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Pension Application of George Barnes S16316

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County of Christian Ss.

On this sixteenth day of August 1831 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the County and Circuit of Christian in the State of Kentucky, George Barnes resident in said County, aged Seventy five years 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 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818, and the 1st May 1820 that he the said George Barnes enlisted for the tem of eighteen months, or during the war, sometime in the month of April 1780 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Morris in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Clark in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment [see endnote]; that he continued to serve in the said corps until the end of the war [sic], when he was discharged from the service in the State of South Carolina; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; that his name is not on the pension roll of any state, except the one now applied for; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension "I never could find any person by whom I could prove my services since the Act of Congress passed until a few years past I met with Absalom Nixon [Absalom Nixon, pension application W3033] upon Laurel river as I was moving to Kentucky we were attacked by the Indians, two of my sons was carried off by them, my property all taken, and all my papers amongst which was my discharge from the army. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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. I am found in victuals & clothes by my children as was so found on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818. Given under my hand

George hisXmark Barnes

The Commonwealth of Kentucky

Christian County and Circuit Ss.

This day personally appeared in open Court Absalom Nixon and made oath that he is well acquainted with the within mentioned George Barnes and knows him to be the identical person who has signed the foregoing declaration that they were both together at the siege of Ninety Six [SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and at the battle of the Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781], that shortly after the Battle of the Eutaw Springs we were both discharged on or about the same day. I by Colo Henry Lee and he by Colo Armstrong [see endnote]

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky

Christian County Sct

This day personally appeared George Barnes in open Court before the Honorable Benjamin Shackelford sole Judge of the Christian Circuit Court and makes the following additional Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818: and obtain a pension under the act of 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 —

That in the month of Apl 1780 He enlisted in the Service of the United States at Hillsborough [NC] under the Command of Col Jonathan or Jos. Clark in the Company Commanded by Captain Morris. That he

believes there was one other Col or Leut Col Clark at the Siege of Ninety Six and that said Clark belonged to the Maryland or United States Regular troops that He served some time as waggon master and served as such until the Battle of the Eutaw Springs near which he was discharged

Given under my hand this 20th August 1832

George hisXmark Barnes

[On 20 Aug 1832 Barnes also deposed as follows in behalf of Absalom Nixon:]

the first acquaintance I had with Absalom Nixon was the said Nixon came with us from Augusta to White Hall in Abbeville County South Carolina – I was appointed Wagon Master in the place of our former one who died – and said Nixon was one of the guard on the route from Augusta to White Hall – and from that to Ninety Six and he was then in the Service of the United States under the Command of Colonel H. Lee and from the Siege of 96, we marched together to the Eutaw Springs – and that shortly after said Battle we were both discharged

#### NOTES:

The only Col. Jonathan or Joseph Clark or Clarke in the Virginia or Maryland Continental Line was Lt. Col. Jonathan Clark of the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment of Foot, who was captured at Charleston SC on 12 May 1780 and was not active thereafter. I could find no record of a Capt. Morris in Clark's regiment. Nor could I identify the Col. Armstrong mentioned in Nixon's deposition.

The file includes correspondence regarding an inquiry by one William Barnes about whether his father, George Barnes, had been eligible for bounty land.