## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Christian S15276

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State of	Virginia	}	to wit
County	of Mathews	}	

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Mathews County now sitting John Christian a resident of Mathews County and State of Virginia aged seventy one years, who being first duly according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was under Capt Peter Barnett [Peter Barnard (Barnett, Bernard), pension application R19356], Richard Davis Lieut. Geo. Thomas [George Thomas] Ensign, Colo Sir John Peyton, Major Throgmorton [probably Robert Throckmorton], Major [Thomas] Boswell, were the field officers, he entered the service as soon as he was sixteen, about 1777, he left the service about 1781 - he was in some little skirmishes about Point Comfort, he resided in Kingston Gloucester County when he entered the service and has resided there ever since his discharge – he entered as a malitiaman, he was never drafted, he stood a draft but got clear he never marched out of the County, he was kept on guard on the coast of what is now Mathews, he was not acquainted with any regular officers he did not serve with any of the continental troops he has no documentary evidence to show when he entered or left or how long he served, the year before Cornwallice came to York [sic: Cornwallis, 1781] he was kept on guard nearly all the summer at Point Comfort, the same year he did come he was stationed first at Hubbards Old field where there was a standing encampment from there they marched down to Wire Church [sic: Ware Church] and thence to Seawells old field - he was taken sick at Seawells Old field and had to return home, he was born in Kingston Parish Gloucester County in 1761 October 16<sup>th</sup> – he has a record of his age at home — He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on a Pension Roll of any Agency of any state. [signed] John Christian

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Mathews in the State of Virginia John Christian who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot now swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection it was not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades to wit: For three months I served on guard at N. Point Comfort under Capt Peter Barnett in the year 1780 he was ordered out by the Colo of the County – For three months I served on guard at N. P. Comfort under the same officer called out by like order in 1781. For three months and — days I was stationed at Hubbard's Old field when the whole Gloucester militia was called for [blank] days at Gloucester Ct House. For two months and [blank] days at Seawelle's old field and Gloucester Town – I was on actual duty during the whole of the different periods herein mentioned and was not engaged in any civil employment during the time. I do not recollect the number of out regiment, it was commanded by Colo Sir John Peyton – I was a private all the time – For such periods of service during the Revolutionary War amounting to eleven months and — days as a private militia-man I claim a Pension. There is no clergyman in my neighbourhood whose certificate I could obtain.

[signed 2 Oct 1833] John Christian [Isaac Smith (pension application S11427) and Josiah Pew (W5586) signed supporting depositions.]

[On 12 Nov 1833 Christian deposed as follows regarding Peter Barnard (Barnett, Bernard) R19356:] I well remember when the said Peter Barnard marched to the north and when he returned. In the course

of the summer of the year seventeen hundred and eighty one, after his return from the north he entered the Militia service, and was stationed at Hubbard's old field near the dividing lines of the counties of Gloucester & King & Queen, at which time I was a soldier in his company. Just before the siege of York I was taken sick – obtained a furlough and came home – when I left the Company, I left Capt. Barnard in command of it, and believe he continued to command it, till after the siege – after which he came home and I do not know that he ever went into the service again. I was in service in Capt. Barnard's Company at Point Comfort before we went to Hubbard's field. I think we removed from Point Comfort to Hubbard's old field about the month of August, seventeen hundred and eighty one. The said Barnard died three or four years after the close of the war. I have a perfect recollection of the circumstances of his death, for I lived with him at the time – assisted in carrying him to his grave, and helped to bury him.

NOTE: A document in the file states that Christian died on 6 July 1838.