

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Franks (Barret) S2223

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State of Tennessee

January Term 1835

Washington County

First Judicial Circuit

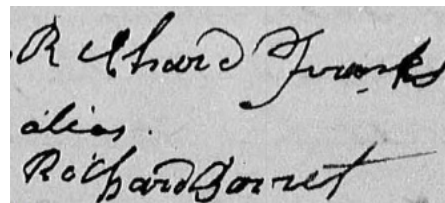
Be it remembred that on this 3^d Monday [19th] of January 1835 Before the Court of Pleas &c for said County personally appeared Richard Barret a citizen of Yancy [sic: Yancey] County State of North Carolina but who resides near the state line & most convenient to Jonesborough [sic: Jonesboro] Tennessee the seat of Justice of Washington County & being desireous of availing himself of the provisions of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1831 made & subscribed the following declaration to wit that he served in the Revolutionary war under the following named officers and at the times & periods stated towit. That being born in the County of Louden [sic: Loudoun] State of Virginia 4th of March 1754 according to the tradition of his Ancestors, and his father after his birth haveing removed to Pittsylvania s'd State where he was principally raised he in the Spring of the year 1776 (thinks in the month of May) in the County & State last aforesaid enlisted into the Service of the Country in the line of the state under Capn. Thomas Dillard for the term of two years the Number of the Regiment not now recollected, but was that in which said Thomas Dillard acted as Captain & Peter Purkins [sic: Peter Perkins] was Col – that after his enlistment as aforesaid he was marched to a point opesite Gwynns Island [Gwynn Island], known by Stove point [in Middlesex County], [then to] James Town where he with the Company of s'd Dillard guarded against the Negroes running to and joining Dunmore under his proclamation [offering freedom, 7 Nov 1775] after which service on the Departure of Dunmore [from Gwynn Island, 11 Jul 1776], he with Dillars Company was marched to the Western borders of Virginia to repel the hostile incursions of the Cherokee Indians who had assembled in great bodies in the the borders & at the Long Islands [at present Kingsport] now Tennessee & was with the Company put under the command of Col Christy [William Christian] at the Long Island flats & there remained a considerable time, & marched to the Cherokee Nation under Capt Herd [sic: Jesse Heard] & Lieutenant Choice [probably Ensign Tully Choice, pension application W3774], after Capn Dillard had resigned (owing to sickness) & had gone home, that in the expedition against the Cherokees in which he was [Evan] Shelby & Christy had the Command, in which service he continued the remainder of 1776 (after leaving the James Town service) and 1777 and when he had fulfilled his two years service & was dismissed service by Captain Herd & returned home to Pittsylvania. at this lapse of time he has no distinct recollection as to the obtainment of a Discharge, but if obtained has lost it.

He states that in addition to the Two years which he served close service in the years 1776 - 7 as before stated, he served Two terms of three months each in the Militia of Virginia, one tour as a substitute for John Barret, who hired him as a substitute in 1778 to perform said tour, & did serve under Col Christy on said expedition of three months to the Cherokee Nation & was discharged at the expiration of his time verbally & returned home but the officer under whom he then served as his immediate Cap'n he has forgotten. The other Tour was in 1782 [sic: 1781] to go to york Town when Cornwallis was on his march thro Virginia to that place he then volunteered for three months & served until the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] & was marched into North Carolina to Salisbury to intercept him on his march to Virginia [Feb 1781] & missing to meet with his army pursued back a different route & made for the place of action but was discharged oweing to the news of the surrender reaching them

That he is now aged Eighty one years of age, & made application to court & had his papers perfected to send on for pension in 1832 but were as he has understood miscarried by mail & residing as he does in the mountains dividing N Carolina from Tennessee, & distant from the seats of Justice he had not received information thereof until recently, & hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state, and he

hereby declares that after the most diligent search & enquiry he is unable to ascertain that any is living by whom he can establish his services in whole or in part but that of Benjamin Dillard whose testimony is attached & who resides in Washington County Tennessee & is the cause in part of attending at said place to make out his claim. That he has no record evidence of his age, but the tradition he has given he believes to be true.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this day & year first before written.

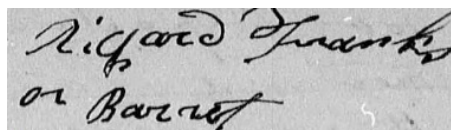


Richard Franks
alias
Richard Barret

State of Tennessee March Term 1836
First Circuit of the State

Be it remembered that on this fifteenth 14th day of March 1836 before the Honorable Samuel Powel Judge &c appeared Richard Franks (alias Barret an applicant for pension & whose declaration was presented to the war Department & returned for amendment, and in amendment & explanation thereof made & subscribed the following towit. That he in his statement of being a Citizen of Yancy County North Carolina omitted to fully explain, that he had no family of his own, – part of his children resideing in Yancy & part in Washington Counties, at the time of makeing his declaration he was in Yancy tho, he has since returned to his children in Washington as his permanent abode & that the same ought & in truth have been regarded as his home, tho in setting forth the facts, and it happening that he was then in Yancy it was so stated by the draftsman.

As regards his service in the regular service set forth by him he cannot be mistaken, He enlisted as stated for two years under Capn Thomas Dillard & served under him until s'd Dillard resigned, which he thinks was about seven or Eight months, when he was put under the Command of Jesse Hurt, & Col Christy, under whom he served out the remainder of his two years & which service, with that set forth in the militia, he faithfully perfirmed as stated in his original declaration, & to which he has reference, and again appears to be true.

