Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Barrow W1533
Transcribed by Will Graves

Susanna Barrow f62NC 9/17/09 rev'd 8/28/14

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State of Kentucky, Pulaski County Court

On this 16th day of September in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of Pulaski County State of Kentucky, now sitting as a Court, William Barrow, a resident of Pulaski County State of Kentucky aged Seventy-one years, the 8th day of January 1833, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that while a Citizen of Guilford County North Carolina, in the month of August or September 1780, he was drafted as a militia man for a three months Tour in the Company of Captain George Pearce, Robert Moore Lieutenant that the Company was attached to and made a part of the Regiment of Colonel Moore, according to his present recollection, after the Company was rendezvoused, we were marched to the Waxhaw Settlements and were occasionally separated and detached into small parties, and served in detachments at several places in South Carolina in scouting & spying we were under the Command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] until Gates defeat, we were then under General William Davidson [William Lee Davidson] was in during the time no General engagement with the Enemy, but was in several such engagements and skirmishes as are incident and common to scouting parties, he served out fully the three months, for which he was drafted, and was regularly discharged at a place called New Providence, as he now thinks in the State of South Carolina [sic, North Carolina], he received a discharge in writing, but by whom signed, he does not now recollect and which discharge long anterior to this, has been lost afterwards still a resident of said County of Guilford and immediately after the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] and the latter part of the month of January 1781, he volunteered in the company of Captain John Walker, the Lieutenant's name was James McKamy [?] -- we were under the Command of Colonel Pasely [John Paisley] of Guilford County North Carolina after being rendezvoused we were marched by orders of the commanding officers or by order of Government to & stationed at a public store located at Colonel Oniels [sic, O'Neal or O'Neill] according to my personal recollection, in the upper part of Orange County North Carolina to guard and protect the said public store, the British forces under Cornwallis were then at Hillsboro in said State, and the Tories were encamped at different places, some encampments not exceeding 10 miles from the said store, that while he was stationed at the store aforesaid, he was generally engaged in scouting to suppress & over awe the Tories and protect said store from the British & Tories, and in about two weeks after he was stationed at the store, while on a scouting party, ordered out by his Captain, he was taken prisoner of war by Colonel Tarleton's [Banastre Tarleton's] Dragoons. and at the time he was taken he received a wound in his shoulder and on the side of his head, and at

¹ Gates Defeat (also known as the Battle of Camden) occurred on August 15-16, 1780.

which time his Lieutenant was killed, that he was in confinement as a prisoner of war from the time he was taken until the latter part of the month of August in the year 1781 about three months of which time he was confined on board the British fleet, at the time he was put on board, lying at Wilmington North Carolina, and was while on board of said Fleet liberated by an exchange of British and American prisoners and he arrived at home about the first week in September 1781 – he cannot say with exact precision how long he was engaged on this last service, but from the time he entered the service, until he was discharged as a prisoner of war, the time was not less than seven months, and after he was discharged he was not less than two weeks engaged in traveling home, He received no discharge in writing, while in confinement as a prisoner of war, he was in the Custody of a Corps of the British under the Command of Commandant Craig.

I was born in Brunswick County State of Virginia, on the eighth day of January 1762.

There is a Record of my age, now in possession of Aaron Barrow my Brother, a resident of Pulaski County Kentucky, which he has no doubt is correct, when called into the service, I was living in Guilford County North Carolina. I lived after the Revolutionary War in North Carolina, until the year 1789 – when I removed to the State of Kentucky, resided a while in Franklin County, and since the year 1802 he has lived in the County of Pulaski where he still resides all the time at the same place of residence.

I was called and entered the service as I have stated in my Declaration in Guilford County North Carolina. I have stated the names of all the officers, whose names I recollect, who were with the troops where I served together with the general circumstances of my service. I received a discharge from the service, for leaf three months Tour as stated in my Declaration, but do not know by whom signed, & which has long since been lost. And the said William Barrow further states that he has no Documentary Evidence whatever of his Services, and knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to his services, except Aaron Barrow & his wife who were at this time small & young, and by whom he can prove he rendered services to the United States and was engaged as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War but how long they do not know. He is known to James Cooper a Clergyman residing in Pulaski County Kentucky & Ebenezer Crumpton residing in the same residence of his neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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 or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Millium Barrow

[Martha Barrow, 64, and her husband Aaron Barrow, 61, gave supporting affidavits. Aaron states in his affidavit that he was a member of the same family as the veteran but his precise relationship to the veteran is not stated.

