

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Barnes S6569

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State of Mississippi, Madison County

On this 28th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Nicholas Callahan Judge of the Orphan & Probate Court of the County aforesaid now sitting Solomon Barnes a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy years now passed his nearest neighbors are Zachariah Ratliff, John Ratliff, David Hailey, John Austin & John Cole, 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 when he was very young, being only 17 years of age. He therefore cannot recollect with precision many things which have transpired that might be important here to be declared. Besides though only 70 years of age he is much broken in Constitution and enfeebled in memory and the energies of mine he once had yet he will herein declared the facts that have made a lasting impression on his mind and will offer the affidavit of the Reverend Henry H. Hill a resident of said County and the affidavit of David M. Fulton who is now a citizen of this County and from his boyhood was a near neighbor to him Solomon Barnes in Sumner County State of Tennessee and he will be able to procure the affidavits of Colonel Samuel Gwin & Col. Anthony Shelby of Hinds County of this State who were also his neighbors in Sumner County Tennessee – to sustain the true [sic, truth] of some facts in the Declaration & their entire confidence in the veracity of said Solomon Barnes. That he was born in the County of Bartee [Bertie] State of North Carolina some time in the month of December A. D. 1762. The record of which (which is in his father's family Bible) he has not seen for many years and where it is now is he has no idea it having fell into the possession of some of other members of the family. That he lived in that County & State until some time in the month of December 1799 at which time he left & removed to the County of Sumner & State of Tennessee where he constantly resided until November 1831 at which time he removed to this County where he has lived ever since.

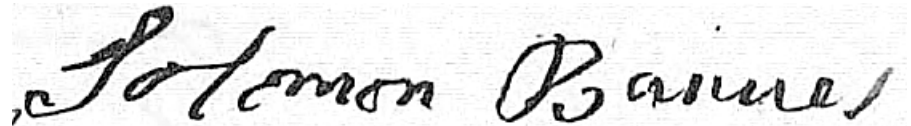
He further declares that he entered the service of the United States in May or early June 1780 under the command & in the Company of Captain Francis Pugh in the County of Bertie State of North Carolina, as a volunteer to serve for the term of nine months which service he performed for he did not leave the Army until late in March 1781. Shortly after joining the service he marched in Captain Francis Pugh's company with Charles Barber his lieutenant in the second Regiment under the command of Colonel John P. Williams [John Pugh Williams] through North Carolina into the State of South Carolina a little while after getting into that state they became scarce of provisions and were compelled to tarry some time at one Douglin's or Jooselin's Mill waiting for supplies, after the receipt of which they marched under the Command of General Gates [Horatio gates] towards the enemy during which time the Army was joined by a great number of light horse men which were the only regulars except some Continentals under Colonel Howard [John Eager Howard] that he recollects of and indeed he is not certain they were. He thinks however they were called two years man. He don't recollect who they

were commanded by. The Army and he with them met the British at Camden South Carolina about the middle of August and had with them a very severe Battle on the 14th, 15th, 16th or 17th of the same month 1780 which contest terminated in our defeat. Our Army retreated – we crossed the Pedee River at what was then called the White House and halted & remained some time at the hanging Rock. From this we proceeded to Salisbury North Carolina & thence to Hillsborough where we received the [illegible word, looks like “squandering”]¹ Army & some reinforcement. He then went to Charlotte where we remained until late in December or early in January at this place some time about the last of November or first of December General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] took command of the Army [December 2, 1780]. On leaving this place the Army was divided. We went to Cheraw Hills where we remained until it was understood that the other detachment had fought & gained a Victory at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781]. Shortly after this battle & news we joined with our friends the Victors & went into the State of Virginia, where we were joined with a reinforcement. We then returned to North Carolina and about the middle of March 1781 we arrived & stationed ourselves at Guilford Court house, at which place a few days after our arrival we had a desperate fight [March 15, 1781] with the enemy, but were compelled to retreat after a severe struggle. The Affiant was not in this engagement he was a short distance off stationed to guard the wagons & baggage. The Army did not retreat far shortly after this battle we were marched to Orange County at which place this Affiant received his discharge from Captain Pugh and returned home. His discharge he supposes he must have lost he has not seen it since these times nor did he ever think it would be of any use to him & therefore did may not have taken the care of it that he should have done. He cannot now recollect any of the officers but those already mentioned. These are the isolated facts impressed upon the mind of the Affiant declared as well as his memory serves him in the form of a history of the events & occurrences of his tour of service. He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ Wm Balfour, Clk

S/ Solomon Barnes



By S/ Samuel D. Livingston, Dept.

[Henry H Hill, a clergyman, and David M Fulton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[A. B. Shelby and Samuel Gwin gave testimony in Henry County Mississippi that they were well acquainted with Solomon Barnes in Sumner County Tennessee for many years and that they considered him a man of respectability. Their affidavit is dated February 9, 1833.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]

