

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jonathan Barrett R3 Amy Barrett VA Half Pay/ VA Sea Service
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[The following four documents in the federal pension file are also in [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#), but some of those online images are not legible enough for transcription.]

Petition 1784

To the Hon'ble the Gen. Assembly. The petition of Amy Barrett humbly represents that her late husband Jonathan Barrett entered early in the Service of his Country as Second Lieutenant on board an armed brig belonging to the State Commanded by Capt. Edward Travis and was taken on a cruise by the British [see endnote] and carried to New York where he sustained a long and painful imprisonment of near 12 months, when he died in jail to the great grief and misfortune of your petitioner a very aged mother and two unhappy orphans who are but barely supported by her labour and industry. Your petitioner therefore prays that the Assembly will take her case into consideration and grant her the arrearages of half pay that is due her deceased husband and make such other for herself and her children as they in their wisdom and justice shall think fit & she as in duty bound will ever pray

An exact copy of a petition presented on the 3^d of December 1784. See Journal House of Delegates 1784 P51 This petition was referred to Committee of Claims but does not appear to have to have been reported on. No evidence is filed with the petition.

At a Court held for Princess Anne County at Kempsville the 9th day of December 1784 Ordered that the Clerk certify to the Auditors of Public Accounts that Amy Barrot is the widow of Jonathan Barrot dec'd. who was taken in a vessel called the Rawley belonging to this State, and was early taken prisoner in the war and carried to New York where he soon after died &c &c

A true Copy Teste J. S. Burroughs CC
 Prs Anne County Clerks office Nov. 11th 1830

Dr. Jonathan Barrett of the Brig Raleigh

1777 Octo 1778	11	To Warrant on the Treasury Iss'd. J Barrett	30	00	1778 Nov	4	By the amount of wages & rations from the 22 ^d March 1777 to this day inclusive settled and allowed by the Auditors to Cap'n. Jno Barrett	147	13
May Nov.	28 4	ditto ditto ditto Certificate allowed by Auditors for the balce of acco't. to Capt. Jno Barrett	30	00					
		£	<u>87</u> 147	<u>13</u> 13					

The foregoing is a true extract from an account raised, in a book, filed in this office which book is endorsed "Navy Acc'ts. Ledger from July 1776 to July 1779" Jos'h. Jackson clk of Accts
 Auditors office 7th Dec'r 1831.

Richmond, Dec 9th 1831

Gov. Floyd

Sir I offer herewith evidence of the rank of Jonathan Barrett whose claim for land bounty was rejected for want of such proof. The enclosed paper shows that his pay for one year and a half amounted to £147.15 which is about the amount that was allowed a Lieutenant at the end of the war as will appear by the Auditor's report to the last legislature, to be found in the Journal. A Lieutenants half

pay is stated at £54.10 being £109 for a year. The Amount of £147.15 was paid to Capt. John Barrett the brother of Jonathan, which creates the presumption that Jonathan was dead, and that presumption, by the evidence originally filed is greatly strengthened – I must invite your Excellency's reconsideration of the case. — With the highest respect Yr. Obt. Servant J W Murdaugh

In the case of Lieut. Jonathan Barrett I have to request the executive to refer to the Journal of the House of Delegates of 1792 P85, in which the Services, rank and death of Barrett are set forth and proven by the record of the Court of Princess Anne. The Journal is to be found in the State library

April 12th 1832 J W Murdaugh

Executive Department April 18, 1832

Jonathan Barrett, or his heirs if he is dead, is allowed Land bounty as a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy for services during the war if not heretofore allowed John Floyd

Attest J. W. Pleasants

Warrant No. 7161 for 4000 acres issued to Mary Dunbar heir at law, and delivered J. W. Murdaugh 11 July 1832.

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Princess Anne County]

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the General Assembly the petition of Amy Barret Widow of Jona. Barret deceasd Humbly sheweth,

that her late Husband Jonathan Barret entered early in the late War, into the service of his Country; that He was second Lieutenant on board an armed Brigantine belonging to the state commanded by Captain Edward Travis, and was taken on a cruze and carried to New York, where after sustaining a painful [page damaged]ment for [the] space of twelve months He at length died, leaving your petitioner in poor and indigent circumstances, and by the product of her own labour to support two unhappy Orphans. that your petitioner is now old and infirm, and the utmost efforts of her industry barely adequate to her own maintenance

Your petitioner therefore prays that as the widow of an Officer who died in the service of his Country; and an object to whom the public bounty ought to be extended, your Honorable House will take her case into consideration, and allow her a place on the List of Pensioners or grant her such other relief as in your wisdom you shall think proper and as in duty bound she will pray Amy Barrett

Octo 13th 1792 to Claims./ reasonable Special half pay/ ref'd 25 Oct'r. 92

To the Honorable Speaker and House of Delegates

The Petition of Amy Barrett of the County of Princess Ann, humbly sheweth that Jonathan Barrett the husband of your Petitioner, acted as sailing Master on board the Brigg Raleigh, Capt. Edward Travis; belonging to this State when the said Brigg was taken by a British frigate, and carried into New York, where your petitioners husband was confin'd with many others of the said Crew, and died with the prevailing disease on board the prison Ship, Jersey. – Your Petitioner is now grown old and infirm, and unable to support herself, therefore prays your honorable house to take her situation into consideration, and renew her pension, or, grant her such other relief as you in your wisdom shall think proper, and she will, as in duty bount pray &c, &c.

1800 Dec'r. 13 Ref'd. to claims/ Reasonable/ Reported/ Bill

NOTES:

The brig *Raleigh* was captured by the frigate *Phoenix* in April 1777.

On 6 May 1850 Mary Dunbar wrote from Norfolk VA to the Pension Office requesting the arrearages of half pay.