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Pension Application of James Barham S16614

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Commonwealth of Kentucky }

Calloway County Sct }

On this 24th day of June in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Elisha Hardy William Jones and John Hodges Esqrs – justices of the Calloway County Court now sitting James Barham a resident of Trigg County Kentucky aged sixty nine 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 June 7th 1832 That he entered the army of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated towit

He states that he was born on the 18th day of May 1764 (as he learned from his parents and his fathers record of his age, but that he hath not at this time any record of his age) in Southampton County Virginia in which County he was principally raised that about the 1st of January 1781 he entered the service of the Virginia militia (he the said applicant then being a resident of Southampton County Virginia) for the term of three months as a substitute for a certain Zadok Bell (who had been drafted in said service) under Captain Jesse Whitehead lieut James Magget Ensign Samuel Maggott Rendezvoused at Surrey [sic: Surry] old Courthouse and there joined a Regiment under Major Duvall and Colonel Blount [sic: Benjamin Blunt] all under command of Genl Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] marched to Suffolk from whence this applicant was sent with 15 men under Capt Davenport down the Eastern Shore of Maryland to procure some negroes from some British Vessels then lying in the bay The Capt Davenport went no further than Norfolk but sent this applicant with the other men under a Sergeant Thos Pope [Thomas Pope] who proceeded with a flag to the British got the negroes and returned in fifteen days to Suffolk when this applicant Resumed his place under Capt Whitehead He states that the balance of his tour of three months was spent with the army at Suffolk, Mead Mills, Portsmouth and the Brick Church where he received a discharge signed by Capt Whitehead having served out his full tour of 3 months this discharge he has long since lost

He states that about two weeks before the expiration of the aforesaid tour which he served as a substitute for Bell he was drafted for another tour himself and his father procured a certain Charles Rose to serve in this applicants place for two weeks until his term under Capt Whitehead should expire Upon the expiration of which tour this applicant discharged Rose (he having served two weeks) and took his own place on the 15th of April 1781 under Capt John Taylor of Southampton County who belonged to a Rgement in which this applicant served under command of Major Maclomon [sic: Christian Charles de Klaumann] and Colonel Merryweather [sic: Thomas Meriwether] all under General Muhlenburg from this time this applicant continued to serve without intermission until the close of the war making this last tour about to six months and 3 weeks which time he fully served He marched under the aforesaid officers from Surrey old Courthouse to Mead Mills, thence to Suffolk and from thence to Petersburg where he was in a severe battle with the british [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781]. from thence he marched to Richmond and from thence six or eight miles from Richmond to a place called the old Piney-field and from thence to Williamsburg at which place this applicant with fifty other men were taken and put under Capt Myrick who crossed James River with his said men to Cobham [on James River in Surry County] and from thence to Hog Island [in Chesapeake Bay, Gloucester County] where this applicant was kept as one of the said fifty men to take care of the Cattle and kill the beeves for the supply of the army during the siege of Yorktown He states that when Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781] he with the others engaged in the same occupation were called over the River to Yorktown the day before his Lordship marched out after which this applicant was discharged by his Capt John Taylor (but receive no written discharge) having served six months and three weeks under Capt Taylor and Col Merryweather as above stated

which makes the whole of his Revolutionary services amount to nine months and three weeks. He has no documentary evidence of his services nor has he any testimony to prove his services better than he here adduces nor does he know of any other that he could procure. He states that about three years after the Revolution he moved to North Carolina in which state he resided till about the year 1813 when he moved to Logan County Ky where he resided several years when he moved to Calloway Ky from which County he has lately moved to Trigg County. He states his reason for not proving and swearing to his declaration in Trigg County where he now resides to be this That he has heretofore lived several years in Calloway County where most of his acquaintances now reside and where his old neighbours towit Nicholas Copeland Thomas Pitt Robert Elliott Beverly Elliott Enoch Metcalf William Curd Edward and Edmund Curd Joseph Glover Marcus Barnett and others will bear ample testimony as to his character for veracity and as to his being reputed a Revolutionary soldier. He states that he has lately moved from Calloway to Trigg County in which latter County he has formed but a short acquaintance with his neighbours and knows of no clergyman in said county who could testify to his reputation of being a Revolutionary soldier. These reasons induce him to apply in Calloway County where he is well known. He hereby relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state whatever.

[signed] James Barham

[Joseph Glover, pension application W7534, certified that he had served with Barham.]

NOTE: On 28 Dec 1846 Barham applied to have his pension transferred, having moved from KY first to TN and then to Greene County MO, because "his children had removed to the State of Missouri and he wished to be with them." On 10 Apr 1855 Barham applied for bounty land. A document in the file states that Barham died 8 Jan 1865 about 15 miles from Springfield MO.