

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of David Barnett S17826

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State of South Carolina, Greenville District

On this 10th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting David Barnett a Resident of Greenville District and State of South Carolina aged 77 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 the seventh day of June 1832 that he entered the Service of the United States in the Year 1779 under the following named Officers and served as herein Stated, under Captain Berry Turner in the militia as a Substitute in the place of David Warmuck [sic, David Womack?] for six months under Colonel William Moore, and marched from Caswell County in the State of North Carolina where he then resided to the battle of Stono in South Carolina and was in that battle, Served out the term and returned home, we being discharged by Captain Turner which he has lost. And in the year 1780 he again entered the Service of the US under Captain George Samuel in Caswell County North Carolina and served under General Gates, Colonel & Major not recollected, marched to Camden South Carolina and was in the battle when Gates was defeated, after which he rallied at Hillsboro North Carolina Served out the six months the term for which he entered the Service the last time and was discharged in the Waxhaw Settlement. That in the year 1781 he volunteered for six months in the State of North Carolina and joined a company of mounted infantry and joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and on meeting with an offer hired John Hudgins [?] as a Substitute who served out the tour and brought him a discharge which is lost; That after the militia were classed and every four allowed to hire one Soldier for 18 months which should serve as a six months tour for that he and three others hired a Substitute for the 18 months, and paid him and got a discharge for a six months tour, the Substitute was named John Henry Prior. Then in 1782 he was drafted for three months under Captain Harges [sic, Shadrach Hargis] who commanded at Hillsborough and served the tour out at that place as a guard for the public store, And that he volunteered in 1782 under Captain Arch. Deacon for the term of three months for the purpose of guarding the crossing place at Dan River, but does not recollect how much of the term he served.

And I hereby Relinquish every Claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency of the State of South Carolina, Sworn and Subscribed the day and Year aforesaid.

S/ David Barnett

S/ J. McDaniel, C. G. D.

South Carolina, Greenville District

Captain Thomas Ponder¹ swears before me that he is well acquainted with David Barnett who has signed the foregoing Declaration for a pension and that he knew him in the Revolutionary War and that he served with him a three months tour in the Service of the United States, at Hillsborough in Orange County in the State of North Carolina.

Sworn & subscribed to before me the 10 October 1832.

S/ J. McDaniel, C. G. P.

S/ Thomas Ponder, X his mark

[Nathan Berry, a clergyman, and Thomas Ponder gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina, Greenville District

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the District of Greenville David Barnett who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that by reason of old age and the

¹ FPA W21906 (name also spelled Pander)

consequent loss of memory he cannot specify positively his services but to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the capacity of a Private --

He first substituted himself in the place of David Warmuck [sic, Womack ?] for six months in North Carolina Caswell County, under Captain Berry Turner in the Spring of 1779. The troops rendezvoused at Caswell C. House under Colonel William Moore and marched into South Carolina. At Haw River the militia fell under the command of General Butler. This was in North Carolina – near Stono in South Carolina the militia had an opportunity of volunteering and entering the Infantry. He there volunteered and was placed in the infantry under the command of Captain Goodwin and Colonel Malmedy. The duty of those volunteer Corps was to watch the movements of the British who were then at Stono. He was in the battle of Stono under the above named officers. After the battle the troops retreated back to their former camps where he again fell under the command of Captain Berry Turner and marched under his command to Camden where he was discharged in writing by Captain Turner. He served this tour six months as above stated and returned home.

The second Tour he entered the service in the summer of 1780 under the command of Captain George Samuel. He was drafted for six months. The troops rendezvoused at Caswell County N. C. and marched to General Gates Army in South Carolina. He was in the battle of Camden. After Gates defeat he troops fled into South Carolina and rendezvoused at Hillsboro. He still remained under Captain George Samuel after the troops rallied. He remained some time at Hillsborough and was then marched into the frontiers of South Carolina under the command of Major Parks and having served out his tour of six months he was discharged at the Waxhaw Settlement by Captain Samuel.

The third tour was in the year 1781 in a company of mounted Infantry but he served a very short time and hired a substitute as stated in his original Declaration. He also, with four others, hired a soldier for 18 months, as stated in his declaration which was to exempt them from six months duty.

The next tour he was drafted for three months under the command of Captain Shadrach Hargis for the purpose of guarding the public stores at Hillsborough N. C. This tour was performed in the summer of 1782. He served out this tour of three months and was discharged.

He again volunteered in 1782 under the command of Captain Archibald Deacon for three months for the purpose of guarding the crossing place on Dan River. He served this tour not less than one month and was discharged. In all he was in actual service one year and four months as a private and for such services he claims a pension. He served four tours – (two of six months one of three months and one of one month) besides hiring substitutes for two other tours as stated in his original declaration.

