Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Barler (Barber) W17232 Amey [Naoma] Barler f34NC Transcribed by Will Graves 7/13/08 rev'd 8/23/14

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North Carolina

To William Hill Esquire Secretary [of] State

Sir

Agreeable to the provisions of an act of the General Assembly passed at their last Session entitled an Act concerning Military land warrants, we have examined the claim of the Heirs of William Barler a Soldier in the Revolutionary War presented by themselves & we find them entitled. We therefore authorize and direct you to issue to the Heirs of the said William Barler a Land Warrant for 640 acres of land

Given under our hands at Raleigh this 17th day of July 1820 S/ John Haywood S/ S. Goodwin, Commissioners

State of North Carolina, Office of the Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that the above is a true copy of the order of the commissioners, on which a military land warrant was issued to the Heirs of William Barler.

Given under my hand this 17th July 1845 S/Wm Hill, Secry.

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State of North Carolina, Wake County

The affidavit & Deposition of Naoma Barler who is the widow of William Barler deceased, being duly sworn, deposeth & saith that her husband William Barler now deceased did enlist in the United States service in the Revolutionary war, in the North Carolina line, and served from that time until the end of the war, that soon after the close of the war, her said husband returned home and informed her that he was in the company & Regiment, stationed at or near little York, when the British General Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781] to the American Army, under General Washington, and that she heard William Barler her husband, say he was honorably discharged and sent home, besides many other circumstances relative to his being in the service which she at this time does not recollect. That from the time he left home first, until his being discharged was between two and four years, as well as she can recollect, That in his first tour he was gone about three years before his return and stayed only a few days with her at home, when he returned back and never returned home anymore until he was honorably discharged, which was somewhere about six months. That she has no knowledge who he enlisted under, nor what Company, Regiment or Col. he served under, That she has no knowledge of any person who was in the war with him, by whom she could prove his services, and the best evidence she can provide is her own here offered. That she is very old and infirm being near

about 60 years of age, and always has been, and still is in very reduced circumstances, and has resided on or about 30 years in the County of Wake; her said husband William Barler died in the year 1801. That she has four children to wit: Kendal, William, John & Sally Barler, all born in the lifetime of her said husband, & that she has & still lives the widow of the said William Barler deceased. And that the said Kendal, William, John & Sally are all the children and only heirs at law of the said deceased William Barler; And that from all the circumstances of the case, she verily believes that he is the same William Barler who is advertised in the Raleigh papers as being entitled to 640 acres of land, as she well knows that he was a very considerable time in the United States Army, in the war of the Revolution, and that she never heard of any other man by the same name, and the name not being a very common one, she is more confirmed in her belief of her said deceased husband William Barler being the identical person, & further she saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed before us this 17th day of July, 1820.

S/ Richard Smith, JP

S/ Nadoma Barler, X her mark

S/R. Cannon, JP

[On July 17, 1820 in Wake County North Carolina Jesse Gill, for whom William Barler acted as an overseer, gave an affidavit in support of the widow's application in which he relates what William Barler told him regarding his services in the revolution; Barler's marriage to Naomi and their having four children as named by the widow and her application.]

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that the foregoing Depositions and Certificates are true copies of the Depositions and Certificates on which the Commission as appointed by the Legislature of this State to pass upon all applications for Military land Warrants ordered a Warrant for 640 acres of land to be issued to the Heirs of William Barler for his services as a Soldier during the revolutionary war.

Given under my hand this 17th day of July 1845 S/Wm Hill, Secretary of State

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State of North Carolina Wake County: SS

On this 20th day of May A.D. 1845 Personally appeared before the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County and State aforesaid William Barler a resident of said County aged sixty-four years – and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits made by the act of Congress passed 4 July 1836 –

That he is the son of Amey Barler who was the widow of William Barler who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War for more than three years in the Continental line of North Carolina as he has often heard his father say – and he further declares that his said Father and Mother has often told him that they were married in Brunswick County State of Virginia in the year 1774 and that his said Father and Mother had two children at the time his said Father entered the service as he has heard them both say divers of times – and that his said Father died in the year 1801 – left his said Mother Amey Barler a widow and that she remained a widow until her death which occurred the 15th day of March 1839, and that her maiden name was Amey Lawrence – and that his Mother was about Eighty Six years old when she died, and his said Father William Barler was at the time of his death about forty-eight years old – and he further saith that his Mother had three children if alive would be older than himself – but that he is the only child known to be living of the said William and Amey Barler – and he supposes the reason his Mother never made application for a pension was that she did not know she was entitled as he never heard her speak of making application – but that about the year 1820 his said Mother with his other

Brothers and Sister then living made application for the lands due his said Father for his services in the Revolutionary war – and did obtain land for the services of their said Father – William Barler as a soldier of the Revolutionary war – and he further saith that when he himself learned that there was provision made for the children of Revolutionary soldiers to draw what was due the widow of soldiers, about two years ago made application for what was due his Mother and his papers were carried off by one Thomas Langster and he has never heard from them cents and that he has never made application for what was due his Mother for his said Father's services in the Revolutionary war and that he now relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present. Sworn to and subscribed before me in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Barler, X his Mark

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State.

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that William Barler a private Soldier in Captain Dixon's Company of the 1st Regiment, entered the service on the__ day of __ 1777 for the term of the War – and that he was a prisoner 14th April 1779, mustard again in 1779. I do further certify that the Heirs of said Barler drew a Warrant for 640 acres of land.

Given under my hand this 15th day of July 1845.

S/Wm Hill, Secry of State

[p 19: On June 22, 1845 in Wake County North Carolina, Jesse Gill a resident of said County aged 73 years, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with William Barler and his widow; that he, the affiant, purchased the land granted to the widow and children of the veteran my the state of North Carolina for his service in the revolutionary war.

[Veteran's widow's heirs were awarded a pension at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 and ending March 15, 1839 for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia [sic North Carolina] Continental line.]