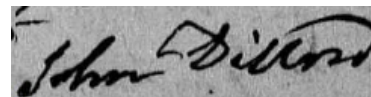


Richard Franks
or Barret

Georgia Rabun County August 18th 1836

Honoured Sir In answer to your letter to Me Dated august 2nd 1836 all the satisfaction I Can give you at this time is as follows I Believe in the Month of Febuary 1776 That Richard franks Inlisted in the minute Service In the County of Pittsylvania in the State of Virginia under Capt. Thomas Dillard and that he Richard franks served one Tower against the British at guinns Island in the State of Virginia and at That time I was taken Sick and there was orders came for us to be taken against the Indians so I was left and Mr Capt. Hurd took Command of the men and I Believe that Richard franks served a tower then under the Same Inlistment, and as to your serving A Tower for John Barret I know nothing about at this time.

The Expedition against the Indians was Under Colo. Christy
[John Dillard S31649]



John Dillard

NOTE: A document dated 26 April 1836 states that Benjamin Dillard had died before his signature could be obtained on a declaration.

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Franks Richard

VA
(Barrett)

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[p2] Tennessee (Jonesboro) certificate 30.589
Richard Franks, aka Barrett
Of Washington County
Private under Capt. Dillard six months, Virginia line
Issued 27Apr1836 @ \$20/annum

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State of Tennessee
Washington County January Term 1835
First judicial circuit

Be it remembered that on this 3rdMonday of January 1835 before the court of pleas &c for said county personally appeared Richard Barrett a citizen of Yancy County State of North Carolina but who resides near the state line the most convenient to Jonesborough Tennessee the seat of justice of Washington County & being desirous of availing himself of the provisions of the act of congress passed the 7th day of June 1831 made & subscribed the following declaration. To wit: That he served in the Revolutionary war under the following named officers and at the times & periods stated. To wit: That being born in the County of Loudon, State of Virginia on the 4thof March 1754 according to the tradition of his ancestors and his father after his birth having removed to Pittsylvania as^d state where he was principally raised. He in the Spring of the year 1776 (thinks in the month of March) in the county & state last aforesaid entered into the service of the country in the line of the state under Capn. Thomas Dillard for the term of two years. Number of the regiment not now recollected but was that in which said Thomas Dillard acted as Captain & Peter Purkins was Col. That after his enlistment as aforesaid he was marched to a point opposite Gwynn's Island known by Stone Point, Jamestown where he with the company afsd Dillard guarded against the Negroes running

[p4] to and joining Dunmore under his proclamation. After which service on the departure of Dunmore he with Dillards company was marched to the western borders of Virginia to repel the hostile incursions of the Cherokee Indians who had assembled in great bodies in the borders & at Long Island, now Tennessee I was with the company put under the command of Col. Christy (William Christian) at the Long Island flats & there remained a considerable time & marched to the Cherokee Nation under Capt. Herd & Lieutenant Chelsee [?] after Capn Dillard had resigned (owing to sickness) & had gone home. That on the expedition against the Cherokees in which he was Shelby &Christy had the command in which service he continued the remainder of 1776 (after leaving James Town service) and 1777. And when he had fulfilled his two years service & was dismissed service by Captain Herd & returned home to Pittsylvania. At this lapse of time he has no distinct recollection as to the obtainment of a discharge but if obtained he has lost it. He states that in addition to the two years which he served above service in 1776-7 as before stated, he served two terms of three months each in the militia of Virginia, one term as a substitute for John Barret who hired him as a substitute in 1778 to perform said term & did serve under Col Christy on said expedition

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That he is now aged eighty one years of age & made application to court & had his papers _____ to send on for pension in 1832 but was as he has understood miscarried by mail & residing as he does in the mountains dividing N Carolina from Tennessee & distant from the seats of justice he had not received information thereof until recently & hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state and he hereby declares that after the most diligent search & enquiring he is unable to ascertain that any

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Richard Franks
Alias
Richard Barret

[county certification
James Sevier, clerk
Samuel Green, Deputy clerk]

[p8-9] 15Mar1836 supplemental declaration in response to objections by the war department Richard Franks residence is near the border between NC and Tennessee and with children on both sides, which side is uncertain.

Richard Franks is adamant that he served over two years.

Certified by John Ryland, Washington County Clerk
William B Carter, congressman]

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I certify that after drawing the declaration of Richard Franks alias Barret, I drew the affidavit of Benjamin Dillard, a Revolutionary pensioner setting forth that the said Dillard served in the capacity of a private with Richard Franks, within names, which affidavit I brought on (& as I thought) filed with the papers in the pension office. I can now state that the same cannot again be renewed as Dillard is dead tho the fact is (as stated above) herein true that B Dillard expressly proved the statement made by the declarant in his declaration

April 26th 1836

John Blair

P.S. he B Dillard expressly stated the service to have been entered upon under Capn Dillard for two years tho he did not know when Franks was discharged but served with him until the B Franks was transferred to Christy.

J.B.

[Benjamin Dillard declaration](#)

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Georgia, Rabun County, August 18th 1836

Honored Sir, In answer to your letter to me dated August 2nd 1836 all the satisfaction I can give you at this time is as follows: I believe in the month of February 1776 that Richard Franks enlisted in the minute service in the County of Pittsylvania in the state of Virginia under Captain Thomas Dillard and that he Richard Franks served one tour against the British at Guinn's Island in the State of Virginia and at that time I was taken sick and there was orders came for us to be taken against the Indians so I was left and a Mr Capt Herd took command of the men and I believe that Richard Franks served a tour then under the same enlistment. And as to your serving a tour for John Barret I know nothing about at this time. The expedition against the Indians was under Col. Christy.

[county certification

Robert Woods, JP

James Blakley, clerk

John H Sloan, judge]