

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Thomas Barnett S8041

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[spelling corrected for ease of reading]

[State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County]

On this 28th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina, now sitting Thomas Barnette, a resident of the above named County, aged 74 years and after being duly sworn agreeable 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.

I was born in Orange County N Carolina in the year 1759. I Entered the Service of the United States in the Spring of 1779 as a substitute in place of James Stuart, we were ordered to Hillsborough & there rendezvoused in the County of Orange North Carolina under William Harden Capt Thomas Barnette Lieut., Hugh Barnette Ensign, I was orderly sergeant Col Little [sic, Archibald Lytle] of Orange County was our Col., Major Dixon our Maj. William Saunders, adjutant, we were Kept there between one and two months waiting for orders, and then sent home until called, Staid some time at home and in the same summer was called under the same officers & when Collected was marched towards South Carolina and when we came to the South Line three months was near Expired and a number refused to cross the line & some did not, we were then marched to the City of Charleston, I Served three months & ten days after we went into South Carolina and was discharged in the night in a Severe thunder Storm to Keep the Enemy from Knowing our Regiment was discharged the Enemy was then in sight But had not stopped the passage by Land into the town, my discharge for this tour I have lost, In the year 1781 I went to Guilford County N.C. to see two Brothers who lived there. They were Raising a Company of Horse to suppress the Tories who were doing great damage at that time in the County of Guilford & Chatham N.C. I then substituted myself in place of a man by the name of Michem for three months under Capt James Robinson Lieut. John Barnett Ensign William Barnette, Col Literal [sic, probably James Luttrell] was our Col., Major Knight our Major, and when the British under Lord Cornwallis Came to Hillsborough I was taken prisoner by a party of Tories under the Command of Col Piles [sic, Doctor John Pyle] who commanded about three Hundred men, I was Rescued by Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's] troop of Horse before He got to the British Camp. I then joined Col Malmody [Francois Lellorquis Marquis de Malmady (also Malmedy, Malmèdy)] on Haw River who was pursuing some Tories & served my tour out and was discharged, But this discharge is also Lost, In June 1781 I turned out volunteer in a troop of Horse for three months under Capt Harralson, Lieut. Martin Ensign Stephen Stuart, I was orderly sergeant, we marched into South Carolina & joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] marched with him on to the Eutaw Spring & was in the Battle on the 8th September, was sent in the time of the engagement to Guard about three Hundred Prisoners we had taken, we Guarded them on to Salisbury Rowan County N.C. we then left them marched on home & was discharged, this discharge I have also lost - I served in the whole some few days over twelve months, nine months of which time I was orderly sergeant, I have no documentary Evidence to Establish my Claims, having long since lost my discharges. I hereby relinquish Every Claim whatever to a Pension or annuity Except the present under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1732 and declare my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State Interogatories put by the Court-

Where were you Born, I was born in Orang County N C.

In what year were you Born-

In the year 1759. Agreeable to the record Kept by my parents

Have you any record of your age, yes in my Bible

Where did you Enter the Service, In the County of Orange North Carolina

Where do you now reside, In the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina, which I removed to in the year 1799.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this day of May 1833

S/ Thomas Barnett

State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

Personally appeared in open Court now sitting for the County & State above written Isaiah Dewese aged 70 years and after being duly Sworn doth on his oath say he was personally acquainted with the applicant Thomas Barnette and lived at his, Thomas Barnett's father's during some part of the time which said Barnette was in the Service and distinctly remembers him being in two tours the one to Charleston the other in the Counties of Chatham & Guilford in the Last he was taken prisoner by the Tories.

Sworn to & subscribed this 28th day of August 1833.

S/ Isaiah Dewese

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

Personally appeared in open Court now Sitting for the County & State above written Hezekiah Dewese¹ aged 75 years and after being duly Sworn doth on his oath say that he saw Thomas Barnette twice in a troop of Horse in South Carolina during the war of the revolution in the year 1781 a short time before the Battle of Eutaw Springs.

Sworn to & subscribed this 28th day of May 1833.

S/ Hezekiah Dewese

[Walter S. Pharr, a clergyman, and James Doherty, residents of Mecklenburg County, NC, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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