were five or six of us who were not Returned deserters that were sent down to Ramsay's Mill on Deep River & put under Captain Brown Colonel Allen & General Butler he had Taken 9 [?] British Prisoners but all had escaped but two we staid there about two weeks then we Marched to Wake Court house there we stayed the Balance of our time & was discharged by Captain Brown & I sent my discharge to the General Assembly of North Carolina to get my pay & the Assembly kept my discharge & sent me a Certificate for thirty pounds prock [sic, proclamation?] money of North Carolina – again on the 31st day of August 1781 our Class were called on to Furnish a Militia man & we hired Jacob Edward[s] to serve that tour of duty & again on the 7th day of July 1780 to our Class were called on to Furnish one of their Militia man & we hired Lemuel Edward[s] to serve that Tour of duty in both these I paid my part &c. I moved from Edgecombe County North Carolina in the year 1798 and have lived in Davidson County in the State of Tennessee ever since where I now live & I know of no person by whom I can prove my service in the Revolution except Benjamin Barnes who Deposition is herein enclosed I hereby Relinquish all Claims whatever to a Pension or an annuity Except the Present and I further declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ James Barnes

Sworn to & subscribed in open court October 25, 1832.

Test S/ Henry Ewing, Clerk
of Davidson County Court

Chas. Town Nov. 24 1779
James Brown is permitted to return
home. By order of General Lincoln
S/ W. Jackson, A.D. Camp