

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James P. Barnett S12963

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State of Kentucky Lincoln County Sct.

On this 22nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Lincoln County Court, State of Kentucky, now sitting, James P Barnett, a resident of Lincoln County, State of Kentucky, aged Seventy 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 in the Virginia Militia as a substitute for his father John Barnett under the following named officers and served as herein stated –

That he served a Tour of Three months under Captain John Leak a man by the name of Martin [James Martin] he thinks was the Colonel & John Jones was the Lieutenant – that he served in the year 1780 in the winter he thinks that it was the duty of the Company in which he was to guard a Public Magazine in Guilford County North Carolina pursuant to the Command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] to preserve it from the Tories, that there were no public officers or regiments stationed near them, that they marched only from one part of Guilford County to another in which they were stationed, that there was no regular discharge in writing, but they were relieved at the expiration of their term of Duty at the public Magazine, that he was in no Battle.

That he entered as a volunteer again in the first part of the month of March 1781 under the command of Captain John May, Martin was the Colonel & he thinks a man by the name of Hunter was the Major General Nathaniel Green was the Commander in Chief, Colonels Washington [William Washington] & Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] commanded the Cavalry, that he resided in Guilford County North Carolina when he volunteered, that they were marched backwards & forwards maneuvering through the County until the American Army under General Green encountered the British Army under Lord Cornwallis at Guilford Court house, that he was in the Battle under the officers of his Company, that the Battle was fought as near as he can recollect about the middle of March 1781 [March 15, 1781], that he served a Tour of three months and was discharged by Captain John May at Captain John May's own house on Dan River, he states that he has lost his discharge. That in the same year he emigrated to the District of Kentucky, then part of the State of Virginia and came to Logan's Fort –

That in the spring of the year 1780 to about the month of May he entered the service as a substitute for George Murrell in pursuance of an order from Colonel Logan

[Benjamin Logan] to relieve Estill's Fort which was threatened by the Indians, Captain Estill having lately been defeated & killed by the Indians with 18 or 20 men, that he served a tour of one month and was verbally discharged by Captain John Woods the commanding Officer at Estill's Fort –

That in the month of June or July, he does not recollect which, 1782 he volunteered under Captain Robert Barnett, Benjamin Logan was the Colonel and marched to the Blue Licks in the District of Kentucky, for the purpose of burying the dead that had been killed by the Indians in the Defeat of Colonel's Todd [John Todd] & Triggs [Stephen Trigg] at the Blue Licks [August 19, 1782] and that he served a tour of one month when they were discharged –

That in a few days after in the summer year 1782 he substituted for Lazarus Cotton and marched from Barnett's Station in Lincoln County under the command of Captain Kirkum , Colonel Jack was the Colonel to Bullit Licks [Bullitt Lick] for the purpose of guarding the salt works at [that] place, which was the only place where salt could be procured in the Western country and which was constantly menaced by the Indians, where he remained doing duty for one month, when they returned to Lincoln County and were discharged in the usual manner by their officers.

That in the month of October 1782 he volunteered under Captain Robert Barnett, John Logan was the Lieutenant Colonel & Benjamin Logan was the Colonel, and went on for was called General Clarke's [George Rogers Clark's] 1782 campaign up the Big Miami [River], they rendezvoused opposite the mouth of Licking River where Cincinnati now stands when they marched up the Miami to the old Shawnee Town where they had a Battle and defeated the Indians. General Clark commanded and Benjamin Logan was the Second in Command, that on the same day about two hours by sun Colonel Logan conducted an expedition of about one hundred ten men volunteers & marched about Twenty-two miles to an Indian town in which there was a French store, that they surprised the Town and captured some prisoners and returned to the main body under General Clark, that they then marched back to the mouth of Licking where they crossed the Ohio [River] & were discharged so soon as they crossed and proceeded home, and that he served a Tour of Sixty Days or two months.

That in the fall or winter of 1782 he volunteered under the Command of Captain John Woods and marched from English's Fort to the Cumberland mountain to guard the emigrants from the state of Virginia to the interior of Kentucky which was made a part of their duty by law, and that they were engaged in this service for one month when he was discharged by his officers.

That he was born in Amherst County State of Virginia in 1762. That he was taken in North Carolina to Guilford County when he was young, that he left North Carolina in 1781 and came to Kentucky directly after the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, where he has remained ever since.

He would state that in the month of May 1783 he went in a volunteer expedition under Colonels Benjamin Logan, John Logan & Isaac Shelby, Captain Robert Barnett to expelled an inroad of some northern Indians who had encamped on the Sandy River – that they marched to the Camp of Indians who retreated and abandoned the country before they could be overtaken, he was about one month on this expedition –

He states that he has served he thinks in the public service about Thirteen months, he states that he has no documentary evidence of his services, whatever but states that he can prove the greater part of his services by Mrs. Ann Hall, Joseph Hall, Benjamin Briggs, and Abraham Estes.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the agency roll of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James P Barnett

We Joseph Hall, Ann Hall, Benjamin Briggs & Abraham Estes hereby certify that we are well acquainted with James P Barnett who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be Seventy years old, and that he is reputed & believed in the Neighborhood in which he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

And the Deponent Ann Hall upon her oath states that she knows of James P Burnett having served in the revolutionary war. That he served as a substitute for his Father John Barnett & that he was under the command of Captain John Leake and that he served a Tour of three months as guard over the public Magazine in Guilford County North Carolina, which she thinks was in the year 1780, and that she knows of his having served a second Tour of three months under the command of Captain John May in the spring 1781 and that he was in the battle of Guilford Courthouse as he has stated in the above declaration, as she was living in Guilford County at the time and had a personal knowledge of his services.

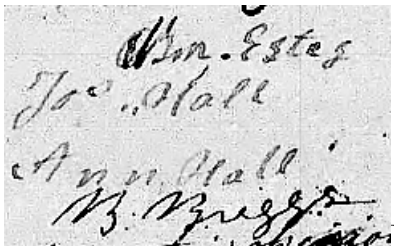
And the Deponent Benjamin Briggs¹ upon his oath states that he knows of the Tour of Duty performed by James P Barnett at Estill's Fort in 1782 of one month and that he performed a tour of one month under Colonel Logan to the Blue Licks in June or July 1782 and that he served with the said Barnett a Tour of two months on what was called General Clark's 1782 Campaign against the Indians on the Miami and he knows of Barnett's being engaged in guarding the Emigrants from the Cumberland mountains under Captain Woods.

S/ B. Briggs

And the Declarant Abraham Estes² states upon his oath that he knows of his Tour to Blue Licks & to Bullits Licks and he likewise knows of his Tour on Clark's Campaign in 1782 as he has stated in his declaration as this Deponent was with him in all the expeditions & Tours he has specified.

And the Deponent Joseph Hall³ upon his oath states that he knows of James P Barnett having served on the expedition under Colonel Logan & Shelby on the head waters of Sandy River in the month of May 1783 & also in the expedition from English's Fort in the Fall or winter of 1782 to protect the Emigrants through the wilderness from the attacks of the Indians.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



Wm. Estes
Joe. Hall
Ann Hall
B. Briggs

¹ [Benjamin Briggs S30889](#)

² [Abraham Estes S12878](#)

³ [Joseph Hall S13302](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the North Carolina and Virginia service.]