

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Barnes: S44313

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On this 8th day of June 1818 before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the circuit court of the U. States for the said district, personally appeared John Barnes aged 69 years, resident in New York but now in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war;" that he the said John Barnes came to the United States in the month of June 1780 as a private of Hussars in the French army under Count Rochambeau, and was received by Gen'l. Washington at Newport, Rhode Island, and then and there joined the American Army under his command, that he continued to serve in the American Army as a Hussar of the French Auxiliaries until after the capture of Cornwallis [at Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781] where he was wounded that after this event the American Army returned to the North and at Wilmington in Delaware he this declarant received his discharge from the French Service and retired altogether from the army until after the peace of 1783, since when he has served in various corps of the army 24 years. That the period of service in the revolutionary war about two years of continued & uninterrupted Service. That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of assistance from his country for support, and that he hath no other evidence now in his power of his said services.