

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Montgomery S16981
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State of Missouri County of Marion Sct

On this fourth day of September 1832 personally appeared before the county court for the County of Marion William Montgomery resident of Fabius township in the county of Marion and State of Missouri 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 benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July seventh 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six with Captain Sam'l. J. Cabel [sic: Samuel Jordan Cabell] and served in the sixth regiment of the Virginia Continental line under the following named officers towit the said Samuel J. Cabel whose company was drafted into Mirgains [sic: Col. Daniel Morgan's] regiment The affiant was in three engagements Trenton [26 Dec 1776] and one Battle at Prineston [sic: Princeton, 3 Jan 1777] and at Saratoga at the taking of Burgoin [sic: Burgoyne, 17 Oct 1777] and had a had a hard engagement near the White marsh [Battle of Whitemarsh near Chestnut Hill PA, 5 Dec 1777] under Morgan and after two years service he was discharged on the 14th of February 1778 and the said Montgomery afterwards in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine acted as recruiting officer and as Leiutennant in the State malitia at the time of the enlistment of said Montgomery he was a citizen of Amherst County Virginia. The said Montgomery was appointed recruiting officer as aforesaid by Joseph Cabel [sic: Joseph Cabell] and James Higgenbotham [pension application R15097] He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state
William hisXmark Montgomery

[Montgomery deposed as follows in support of the pension application of James Barnett W391.]
Lincoln County Sct. August the 8th 1828

this day Col. William Montgomery appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid & State of Kentucky and deposed that he is well acquainted with Col. James Barnett of Madison County Kentucky & has been intimate with him from his youth that he the s'd. Montgomery & Barnett was raised in Amherst County V.a &c, and this deponant says he Inlisted under s'd. Barnett on the 14th day of Feb'y. 1776 in Capt'n. Cabals Company Barnett being Ensignn in s'd company we marched shortly after to williamsburgh and from that to gwins Island [sic: Gwynn Island] & drove off Dunmore [11 Jul 1776] Barnett Commanding as Ensignn in s'd. Company and after performing various duty near to Williams Burgh and as well as this deponant recollects they were ordered to the North in September of the same year and Regimented in the 6th Virginia Regiment Commanded by Col. Mordicaih Buckner from that we marched to Trenton in the State of Jersey (& Barnett still commanding as Ensignn in said Company) from Trenton we marched to Elizabeth Town & met Gen'l. Washington retreating with Putman [sic: Gen. Israel Putnam] & others and joining them retreated before the British untill we crossed the deleware [sic: Delaware River] at Trenton from that we march up s'd. River to place called the Cold Camp and crossing the River about Christmas day we to took the Hessians at Trenton after killing many and taking others prisoners from that we crossed the Deleware with the prisoners and after remaining about a weak in camp and sending away the prisoners we recrossed the Deleware and marched to Trenton & from thence to Maidenhead a small Town in the Jersey [in present Lawrenceville] and was under arms two days & two nights successively and the following day the British came on and we retreated to Trenton. Barnett still commaned as an Ensignn in s'd. Company and there had a hard scrimmedge & crossed a creek & lay on the East bank untill about 10 oclock at night then Washington with his small army took a circuitous rout & fell on the Brittish at Prineston about sun rise and after killing

some 60 or 70 & taking some prisoners say three Hundred we marched on to Morris Town [Morristown] Barnett still acted as Ensign in s'd. Company I think shortly after this Barnett was promoted to a 2nd Lieutenancy in the Spring I was attached to Morgans Regiment of Riflemen I was Inoculated at Whippany [sic: Whippany] Town in Jersey & Barnett was to the best of my recollection Inoculated at Wilmington [sic: Wilmington DE] below Philadelphia, Early in the spring we met in Jersey again and I saw no more of Barnett until after we had taken Burgoin at Saratoga and had returned to the State of Pennsylvania at White Mash. I am not positive whether at this time he was not Lieutenant or Captain but we continued in the same neighbourhood & had a scrape with the British at Chesnut Ridge & Hattonfield [Hatfield?]. I thing in March our Times of Enlistment having Expired Capt'n. Barnett & Captain Rose marched us back to Amherst C.t.y in V.a in a few weeks after we arrive at home Barnett returned to the army in Jersey and continued there a considerable time the precise time I do not now recollect but returned home as a Captain and a Supernumerary officer of the Continental army. after my return to virginia I was appointed 1st Lieutenant in the Militia. I recollect well after this that Cap Barnett acted as Captain & myself as 1st Lieutenant in the same regiment [two or three illegible words] I acted as a volunteer and Barnett as a Supernumery Captain and believe Barnett acted as a Supernumary Officer under the Government until after the Capture of Cornwallis at Little York [19 Oct 1781] and this deponent is free in saying that he from his own intimate acquaintance with s'd Barnett and others that knew well about s'd Barnett & his services that he was a supernumery in the army until the taking of Cornwallis or until the End of the war & that he was active & usefull in this his duties & this deponent further states that at the Battle of the Point in 1774 [Point Pleasant, 10 Oct 1774] s'd Barnett was wounded this deponent being about 14 year of age at that time

NOTE: In a letter dated 8 April 1843 Jordan J. Montgomery stated that his father, William Montgomery, died on 22 Nov 1832. The pension that had not been collected up to the date of his death was awarded to Jordan J. Montgomery as administrator of the estate.