

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Barrow R566

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State of North Carolina, Hertford County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for the said County at the Court house in Winton on the fourth Monday of August A.D. 1821

On this 13th day of August A.D. 1821 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of record for the County aforesaid and proceeding according to the Course of the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of its proceedings and having the power of fine and imprisonment) John Barrow, a cripple, aged 66 years resident of the said County of Hertford who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st May 1820 – that he the said John Barrow enlisted for the term of two and an half years on or about the 20th of April 1776 in the County of Bertie North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain MacLean or MacLane [John McLane], and afterwards served in the company commanded by Captain Lewis [Micajah Lewis] of the fourth Regiment commanded by Col. Polk [Thomas Polk] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until on or about the 10th of November 1778 when he was honorably discharged from the service in the State of New York – that he was in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777], and on the Baggage guard during the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778]; that he has no evidence of the then that hereto annexed whereby to prove his services – He further saith that he the said John Barrow made his first and original declaration in order to obtain a pension under the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 before the Honorable John R. Donnell one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Equity of said State of North Carolina on the 29th day of March 1820 or thereabouts --And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I the said John Barrow do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed—viz:

140 acres of poor Land, worth about \$1 per acre	140	Amount brot. up	\$910.50
2 Negro Girls—1 aged 16 years 1 aged 12 Do	550	2 Augers	.75
10 head of Cattle	60	2 Chessels	.50
1 Horse value about \$50	50	1 Iron Trow	1.

7 Sheep	7	1 Dutch Oven	.75
1 Horse Cart	7	1 Flax Hatchel	1
1 pr old chair wheels	1	6 Bushels of wheat	<u>6</u>
3 beds only	45		\$920.50
1 walnut side board value about	7		
3 Tables which Cost	7.50	1 note against John Peland for	
3 Trunks	3	\$100 pay Dec. 6 1818 & Interest	<u>\$116.40</u>
1 Coffee mill	.25		\$1036.90
1 Saddle & Bridle	5	1 note agst. Benjamin Brown for	
1 Gun value \$2	2	\$148.13 payable Dec. 6, 1820 which	
1 pr Steelyards	.50	is worth nothing, as I conceive the	
8 Sitting chairs	2	obligor is utterly insolvent	
2 pr fire dogs	1		
1 pr. Flat Irons	.75	I am indebted to sundry persons to	
3 Iron Pots	3	the amount of \$130 or thereabouts	
1 skillet	.50	which I must pay	<u>130</u>
1 Tea Kettle	.50		\$906.90
2 axes	1		
4 old hoes	1		
4 plow hoes	2		
1 pr Iron wedges	.50		
1 shovel & tongs	1		
1 set old knives & forks	1		
3 Stocks of Bees	3		
1 Flax wheel	.75		
1 Cotton wheel	.75		
2 pr Cards	1		
6 Silver Teaspoons	2.50		
1 Cross Cut saw	3		
Carried up	\$910.50		

The said John Barrow further saith, that he is a farmer by occupation unable to work or to do anything of consequence towards his support – he is so much a cripple as to be unable to dress all undressed himself. He has not been able to work for the last 13 years, is confined to a chair and just able to slide about the room. He further saith that his family is composed of three persons besides himself and the two Black girls mentioned in the aforesaid Schedule, viz. -- Sarah his wife aged 63 years, able to do but little by reason of old age, infirmity and the loss of eye sight – Nogel Barrow, his son aged 24 years unable to contribute to his support, Alfred Barrow, his, aged 21 years, able to

contribute to his support.

(signed) "John Barrow"

Sworn to & subscribed & declared by the said John Barrow in open Court 30th day of August 1821
Test: S/ Jos. F. Dickinson, C.C.

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 21st of August 1821

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that John Barrow a private in Captain Lewis's Company of the 4th Regiment (of which Thomas Polk was Colonel) was mustered on the 20th of April 1776 for two I have years, and that he was discharged on the 10th of November 1778.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

[WTG's note: The only reason this applicant's application was rejected was that he had too much property to qualify for a pension under the 1818 Act. The 1818 Act was intended to give pensions to veterans who were in reduced financial circumstances and, consequently in need of support of the government: the determination of 'need' was left to the discretion of the Secretary of War.]