

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Barkley S16314

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State of Georgia Morgan County }

On this 7th day of January in the year 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Inferior Court now sitting as a Court of Ordinary William Barkley a resident of Georgia in the County of Morgan aged seventy-two 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 of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers Colonel Moultrie [William Moultrie] of South Carolina Colonel Simons [Maurice Simons] in the month of March in the year 1779 and rendezvoused at Orangeburg and marched from thence to Black Swamp on Savannah River and from thence retreated to Charleston on our way we had an encounter with the British at a place called the Coosahatchee [sic, Coosawhatchie] Bridge¹ in Barnwell District South Carolina and thence to Charleston which term of service continued four months and was then discharged verbally and returned home being at that time in the Waxhaw Settlements in South Carolina. And the next term of service I entered the service again under the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in the month of June in the year 1780 as a volunteer and marched to and fro [in] the State of South Carolina and was engaged in a Battle at a place called the Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780] with about 700 Tories under the Command of a General Bryant [sic, Colonel Samuel Bryan of North Carolina] from North Carolina and also about 278 of Prince of Wales Regiment which last number mentioned was during the engagement reduced to about 8 or 9 as well as I now recollect and also one other engagement with the British on the waters of Linches Creek [sic, Lynches Creek] in South Carolina in which we had a few fires and a good number of the Army run which term of service continued I don't recollect and was discharged verbally. I entered the service again under the command of General Marion [Francis Marion] in the year 1781 in the month of June as a Volunteer living at the same place above mentioned and marched near to Orangeburg in South Carolina and joined General Sumter & General Gromd [sic, Greene?] where they held a Council of War one day and separated and marched down Santee to Biggin Church where the British were fortified and drove them out and pursued them unto Huger's bridge where we had a hot battle and lost about 30 men and from thence after the Battle we marched back to Santee Swamp during which time I held a commission as Captain under General Marion and lost the same in the battle at the place aforesaid we were then discharged after about 5 weeks served. I was again called into service in October 1781 under the direction of

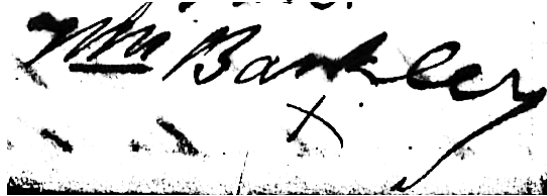
¹ May 4, 1779 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/coosawhatchie.htm> & <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/coosawhatchieriver.htm>

Colonel Kimbell [sic, probably Frederick Kimball] and appointed Captain of a guard to guard the Tories on the Catawba River in South Carolina where we remained about three weeks and was discharged. I again entered the service as a Substitute for my brother Robert Barkley who was drafted out of the Waxhaws Settlement under the command of Colonel Bratton [William Bratton] under whom I served one month and was discharged this service was in the month of May in the year 1782. The whole of my service including the part not indicated above under General Sumpter was 350 days exclusive of the first four months 1779 agreeable to Certificate I received from Colonel Kimbell which was lodged in the War Office in Charleston for which I received an Indent for sixty pounds which I have sold for ten pounds after keeping it some time. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State and that this applicant doth further declare on his oath that he has no other testimony by which to establish the foregoing facts in his knowledge at this time.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court January 7th 1833

Test S/ John W. Porter, CCO

S/ Wm Barkley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Barkley". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There is a small cross-like mark below the signature.

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in the Waxhaw Settlement State of South Carolina in 1760

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have and it is in my family Bible now in my possession.

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I lived in the Waxhaw Settlement South Carolina, I lived there until the year 1816 when I moved to Clark County Georgia and I now live in Morgan County Georgia.

Question 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was drafted for 4 months. I volunteered afterwards and was a substitute for my brother Robert Barkley

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. Colonel Washington [William Washington] commanded the Regiment of horse, Colonel Kimbell, General Moultrie Continental, Colonel Simons Militia General Marion the circumstances of service I have stated before.

Question 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I never received any.

Question, Did you ever receive a Commission and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it.

Ans. I received a commission as Captain from John Rutledge Governor of South Carolina and

lost it at the Battle of Huger's Bridge.

Question 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. John Wright & Guy Smith

[John Wright, a clergyman, and Guy Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia Morgan County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Inferior Court for said County William Barkley who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of Old age and the Consequent loss of Memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: for one month and twenty days I served as a Captain for one year and two months I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension. Sworn and subscribed before me June 15th day 1833.

