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Pension Application of John Barnett W9718

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Nicholas County State of Kentucky. July 2 1819.

This day John Barnett personally appeared before me John Trimble one of the circuit Judges in and for the state of Kentucky and made oath that he is a resident of Nicholas County in the state aforesaid & that in the year 1779 about the last of January or first of February he enlisted as fifer in Ambrose Madison's company the regiment which said company was attached to was commanded by col Francis Taylor which regiment was a part of the Virginia continental troops he states that he continued to serve and do duty in the aforesaid regiment until the whole regiment was discharged in and about the 11 day of April in the year 1781 he states that from time and accident he he has lost his discharge and at his time he has no written evidence of his service and Inlistment he is old and almost unable to do any labour and reduced in circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country and that he has never received from the general Government or any of the state Governments any Pension

Nicholas Circuit and County Kentucky

This day [2 Jul 1819] Ambrose Barnett [pension application W2989] appeared before me John Trimble a circuit Judge for the State of Kentucky and made oath that in the year 1780 he visited col. Francis Taylors regiment belonging to the Virginia State line of continental troops and he states that the above mentioned John Barnett was then doing duty as fifer in captain Ambrose Madison's company belonging to said Regiment and he further states that the said Barnett continued to do duty in said company and regiment until the year 1781 he further states that the said John Barnett is in indigent circumstances and old and needs the assistance of this country for his support.

State of Kentucky 2nd Judicial District Sct. On the 3^d day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court (this being expressly made a court of record by the laws of this state for the Nicholas Circuit possessing unlimited Jurisdiction in point of amount with power to fine and imprison and having been so adjudged by the tribunals of this state always keeping a record of its proceedings) John Barnett aged fifty six years a resident in the county of Nicholas and District aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and of the 1st May 1820, that he the s'd. John Barnett enlisted for the term of two years some time in the month of January 1779 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. Ambrose Madison in the Regiment commanded by Col Frank Taylor in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps until the 11th April 1781 when he was discharged from the said service in Winchester in the State of Virginia, was engaged the greater part of the term of service as a fifer. He was not in any battles. and that he has no other evidence now in his power, of said service except the affidavits of Daniel Neeve [pension application W8484] and Ambrose Barnett which is hereto annexed and refered to [not found in file]. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed towit -

one bay mare & young colt \$60. one d[itt]o \$25. one white sow & 8 pigs \$6. one spotted sow & six pigs, 4 pigs six months old one old table \$15 seven chairs \$1.75 one kettle \$2.50 one oven \$1.50 one skillet \$1.50 one pot \$1.50 one barshear plough \$6. one shovel plough \$5. three hoes \$2.50 one cow & calf \$13. one heifer \$7 one log chain two sets geer & stretch[?] \$14: 1 chest \$2: one silver watch \$9 one cupboard & its furniture \$10. three buckets \$1.50 meat tubs & barrels \$2. one old set of Coopers tools \$7. one axe \$2 one frying pan \$1.50 two old saddles \$13 one wheel \$1. Amounting in all to the sum one hundred & eleven dollars twenty five cents [sic] – My occupation is that of a farmer and owing to old age together with Rheumatic pains and infirmities I am unable to pursue it. My wife is very old & infirm say 56 or 7 years I have two children, my sone Ambrose 10 years old, and my daughter Eliza Ann 13 years old, neither of them able to do much. I made a declaration of Services to the Judge on the 2^d July 1819 which has never yet come to hand which I sent on to the war department.

Note – Since making the above declaration I have received from the War office pension certificate No. 17,540.

Subscribed by me John Barnett

NOTES:

On 9 Feb 1826 John Barnett applied to have his pension transferred to Johnson County IN where he had moved, “that he might live the remainder of his days with his children.”

On 23 Sep 1845 Ambrose Barnett, a magistrate for Johnson County, applied for a pension for himself, brothers, and sisters by right of their mother, Elizabeth Barnett, who died on 26 Sep 1840. The surviving children were James Barnett of Nicholas County, William Barnett, Spencer Barnett, Thomas Barnett, Ambrose Barnett, Elizabeth Ann Record of Shelby County IN, and George Barnett of Missouri. He stated that his mother and John Barnett were married on 16 Feb 1783, as shown by the record kept by their father in a Bible and transcribed below, and that his father died 8 Sep 1828.

John Barnett and Elizabeth Self was married February 16 1783

James Barnett was Born June the 23 1784

william Barnett was Born September 27, 1786

Spencer Barnett was Born march 28th, 1789

George Barnett was born August 17th - 1791

Lucey Barnett was born may 4th, 1796

Thomas Barnett was born march 23th, 1798

John Barnett was born June the 25, 1800

Elizabeth Barnett was Born August the 15, 1806

Ambrose Barnett was born July the 24, 1809