

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Barnet Barnes R557

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[Note: this file contains no actual pension application. There is no information in the file which indicates what happened to it.]

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Clarksville Tennessee August 4th 1838

Dear Sir,

I have very often made application to the Department in relation to the pension papers of Barnes & have been as often answered that none such had reached the office -- and supposed that they had been lost in the mail -- upon looking over a bundle of old papers, I find the enclosed paper which I now send you -- all of which is in my own hand writing except the signatures of the different witnesses & officers & which I knew I had prepared for the old man when I so often applied to you in relation to his papers. I have not seen the old man for some years but should the papers be such as to authorize a pension I will transmit it to him or his family who now resides in Stewart County for I am not certain now that the old man is living but I suppose if he has since died that he will be entitled to the time of his death if his papers justify a pension.

I am very respectfully

your friend

S/ C. Johnson¹

¹ **JOHNSON, Cave**, a Representative from Tennessee; born in Robertson County, Tenn., January 11, 1793; pursued an academic course and attended Cumberland College, Nashville, Tenn.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1814 and commenced practice in Clarksville, Tenn.; prosecuting attorney of Montgomery County in 1817; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-first and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1829-March 3, 1837); chairman, Committee on Private Land Claims (Twenty-second and Twenty-third Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1836 to the Twenty-fifth Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, and Twenty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1839-March 3, 1845); chairman, Committee on Military Affairs (Twenty-sixth Congress), Committee on Expenditures on Public Buildings (Twenty-seventh Congress), Committee on Indian Affairs (Twenty-eighth Congress); appointed Postmaster General of the United States and served from March 5, 1845, to March 5, 1849; judge of the seventh judicial circuit court in 1850 and 1851; president of the Bank of Tennessee 1854-1860; United States commissioner in settling the affairs of the United States and Paraguay Navigation Co. in 1860; during the Civil War was elected to the State senate but was not permitted to take his seat; died in Clarksville, Tenn., November 23, 1866; interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

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J. L. Edwards Esq.
Com. of pensions
Washington City

Washington
November 23rd 1839

Dear Sir

Many years ago the papers of Barnet Barnes of Stewart County Ten. were prepared & sent on by me last summer, they having been accidentally mislaid by me or my brother. The old man died & I now send letters of Admⁿ to John Barnes, to whom an allowance should be made of what was due you Barnet Barnes to the time of his death.

Respectfully
your friend
S/ C. Johnson

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Washington January 31st 1840

Dear Sir,

I have detained the papers of Barnet [Barnes] hoping to get some additional information from SC. It seems that no information can be obtained so that his only chance of a pension depends upon the papers as now on file. If there be evidence enough to allow the pension I presume it would not be irregular to make the allowance & before payment proof will be made as to his children -- there is no widdow [widow]. The Administrator of this estate is well known to me, who is his son, with whom the old man lived at the time of his death. I make this suggestion now, that if you cannot allow a pension upon the papers, there will be no necessity for the parties to make any further proof -- if you decide agt [against] allowing the claim, please return the papers that I may present them to Congress.

Very respectfully
your friend
S/ C. Johnson