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Virginia documents pertaining to William Barret VAS1197

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To the Honourable the Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates

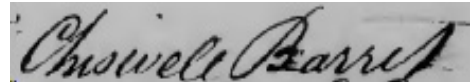
The Petition of William Barrett: Humbly Sheweth:

That he took an early and decided part in the cause of his Country: That he was honoured with an appointment in Col. [George] Baylor's Regiment of Dragoons, and during his being in service, has been very unfortunate in loosing his horses and baggage: That in the action at Guilford [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781], it was the fate of your Petitioner to be dangerously wounded and fell into the hands of the enemy: That while he was in captivity two of your Petitioners horses purchased by him for his use as an Officer died. Your Petitioner begs leave to represent that he suffered a long and painful illness, from the wounds he received in defence of his Country; and that to effect his recovery he was necessarily obliged to incur very heavy expences.

To compensate the man who has freely bled to serve his Country might appear at first view an act of policy as well as of Justice: But your Petitioner requests no retribution for the wounds under which he has languished. He asks no compensation for any services he may happily have rendered: But he prays the interposition of the Hon'ble House to enable him to procure two other horses that he may again take the field with credit to himself and a prospect of being in some degree serviceable to his Country. Your Petitioner therefore humbly hopes that the General Assembly will take his case under consideration and make him such an allowance for the two horses, as they may think reasonable; And he as in duty bound Shall ever pray

As I returned from the Southern Armeý September 1781 I caled at Guilford Courthouse to se Capt Wm Barret who lay dangerously ill from the wound which he received at the Guilford action the last March & whilst I stayed with him he was informed that one of his Horses w'ch was left with the baggage & was in service with Cornet Garnet in Virginia when Arnold & Fillips invaded the state [sic: Gen. Benedict Arnold and Gen. William Phillips, April 1781] was dead. Doct'r Wallace thought it best to have Capt. Barret moved from Guilford & brought him to Fredericksburg in a litter, that he might be convenient to a Surgeon, as he was obliged to join the Army. that in December his other Horse died with the Grubs. I declare I think the two Horses worth Two Hundred & Twenty Pounds. I think he would not of lost either of the Horses if he had bin well enough to of atended to them

Chiswell Barret
Capt 3 Regt L Dragoons



November 21st 1782 Referred to Trade/ Dec'r 24th 1782 Referred to the next Assembly/ May 20th 1783 Rejected

[The following are among [Revolutionary pension records in the Library of Virginia](#) misfiled under the name Beatty Barrett. This may be the same soldier as William Barrett BLWt270-300.]

I DO, with the advice of Council, hereby certify that William Barret Gent about 32 years of age late a Captain in the 3^d Regiment of Light Dragoons, appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the service of The United States as to entitle him to the sum of Ninety Pounds yearly; which allowance is accordingly made him, to commence from the first day of January 1786

GIVEN under my hand at Richmond, this Eleventh day of November 1786

[Patrick Henry]



Capt. William Barrett having made application as a Pensioner to be examined respecting his Wounds received at the Battle of Guilford find exceeding great Injury has been received by a Ball passing through the Illeum [sic: ileum] on the left side – and do of my own knowledge certifie that, a very considerable part of that Bone was taken away by myself many months after his being wounded that so much of the Bone is lost as to allow a protusion of the large Intestine on that side for want of the natural support & that a Bandage is of necessity always worn to supply this defect & will I think be ever requisite the Injury sustained is such as is my opinion entitles him to an allowance from his Country, he being unable to perform hard Labour or severe Exercise without manifest danger

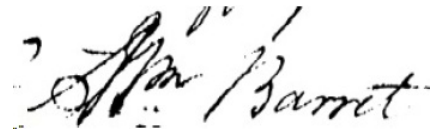
W. Foushee/ Nov'r 11th 17[??]

I do hereby Certify that the above William Barrett was a Captain in the Regiment of Dragoons Commanded by Colo. Baylor at the time he received the wound above mentioned
James Wood Late B.G.

Henrico County Court April 1787.

Ordered that the Sheriff of this County pay unto William Barrett a pensioner of the said County, late a Captn. in the third regiment of light Dragoons of the Untied States Eighteen pounds four shillings and four pence as part of One years pension from the first of January 1786 to the first day of January 1787. Orders having issued for for the balance of his pay due for that year Teste Benj Pollard DC

Rec'd. the within from Wm. Laurence Shff of Hanover
Oct'r. 25 1787



[The following are from [bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

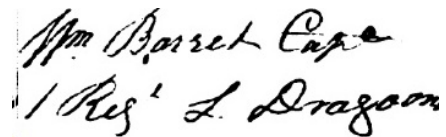
I do Certify that William Barret was in service in the Continental Army in Colonel Baylors Regiment of light Dragoons early in the Spring of the year 1777 and continued in service until the termination of the war in November 1783, and that he was promoted before that time, to the Rank of Captain

Given under my hand this 23^d May 1809
James Wood formerly Brig'r Gen'l. Continental Army



I find by reference to the books of the office that on the 21st[?] January 1784 a warrant issued to Wm Barrett for 1000 acres for his services as a Captain 3 years.
Land Off May 24 1809 Edwd C. Davis Reg'r.

I certifie up my honor I have served as an off'r in Colo. Baylors Reg't. L Dragoons from spring 1777 until this time
July 16 83



NOTES:

At the time of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781, Lt. Col. William Washington had replaced Col. George Baylor as field commander of the 3rd Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons. The final receipt was signed by John Barret, administrator for William Barret, deceased.