

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Barrett R558

VA

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State of No Carolina } Wheas on the 25th day of May 1836
Buncombe County } Personally appeared before us (Henry Hunt & A Blackstock Two acting
Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid) John Barrett a resident of the county & state aforesaid aged
eighty four years old, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following
declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an act of congress passed the 7th of June 1832

That he entered the servis of the united states, under the following named officers, & served as
herein stated;

That he entered the servis of the united states as a privet soldier, in the militia, & as he now
believes, a volunteer sometime a bout the first of January 1781, in Henry county, in the state of Virginia,
under Captain Geo Hairston [George Hairston], & marched to north carolina, Guilford county, where he
joined the main army, he thinks under the command of Col. or Gen'l. Lawson [Gen. Robert Lawson],
from thence he was marched to Ramsour's Mills [probably Ramsey's Mill on Deep River, tributary of
Cape Fear River], & there to cape fear, where his term of servis had expired, it was then required that
each captains company should furnish a certain number of men, which was done by volunteering. This
declarant was then discharged by his captain, which discharge is in the following words & figures, Towit,
"1781 apr'l, 23^d I hereby discharge John Barrett a soldier in my company of militia orderd, Henry county
which has faithfully served a Tour of duty

Geo Hairston capt."

which discharge is here Transmitted; This declarant then Returned Home to Henry County Virginia,
where he remained untill he thinks about the last of May or first of June 1781 when he again was drafted
or volunteered, under Captain Eliphaz Shelton, to suppress & Take some out layers or Torys as they were
then called. he was then marched to Hambys [probably Hanby's] on Maho [sic: Mayo] River in Henry
county Va, where they stayed untill the last of June or first of July, when the enemy dispersed & this
declarant returned Home, but not being discharged They was imediately ordered to march to a place
caled Rhoda Moores in the hollows of Dan River [in present Patrick County] where they took some
prisoners they stayed there a short time, the enemy again became scatered & the Troops again Returned
home, with orders to be in readiness to march at a moments warning, & in a few days they was informed
that a partie of Toris or out layers was in the settlement off Hudgepaths [Hedspeth's], on Dan River,
where he again marched under the command of the aforesaid Capt to the above mentioned place on Dan
River where they caught several out layers, routed the Tories, & after a short time Returned home. Their
Term of time having expired, they was then discharged by the Capt, he believes verbally, with a promise
of a writen discharge when the company could be again called together, which this declarant dont
recollect was ever done. this was about the last of Septr or Octr 1781. he recolects that some man was
employed to make some arrangements with the soldiers in Capt Sheltons company afterwards, respecting
their servises, but cannot recollect whether it was to give them their discharges or not. – this declarant
was in one or two more short expeditions against the out layers, But cannot recollect how long nor at
what time as he has no documentary evidence of his servises, except the discharge he has here
transmitted, nor could he have made any correct statement of the time of his servis under Capt Shelton
until since he found his discharge from Hairston, & by the date of that he is enabled to be he thinks
correct, in the time & date of his servis under Capt Shelton, as he thinks it was imediately after the Tour
performed under Capt Hairston, in Aprl. 1781. This declarant from extream old age, disability affliction,
neglect & the consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect all the particulars of his servises as to the
name & rank & grade of all the different field officers, men & places; his discharge had been filed away
with other old papers many years since, which he was unable to find untill recently; & he had disparied
of making any application for a pinsion as he was informed & believed it would be useless unless his

servises could be identified, & he knows of no person living that he could prove his servises by. he is confident that he has served as a soldier, in the War of the revolution, not less than the time he has stated (but Believes that he served longer) for which he claims a pension. he here by Relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity, only the present one, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

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