

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Claim Joseph Barrett BLWt91059-160-55 Elizabeth Bennett¹ f25SC
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State of Kentucky County of Allen Sct

On this 20th day of February A.D. 1856 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting justice of the peace and special presiding Judge of the County Court within and for the County and State aforesaid Elizabeth Bennett a resident of Allen County Kentucky aged 94 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the bounty land or pension to which she may be entitled.

She states that she was the wife of Joseph Barrett who was a soldier in the war of the revolution that he was a private in a company commanded by Captain Major Parsons [Major Parson] in the Battalion or Regiment commanded by Major ___ Blount or Colonel ___ Cole in the line of South Carolina and on the Continental establishment and served in said company for more than two years. That the said Barrett volunteered in said war in Spartanburg District or County in the State of South Carolina in the fall of the year 1779 -- for and during the war and continued in actual service from the time he entered the service until he was killed in January 1781. She cannot state what counties her husband marched through or what general officers he served under. She has a perfect recollection of the Captain under whom her said husband served because he brought to her her husband's bloody clothes after he was killed the names of Major Blount and Colonel Cole she gives from her best recollection. Her said husband was in the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] and was killed in a few days after said battle in attempting to capture a party of Tories in the night who had taken refuge in a house. She has no documentary evidence of service of said Barrett nor has she ever received any pay whatever for said service.

She further states that she was married to the said Barrett in Spartanburg District South Carolina in the month of September 1778 by James Wood a justice of the peace who was a very prominent Whig in that part of the County and who was afterwards surprised by the Tories and murdered in his own house. He has no record of her marriage the family record kept by her father having been lost or destroyed. She had one child by said Barrett born after her husband joined the Army. Said child was named ___ and was killed in this County in 1810 by a fall from a horse.

She further states that in the year 1789 she again married to one John Bennett in Spartanburg District South Carolina where she continued to live with her second husband when she emigrated to Kentucky in 1801 and settled in Warren (now Allen) County Kentucky where

¹ Former widow

she has resided ever since. Her last husband the said Bennett died in July 1844 in this County -- and she is now a widow never having married again as will more fully appear by the accompanying affidavits.

S/ Elizabeth Bennett, X her mark

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This day Joseph Venable to me personally known & a resident of said County came before me and made oath that he was present when his sister Elizabeth Bennett was married to Joseph Barrett in Spartanburg district or County South Carolina in the month of September 1778 -- that the spring after his sister & said Barrett married they went to house keeping near the affiant's father that said Barrett in the fall of the year 1779 volunteered into the Army of the revolution together with his father-in-law affiant's father that his sister then came to live with her mother where she continued to reside -- that in the latter part of the summer of 1779 -- his sister as aforesaid was delivered of a son by the said Barrett -- the child was named William Barrett he perfectly remembers the birth of this child and sickness of his sister the said Elizabeth because while she was confined Tories came to the house & took their watermelons and after eating what they wanted put the rinds on his sister's head. Said Barrett continued to serve in said from the time he entered it until a few days after the battle of the Cowpens (in which battle he fought) when he was killed in the night by the Tories in attempting to capture a party who had taken refuge in a house. After he was killed his bloody clothes were brought home to his sister he was shot through both thighs and affiant has often heard Barrett's Captain whose name was Major Parson relate how Barrett happened to be killed. Affiant states that his said sister lived a widow from the death of Barrett until the year 1789 -- When she intermarried with John Bennett in Spartanburg County South Carolina where her & said Bennett lived until 1801 when they emigrated with affiant and affiant's father & family to Kentucky and settled in Warren now Allen County Kentucky where they continued to reside in said Bennett died in the year 1844 that his said sister has never married again further states that he has known her all his life that he has all the time lived near her & knows her to be the identical woman who married Joseph Barrett a soldier in the revolutionary war and who was killed as above stated. He further states that to the best of his knowledge or belief his said sister never received any pay for the services of her said husband nor has she received any bounty or pension for said service. He further states that his said sister has no documentary evidence known to affiant of the services of said Barrett nor does she know of any comrade of her said husband in the Army by whom she can prove his services. Affiant cannot state through what counties his brother-in-law Barrett marched or under what general officers he served he knows he was in the battle of the Cowpens and that his Captain's name was Major Parsons -- he also knows that during the absence of his affiant's father & brother-in-law in the Army the family suffered great privations that his mother & sister had frequently to pack meal on their backs a distance of 20 miles and then have to hide it in the woods to keep the Tories from taking it. He further states that his sister's son by her first husband there until he was grown when he was killed in 1810 by a fall from a horse in this County.

S/ Joseph Venable

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph Venable". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some loops and flourishes. The signature is written on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

Sworn to & subscribed before me by Joseph Venable this fourth day of March 1856

S/ Armstid Dodson, JPAC

[p 25: this file mistakenly contains the County Land warrant Record Card for Joshua Barrett, a Sergeant in the Maryland Continental line who received Warrant Number 10954 for 100 acres of land issued February seven, 1790.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to Joseph Barret [sic] AA4
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 318

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No. 114

No. 3352

Lib. [Book] X 30th June 1786

Joseph Barret For Militia Duty in Roebuck's Regiment, before, and Since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] Return amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency	<u>£359.0.0</u>
Sterling	£51.5.8 ½

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G." [Executed by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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Received Columbia 2nd October 1790 from Commissioner Treasury an Indent No. 3352 Book X in full for the above

S/ John McDowell

£51.5.8 ½

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Pleas to Deliver unto John McDowel Merchant the bearer hereof Joseph Barret['s] Deceased indent with the Interest thereon and in so doing you will oblige your H St.

S/ Joseph Venable } Admin.



To the Commissioners
of the Treasury of South Carolina
September 24, 1790
Certified by James Jordan, JP

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>.