

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Barnett R533

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State of North Carolina, Granville County

On this 9th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid, now sitting, Jesse Barnett – a resident of said County aged 83 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act passed June 7th, 1832.

That he was born in the County of Goochland State of Virginia, in the year 1749 – that he removed to this County at the age of 14 years, & has been a citizen thereof ever since. -- that the only record of his age is the entry in the family Bible, which is preserved in the family – and that shows that he was born on the 4th day of July 1749 as aforesaid. -- That he entered the Army in the war of the Revolution as a volunteer at Granville Court House under Captain Richard Harrison in February 1780 – and about the 10th of that month joined head quarters on the Flat River in Orange County where General Butler [John Butler] was in command – Joseph Taylor was Colonel & William Gill was Lieutenant Colonel – that not long before the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] his Regiment joined General Greene at a place called High Rock – that he was in the Battle at Guilford under the Captain above named – his other company officers not recollected – that after the Battle he was marched to Ramsey's Mills, which place Cornwallis had left the morning before his company reached there – that in the latter part of April General Greene having set out for South Carolina, this affiant with two hundred others were ordered to go out with General Greene to South Carolina – that he was placed under Colonel Read [James Read] a Continental officer, and Captain Cowan [David Cowan] – that almost immediately after joining this company he was very badly scalded, and after marching 80 miles he was ordered back to Ramsey's Mills where he received his discharge, but he does not recollect now from whom – that his tour would have expired on the 10th of May but in consequence of the scalding received as above mentioned, he lacked five days of serving out the whole time – That in the course of the summer he volunteered for three months, & he was ordered to attend & perform duty at a public tannery at Williamsburg in Granville County; which was then used for the public service, & by consent of the commandant one of his Negroes was allowed to perform the duties in his stead. At the end of three months he received a discharge regularly from the commandant but he has not preserved it.

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatsoever to any pension or annuity except the present -- & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day above named.

S/ Jesse Barnett, X his mark

[Thomas Jordan gave a supporting affidavit as to the reputation of the applicant.]

[Thomas T. Hunt & James Gresham, Sr., gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On July 28, 1853, Polly Megahy, filed a power of attorney in Henderson County, NC claiming to be an heir of Jesse Barnett who, she says, served about 7 years in the Revolution under Capt. Hampton

and fought at King's Mountain & Brandywine. She appointed D. H. Wood as her attorney to receive any thing due her. The petition is dated July 28th 1853.]