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Pension Application of Robert Barnett R538

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The Deposition of Abraham Eastus [sic: Abraham Estes, pension application S12878], taken at the Hangingfork Post Office in Lincoln County Kentucky on the 11th day of October 1834 to be read as evidence, to the Secretary of War, or such other person as may be appointed to read the same, in behalf of the claims of the children and legal heirs of Cap't. Robert Barnett deceased [see endnote], upon the war Department, for military services rendered by their aforesaid deceased father. The Deponent being of lawful age and first duly sworn deposes and saith,

That he is about 70 years of age and became acquainted with Capt Robert Barnett of Lincoln County Kentucky in the month of March 1781, Barnett being then Captain of a Company of Militia under Col Benjamin Logan.

Deponent further states that he subsequently, in March & April 1782, served a months tour of duty under Capt Robt. Barnett to the falls of the Ohio River [at present Louisville] and aided in erecting a fort. Deponent further states that he well recollects of Capt Robert Barnett being at the burying of the dead after the battle of the Blue Licks [19 Aug 1782], under Ben. Logan. Deponent was then in Capt Martins Company and further Deponent saith, That he well recollects of Captain Robert Barnett being on Gen'l. Clarkes [sic: George Rogers Clark's] two months campaign against Pickaway [Piqua] (the principle town of the Shawnee Indians) in October and November 1782, Deponent having been also there, under Captain Martin. And further Deponent saith not. [signed] ABm. Estes

The Deposition of Benjamin Briggs [pension application S30889], taken at the Hangingfork Post Office in Lincoln County Kentucky on the 11th day of October 1834 to be read as evidence, to the Secretary of War, or such other person as may be appointed to read the same, in behalf of the claims of the children and legal heirs of Capt Robert Barnett dec'd. upon the War department, for military services rendered by their afs'd deceased father. – The deponent being of lawful age and first duly sworn deposes and saith.

That he emigrated from Virginia, and settled in Lincoln County Kentucky in the latter part of the year 1777, and has been a resident of afs'd State and County since that time – that he is now in the 70th year of his age – and that he was well acquainted with Capt Robert Barnett, who emigrated also from Virginia first in 1778 and after having returned to Virginia, came back with his family and settled first at Bells Station in – now – Madison County Kentucky [3 mi from Paint Lick Creek]. That after the breaking up of Bells Station by the Indians, Capt Robert Barnett removed and settled Barnetts Station, so called, in the present County of Lincoln within one mile of Deponent.

The Deponent further saith that Capt Robert Barnett was Captain under Col. Benjamin Logan on the Expedition to the Blue Licks and that Deponent was in Capt Barnetts [sic] Company – that we arrived at Blue Licks on the 20th and aided in burying the dead and rec'd a credit for a months tour.

The Deponent further saith that Capt Robert Barnett was Captain under Colonel B. Logan and Deponent in Capt Barnett's Company, on a two months tour against Pickaway one of the principle towns of the Shawnees, that we rendezvoused first at Bryants Station and subsequently joined Gen'l. Clarke at the mouth of Licking: about the 1st of October 1782 was the rendezvous at Bryants station and joined Clarke about the 3rd of November at mouth of Licking.

Deponent further states that he has no distinct recollection of the precise dates of the rendezvous at Bryants Station and subsequent joining of Gen'l. Clarke at the mouth of Licking, but has given the above dates by a calculation made from a pay Roll of Capt Barnett's dated 3rd Nov 1782. The dates are however from the best of his recollection, correct.

Deponent further states that Capt Barnett was throughout the whole expedition against the Pickaways in

command of his company —

Deponent further states that he was enrolled in Capt. Barnetts Company and Continued in the same, performing occasional tours of duty, and occasional scouts, from the time Robert Barnett was commissioned Captain until the conclusion of a treaty of peace in 1783.

Deponent further states the residence of Capt. Robert Barnett during the whole time of his services as captain save such campains and tours as he was occasionally called on by superior officers to perform was fixed at Barnetts Station – so called, from having been settled by him.

And further Deponent saith not.

[signed] B. Briggs

NOTE: A document in the file states that Robert Barnett died on 31 May 1834 and was buried the next day at Barnett's Station. Robert Barnett's children and heirs are listed as follows: Ann Barnett, Hannah Barnett, William P. Barnett, and Robert Barnett, all of Lincoln County.