Horin Barrow

[James Cooper, a clergyman, and Ebenezer Crumpton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: Susannah's maiden name was Miskell; she died August 7, 1850; they had the following

children:

Rebecca Lee born February 26, 1797, married a Sadler Charles Miskell born November 25, 1798
Nancy born February 3, 1800
David born October 2 1801
Thomas born April 30, 1803
Samuel born December 17, 1804
Susanna born March 11, 1806
Hanna born May 1, 1808
Mary born February 16, 1810
William Jr. born June 18, 1811
Moses born April 26, 1813
John born January 20, 1815
Isaac born August 2, 1816
Sally born March 27, 1819

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

Pension Application of Susanna Barrow, Wife of William Barrow Transcribed by Michael L. Mankin.

Supplement to the application of William Barrow Revolutionary War Pension # W1533.

State of Kentucky, Pulaski County sat

On this 1st day of April 1850 personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the County Court of Pulaski County it being a Court of Record Susanna Barrow a resident of Pulaski County Kentucky aged 73 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed on the 29th day of July 1848. That she is the widow of William Barrow who was a private in the War of the revolution and drew a pension in his lifetime under the act of Congress passed on the 7th June 1832 at the rate of \$33.33's cents per annum reference is here made to his papers on file as evidence of his service. She further declares that she was married to the said William Barrow on the 29th day of March 1796(seventeen hundred and ninety six) that her husband the aforesaid William Barrow died on the 3 day of September 1839. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the second of January Eighteen hundred (viz) at the time above stated; she further swears that she is now a widow and that she has never before made any application for a pension. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above mentioned

Susanna her-X-mark Barrow

before me Susanna Barrow who from her bodily infirmity is unable to attend court J.M Cooper J.P.C.C. (signed)

State of Kentucky Pulaski County set

On this 1st day of April 1850 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Pulaski County Court authorized by law to administer oaths Samuel Saddler aged 58 years who is entitled to credit and make oath that he has known Susanna Barrow the acclaimant for the space of 36 year past that she and William Barrow lived together as husband and wife during the whole time up to his death

and has remained his widow eve since and is still his widow that the said William Barrow was a pensioner of the his death at the rate of \$33-33 cts per annum and that said William Barrow died on the 3rd day of September 1839 he further states that the small book here with and which is referred to and made part of this deposition and which contains a register of the marriage of William Barrow and his wife Susanna was the family register or record of of said William & Susanna Barrow and the of of his children are in the hand writing of the said William Barrow the book is covered with deer skin and has the name of William Barrow on the back and the register of marriage in the latter part of the book sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year above mentioned

J. M. Cooper J.P (signed)

Samuel Sadler (signed)

Rebecca Saddler who is entitled to credit also personally appeared before me on the 1st day of April 1850 aged 53 years and made oath that she is the daughter of William Barrow and Susanna Barrow that the said Susanna is the widow of said William who was a pensioner up to hid death and that said Susanna was never remarried that said William Barrow died on the 3rd day of September 1839 that the book referred to in the foregoing deposition of Samuel Sadler is the family record of her father William Barrow and Susanna Barrow that said book was kept by the said William to his death and has remained in the family ever since his death. Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year Rebecca her-X-mark Saddler

J.M Cooper J.P. (signed)

State of Kentucky Pulaski County sat

I William M. Fox Clerk of the County and state aforesaid do certify that J. M. Cooper is one of the Justices of the Pulaski County Court duly commissioned and sworn that his commission was dated on the 24th day of May 1839 and continues during life on good behavior and that his signatures above written are genuine. Given under my hand and seal

of said county this 2nd day of April 1850 Will M Fox Clerk (signed) Pulaski County Court