He has no documentary evidence and knows of no one whose testimony he can procure as to his services except Thomas Pander whose affidavit is attached to the original declaration. He was born in Lunenburg [County] Virginia in the year 1758 [could be 1755]. Has no record of his age, but his birth was registered in the County of Lunenburg. He lived in Caswell County when he entered the service and since the Revolutionary war he has lived in North & South Carolina where he now lives. He was not acquainted with any regular officers or Continental regiments. He received a discharge for each tour but has lost them. He is known in his present neighborhood to Esq. Springfield, Petty Pool and others who will testify as to his character for truth and their belief in his services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed this the 22nd day of September in the year of our Lord 1834.

S/ David Barnett

S/ J. McDaniel, C. C. P. & Ex. off. J. Q.

South Carolina, Greenville District

Personally came Captain Thomas Ponder before me the subscribing Justice, in and for the district of Greenville, who being duly sworn makes & saith, that he served 13 months tour of duty during the Revolutionary War with David Barnett in the company of Captain Shadrach Hargis, which

company was stationed at Hillsboro in North Carolina for the purpose of guarding the public ammunition &c at that place. That the said David Barnett served in this tour of three months as a private as above and the militia of North Carolina – in the spring & summer of 1782.

Sworn to & subscribed this the 20th day of January 1836.

S/ Lewis H. Dickey, JP

S/ Thomas Ponder, X his mark

State of South Carolina, Greenville District

On this 1st day of February in the year of our Lord 1836 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Ordinary for Greenville District now sitting David Barnett a resident of Greenville District & State of South Carolina aged 81 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers & served as herein stated. He was born in Lunenburg County State of Virginia in the year 1755 July 31. He was living in Caswell County North Carolina when he entered the Service of the United States.

1st He first entered the service marched first in the year 1779. He substituted himself in the place of one David Wormack [sic, Womack] in a company commanded by Captain Berry Turner in the Regiment under the command of Colonel William Moore. He rendezvoused at Caswell Court House & marched thence into South Carolina. We passed through Guilford, Salisbury & Charlotte, on arriving in South Carolina and there was a call for light Infantry & two companies were formed. This deponent joined one of them which was commanded by Captain Goodman & in the Regiment under the command of Colonel Malmedy a Frenchman. At Haw River the troops fell under the command of General Butler of North Carolina. Thence they marched into the lower part of South Carolina. There they joined the troops under General Lincoln. Remained some time in Lincoln's Army before the Battle of Stono. Was in the Battle under Captain Goodman & Colonel Malmedy. In this Battle the American troops were forced to retreat, which they did to their old encampment where they remained for the purpose of giving the British another thrust but they went off. This deponent remained with Lincoln's Army until the term of service for which the North Carolina militia had been called out expired. The troops were then marched back into North Carolina & there discharged. This deponent received a written discharge – from Captain Berry Turner the officer under whom he first started. In this tour he served six months which was expressed in his discharge.

2nd He was drafted for six months in the Spring of the year 1780 under Captain James Oadum [sic, Oldham?] & Major Parks & was ordered to join General Gates Army. The militia started from Caswell C. House & marched into South Carolina where they joined the American Army under Gates some time before the Battle of Camden. He was in the battle of Camden. After this Battle the militia dispersed & scattered over the Country. A portion of the troops rallied at Hillsboro in North Carolina. This deponent did so under the command of Captain James Oadum. This company & some other portion of the militia were dispatched to the Waxhaws in South Carolina where they remained until their term of service expired. He was there discharged & returned home. He served this tour six months. He received a written discharge from Major Parks.

3rd He was again drafted in the spring of the year 1781 under Captain Shadrach Hargis for three months. This company was ordered to Hillsboro for the purpose of guarding the public stores of arms, ammunition &c. He remained the whole of this tour at Hillsboro for the purpose of above mentioned. At the expiration of his term he was discharged by Captain George Samuel. He served this tour of three months.

4th He volunteered some time before the Battle of Guilford under the command of Captain James Archdeacon & was marched towards Dan River for the purpose of meeting the British under Cornwallis. But after remaining some time on Dan River the troops were permitted to return home. Whilst in this deponent was at home the Battle of Guilford was fought. He served this expedition one

month.

In all this affiant served four tours amounting to one year and four months as a private in the militia of North Carolina & for such service he claims a Pension.

In reply to the questions propounded by the court He says -- 1st he was born in Lunenburg County Virginia in 1755 July 31st. --2nd Has no record of his age at present -- 3rd He was living in Caswell County North Carolina when he was called into service. Since the Revolution he has lived in North Carolina & South Carolina & now lives in Greenville District South Carolina --4th He was drafted twice, substituted himself once for David Womack & once volunteered --5th He does not recollect the names of any regular officers except General Lincoln & Gates, nor does he remember the numbers of any Continental regiments --6th He was regularly discharged three times but they are lost, & have been long since -- 7th He is known in his present neighborhood to Captain Springfield & Esq. Pool who will testify to his character for veracity & their belief in his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He has no documentary evidence of his services at this time. He knows of no one but Captain Thomas Ponder, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He can prove by Captain Pander the tour of three months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim what ever 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 the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jno. Watson, Judge

S/ David Barnett

[Leroy McWhorter, a clergyman and John Moore gave the standard supporting affidavit.]