

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of William Barron S1788

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State of Tennessee     }

Washington County   }

On this 23 day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the peace of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County now sitting William Barron a resident of said County and State aged Seventy eight 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 the 7th 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated

That, while living in Montgomery County Virginia, he was, as he believes, drafted in the fall of the year 17—, and entered the service of the United States under John Brooley, a Sergeant, and served under him about one month in guarding Harbards ferry in that county, against the Indians, tho' no invasion occurred during that time. That he again enlisted or volunteered in the company command by Sergeant Alexander Neeley [Alexander Neely], under whom he served between two and three months, in guarding the lead mines of Montgomery County [at Fort Chiswell now in Wythe County]. – That he again enlisted under Lieutenant Frederick Edwards and served three months under Captain Jacob Stevens, during which time he marched to Long Island on the Holston River, (in what was then a part of North Carolina) [at present Kingsport TN] where his company joined the regiment of Col [William] Preston. That after remaining at Long Island a few days, an express came to Col Preston from the Rye Cove fort on Clinch River [near Cove Creek in present Scott County VA] requesting assistance, as the Indians had made some incursions in that quarter, and killed a few of the inhabitants. That Captain Stevens Company marched to their assistance, (affiant being one of them.) That after remaining a few days at Rye Cove fort intelligence was received that Mr – Cooke, who had been sent out as a spy, had been killed by the Indians, and that affiant, with the balance of Stevens' company, spent a few days in scouting Powell's valley with the view of discovering the Indians, but failing in this, they buried Cooke and returned to the fort. After remaining a short time at the fort, they returned again to Long Island, where affiant, after having served three months, was discharged by Captain Stevens & Col. Preston. That he then returned to New River, in Montgomery County and drafted under Lieutenant Ewens [possibly Samuel Ewing], with whom he served four or six weeks. That he went under him to Blue Stone [Bluestone] River where the Indians had committed some depredations, and the inhabitants had consequently been alarmed & sent for their assistance, but after remaining in that neighborhood four or five weeks, without meeting the Indians, they returned. That after this he removed to Washington County North Carolina, where, perhaps, in the fall of 1783 he volunteered under Captain Thomas Hardiman, under whom he marched to the Bind of 'Chucky [Big Bend of Nolichucky River], where his company joined the Regiment of Col. [John] Sevier. That he then marched under him, thro the Cherokee nation, to Cousa [sic: Coosa] River, on which occasion, Rogers' Town, Bull Town, and some others were burnt. That they also destroyed a town called Estananta, on the Cousa, and having crossed that river, they proceeded up it to the mountains, where they recrossed the Cousa, and returned back, thro' the Cherokee nation, to the Tennessee River where the troops were disbanded and affiant received a verbal discharge from Col. Sevier. During this excursion several prisoners were taken, and one or two persons killed. On this occasion affiant served about six weeks. He thinks he was in actual service, altogether about nine months. – Affiant was born on the Eastern Shore in Talbot [sic: Talbot] County Maryland in the year 1755, – lived a year or two in Dorset [sic: probably Dorchester] County Maryland – from whence, when quite young, he emigrated to Rowan County, North Carolina, where he lived several years, and went to Montgomery County in Virginia, from which place he came to Washington County North Carolina, now Washington County Tennessee where

he has resided ever since, a period, perhaps of fifty years. [From here to the end is marked "Omit."] He has no documentary evidence by which to establish his statements, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify as to his service, except so far as a part of it may be established by Shadrack Murray, whose affidavit is subjoined. Wm. Barron

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Shadrack Murray, aged sixty eight, this day personally appeared in open Court and made oath in due form of law that he has been acquainted with William Barron, who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing affidavit, ever since he lived in Rowan County North Carolina. That he takes him to be seventy eight years of age, and a man of veracity. That he knows personally of his having, (as affiant thinks) in the year 1783 entered the service of the United States, while living in Washington County North Carolina, under Captain Thomas Hardiman, That affiant was a volunteer from Washington County, in the same company, served during the same campaign and knows that the above statement of the events and acourances that took place during that campaign, made by Mr Barron, is true in every particular, as this affiant was present on all the occasions therein referred to. Affiant further believes that the other services stated by Mr Barron to have been performed by him were rendered as stated in the foregoing declaration as it is the common report in the neighborhood in which he lives that he was in the war of the revolution as well as that said Wm Barron is a man of truth

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 23 day of January 1833 [signed] Shadrack Maury

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On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 personally appeared in open court William Barron a resedent cetezen of said County & made oath that in his original declaration now on file in the Pension office of the War Department, he intended to set forth & actually did as he supposed, his revolutionary services at nine months, being under five different engagements set forth, in the service; that he has obtained a pension at the rate of twenty three dollars 33 cents per ann, being for but seven months service. He hereby & herein expressly states that he did serve under the five engagements set forth by him in the whole at least nine months, & claims a correspondent arrear of pension for the same.

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