S/ Wm Barkley

S/ William Porter, JIC

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Amendatory Affidavit of William Barkley

Georgia Morgan County: Personally appeared before me Joseph Morrow an acting justice of the peace in and for said County William Barkley who after being duly sworn saith that he served as stated as a private commencing in the month of March in the year 1779 for the term of four months And that he served as stated as a private under the command of General Sumter Colonel Kimble [sic Frederick Kimball] Captain Coffee [Henry Coffey] commencing in the month of June in the year 1780 for the term of nine months and that he served as stated under the command of General Marion commencing in the month of June 1781 for the term of five weeks and that he served again under the command of Colonel Kimble commencing in October 1781 for the term of three weeks. And that he served as stated under the command of Colonel Bratton & Lieutenant McIlwayne [sic, Andrew McIlvain?] In the month of May 1782 for the term of one month which named periods contained the whole of my service embracing the time of sixteen months agreeable to the amended and foregoing declaration and for which he claims a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th of August 1833

S/ Joseph Morrow, JP

S/ Wm Barkley

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Georgia Morgan County: Personally appeared before me William Barkley who after being duly sworn saith that he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer Commencing in the month of June 1780 and served as stated the term of nine months and submits the following statement of that service, I volunteered as above stated in the State of South Carolina under the command of Colonel Kimble and Captain Coffee and joined General Sumter in the same month, marched to Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780] in the State of South Carolina there attacked a British Fort & was compelled to retire without accomplishing the Object, from thence the Army marched and crossed at Lands Ford of the Catawba River from thence to a place called hanging Rock about thirty miles above Camden, there had engagements with the British & Tories the

Tories commanded by Captain Colonel Bryan and defeated or disperse them, from thence marched back and recrossed the River Land's Ford and marched down on the Western side of the Catawba to Glave's Ford [sic,?] on the Wateree River, the Army was lying at that place when General Gates [Horatio Gates] was defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], the very day Gates was defeated I was detached under Colonel Kimble down opposite to Camden, was then informed of the defeat of General Gates, we then marched back and rejoined General Sumter at the place above stated, I was detached from General Sumter moved up the Country crossed the River under Colonel Kimble to reconnoitered, when General Sumter was defeated [Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780], a Major Davy [sic, probably William Richardson Davie] and Major Crawford made a stand at Waxhaw Creek where we joined a small detachment of dragoons Commanded by Major Davy we remained there something like two months, we were driven from thence by Lord Corn Wallis [sic, Cornwallis] troops into North Carolina on the East side of the Yadkin River after remaining there about 5 or 6 weeks I returned back when Cornwallis troops had evacuated that part of the Country and rejoined Colonel Kimble on the Catawba River, we were engaged in scouting until the arrival of Colonel Washington, we then joined him and was with him in the Capture of a Fort called Rugeley's about 13 miles above Camden under General Greene marched from North Carolina into South Carolina I marched again to join him and was taken with the small pock [smallpox] and was compelled to return and left the service sometime in April 1781 until I returned again under the command of General Sumter in the year 1781, as detailed before, this deponent further states he volunteered for no particular period, and that he served this term the full period of nine months as before stated. Sworn and subscribed before me November 6, 1833.

S/ Fielding W. Arnold, JP

S/ Wm Barkley

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of 52 dollars 88 cents per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months & 26 days service as a private in the South Carolina Troops.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to William Barkley AA7
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 286

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No. 44

No. 30 Book R

Mr. William Barkley his Account of 350 days Militia Duty in 1780 & 1781 as Private & Captain Amounting to £63 Sterling

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G." [Executed by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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1780} State of South Carolina to William Barkley Dr.

To Services done under the command of Colonel Frederick Kimball in General Sumter's Brigade and found his own horse 312 days

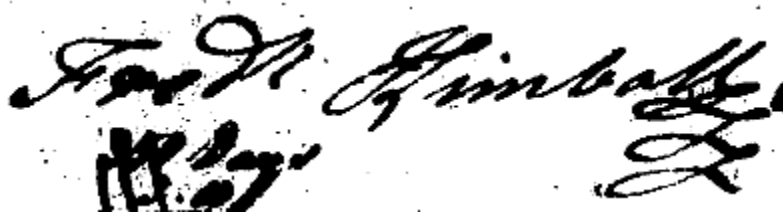
1781} In General Morgan's Brigade under the Command of Colonel Frederick Kimball

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>.

in horse Service and found my own horse Commanding a Company as Captain 30 days
To duty done as Command of a guard over a parcel of Prisoners at Colonel Frederick
Kimball's on house 8 days

I do hereby certify the above Account to be Just and true and that Captain Barkley always served
his country as a faithful good Friend. Certified by me this 15th June 1784

S/ Frederick Kimball, Col.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Frederick Kimball". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. Below the main signature, there are some smaller, less legible markings that appear to be initials or a date.

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Received for July 1785 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 30 Book U
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S/ John Barkley