Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Barbee W24626 Mary Barbee VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 8 Apr 2017.

State of Virginia – Fauquier County Sct

On this 7th day of September 1838 personally appeared before me Cam T. Page a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, Mary Barbee a resident of Fauquier county in the state of Virginia, aged seventy five 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 July 7, 1838, entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows" That she is the Widow of John Barbee, who was quarter masters Sergeant and assistant Commissary in the Virginia, State or Continental line (not certain which) in the Revolutionary War, that as she is informed and verily believes her Husband the said John Barbee served in the War aforesaid, and as quarter master's Sergeant aforesaid, upwards of three years, and that his service continued till the prisoners were marched from York Town in Virginia, to Winchester in Virginia, and continued in said Service till the Spring of the year after Corn Wallaces Defeat at York Town aforesaid [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781]. – She further declares that she was married to the said John Barbee on the 27th day of June in the year seventeen hundred and Eighty two, that her husband the aforesaid John Barbee died on the 23^d day of September 1835, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four, Viz, at the time above stated Mary herXmark Barbee

I William Jett [pension application S16885] of the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia, aged Eighty two years, Testify, that I was acquainted with John Barbee late of the county and state aforesaid deceased, and late husband of Mary Barbee, who is an applicant for a pension, that the said John Barbee was a sprightly promising young man, and was engaged in the Revolutionary War, he went into the service from Virginia, this affiant saw him in service at various time and places, he saw him at Williamsburg in Virginia, at the Siege at York Town, in Virginia, at one time said John Barbee carried a gun and was a noncommissioned officer, at another time he was engaged in issuing rations to the army this affiant received rations from him, and that said John Barbee marched with the troops from York Town to Winchester in Virginia, guarding the prisoners surrendered at the siege of York,

[12 June 1845]

The Deposition of Joseph A. Barbee aged sixty two years – Testifies that he was acquainted with John Barbie, late of Fauquier County Dec'd. and late Husband of Mary Barbee, who is an applicant for a pension, that he frequently heard the said John Barbee talking of his services in the Revolution War, and and from his citation of his service he was engaged in war service from narly beginning to the end of said war, that he frequently mentioned the name of Capt. Colinan? and affiant is impressed with the belief that he stated that he served under Capt. Colinan and then served as assistant Commissary, affiant well recollects that he was present in said John Barbees House some Forty years since, when said John Barbee and a Gentleman was in conversation about their war services, during said conversation, said John Barbee produced a parcel of continental money and his Discharge, for his war services, affiant cant say whether this Discharge was for services as a soldier or Commissary, but this affiant is fully under the impression from said Barbees own statement, that his services in said war commenced as a private and ended as assistant Commissary – further this affiant sayeth not

[signed 18 June 1845] Joseph A Barbee

I hereby certify that John Barbee Serg't. in the 1st Virg'a. Reg't. Inlisted to serve the Term of three years which time he faithfully served. Given under my hand this 25th day of May 1784.

John Green Late Colo. 6th. V. R.

Land warrant iss'd. in June 1783

T. Meriwether

Executive Department Richmond Va. February 28, 1849

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a paper filed in this department.

Wm H Richardson

[The following are from <u>bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia</u> in two separate files assumed to relate to the same John Barbee as above.]

Richm'd June 26th 1783

I do Certify that John Barbee enlisted himself a Corp. in the 2^d Virg'a Reg't of cont'l troops the 14th of [undeciphered] in 1776 for 3 years and serv'ed the term of his enlistm't

Given under my hand.

a Parker [Alexander Parker [BLWt1740-300] Cap. Vig'a line

A Copy J Shackelford CBA

[Paper torn where indicated by *.]

I hereby Certify that John Barbee Serj't in the 2^d [*] Reg't Inlisted to serve the Term of three years [*] time he faithfully served Given under [*] this 25^{th} day of May 1784. John [*]

Late Colo [*]

[The index card says John Green.]

Land Warrant iss'd in June 1783 T. Meriwether

NOTE: The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 24 June 1782 by John Barbee and Thomas Maddox for the marriage of Barbee to Mary Dyson. On 3 Sep 1838 Sarah Bradford, 72, certified before Benjamin R. Bradford, Justice of the Peace, that her brother, John Barbee, served as stated in his widow's application. On 27 Sep 1843 James Madison Barbee of Washington, DC, deposed that in 1818 John Barbee owned a considerable amount of property and was therefore ineligible for a pension under the act passed in that year, and that at the time of his death he was trying to find supporting testimony for an application under the pension act of 1832. On 14 Aug 1849 William H. Barbee stated that Mary Barbee died on 9 Nov 1845 leaving the following children: William H. Barbee, John T. Barbee, Joseph A. Barbee, James M. Barbee, Samuel B. Barbee, Mary Hitch, Martha Grant, and Ann Singleton. On 22 Mar 1849 Edmund Bradford stated that often John Barbee "after his taking a drink or two" would show his discharge from the First Virginia Regiment. On 19 Oct 1849 William H. Barbee stated that he had not heard from his brother, Samuel B. Barbee, for eight years, and that his sisters, Mary Hitch and Anna Singleton, were living in Missouri when last heard from. John Barbee was granted a pension posthumously to be used by the above-named children. On 15 July 1850 Granville D. Page of Front Royal VA wrote on behalf of his mother inquiring whether she might be entitled to benefits as the daughter of Turner D. Barbee, a son of John and Mary Barbee who died in 1834.