Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Barnes VAS2393

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[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

Lt John Barnes/ Bounty Land claim

The heirs of John Barnes pray an allowance of Bounty Land for his services as a Lieutenant of Infantry, Continental Line, for three years.

Copy [several illegible words]

Affidavit of Ezekiel Powell of Nansemond, Va.

The affiant being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that he was well acquainted with John Barnes of said County and State, that he, the affiant, and John Barnes both lived in the same neighbourhood in the lower parish of Nansemond County that the said John Barnes enlisted as a private in the Virginia Continental Army soon after the revolutionary war commenced, the affiant thinks in 1776, and was shortly afterwards promoted – and the affiant further saith to the best of his recollection, that the said John Barnes did not retire from service until after the surrender of Cornwallis at York [19 Oct 1781], about which time he returned home – The affiant distinctly recollects that the said John Barnes returned about that time. Sworn to and subscribed this 14th day of Oct'r. 1833. [signed] Ezekiel Powell

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 7th day of June 1783, in the name of John Barnes as Lieut of Infantry for £562.19.1, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to (name not mentioned) and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 23^d day of [undeciphered] 1833. [undeciphered signature] AUDITOR.

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 8th day of Nov 1783, in the name of John Barnes as a Soldier of Infantry for £15.12.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to [undeciphered name] and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 23^d day of [undeciphered] 1833. [undeciphered signature] AUDITOR.

NOTE: The file also contains a copy of an account in the name of John Barnes that is mostly undeciphered but shows officer's pay from 1 May 1777 to 31 Dec 1781.