

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Barkley (Barclay) S2960

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State of Tennessee, Rutherford County

On this 10th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable James C. Mitchell Judge of the Circuit Court now sitting for the County aforesaid John Barkley Senior a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 71 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 in the year __ he volunteered his services in the United States service, from the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina, under Captain Thomas Cowan, Colonel Francis Locke commanded the corps. The service required of declarant, was to guard the prisoners taken by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], and after remaining some time – say two months at the encampment called Bell's branch, then marched to Thos. Dicky's Mills – and encamped two months – and then marched the prisoners to the southern boundary of Virginia, and they were surrendered to an officer then appointed to receive them. In this service declarant was employed four months – and declarant returned home. Declarant received no discharge. In the same year from the County of Rowan and the day after declarant returned home from guarding the prisoners to Virginia declarant was called into service under the command of Captain James Gillespie, and rendezvoused at Salisbury at Captain William Brandon's. Declarant was a volunteer with his wagon and Team, and drove to Halifax and Tarborough for public stores for the Troops stationed at Salisbury. Declarant was engaged on this duty three months. There was six wagons under the command of Captain Gillespie. He received no discharge, and hath no documentary evidence in his possession by which he can prove his said service, but here appends the affidavit of his elder Brother James Barkley¹ as the best evidence in his power of the services performed by declarant. He recollects that William T. Lewis was stationed at Salisbury – and declarant recollects of an affair of Lewis shooting at one David Carns – at Salisbury, and broke Carns' arm. Declarant was born in the year 1763 Rowan County North Carolina – and lived there when called into service – and remained there until he moved to Rutherford County State of Tennessee where he has lived mostly since, and where he now resides. Declarant is acquainted with Charles Reedy, Sr., Captain George Brandon, Thomas S. Rucker, Thomas Powell, Richard Conar, Joshua Barton, and Joseph Knox, all of whom declarant believes will testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his Services as a revolutionary soldier. Declarant has no record of his age, but his brother James Barclay has it in his Bible, at home in the County of Warren.

He hereby relinquishes 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Barkley

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State of Tennessee, Rutherford County: Circuit Court

Personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable James C. Mitchell Judge &c John Barkley Senior, who being duly sworn, deposes 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 – was a volunteer private in his first campaign under the command of Captain Thomas Coner [sic, Cowan?] four months, and as a private volunteer three months under Captain James Gillespie, and for such service I claim a pension. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm. Ledbetter, Clk

S/ John Barkley

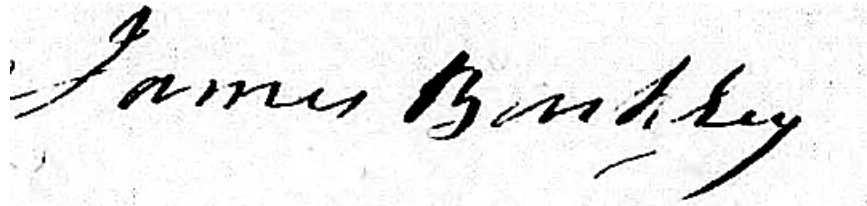
State of Tennessee, Rutherford County

Personally appeared in open Court James Barkley a soldier of the Revolution, a resident of Warren County, Tennessee and made oath, that he was well acquainted with the subscriber John Barkley Senior and the State of North Carolina Rowan County – and knew that he served as he has stated in his declaration and guarding the prisoners taken at Eutaw Springs by General Greene, under Captain Cowan and Colonel F. Locke-- and was marched with the prisoners to the State of Virginia – and after the expiration of this Tour of duty and shortly after his return home the declarant went a tour under the command of Captain James Gillespie, and he was in service when affiant returned home from his Tour to Wilmington against the British and Tories. Affiant cannot speak as to the precise length of the Services of declarant.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Ledbetter, Clk

S/ James Barkley



[Thomas S Rucker & Alexander Lorance gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Gideon Rucker, a clergyman, gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee, Rutherford County

On this 21st day of May 1834 personally appeared in open Court, before John Fletcher, William Vincent and Henry D. Jamison Justices of the Quorum, holding the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County, John Barclay [sic] a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged 72 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1830 2 – Declarant states that he was born 13th February 1763 in the County of Rowan State of North Carolina, and in the month of September 1781 from the County of Rowan North Carolina, declarant volunteered his Services as a private soldier and served the company of Captain Thomas Cowen, and rendezvoused at Bells Branch under Colonel Francis Locke; General Griffith Rutherford commanded the Troops in that section of North Carolina at that time. The duty of assigned the command was to guard the British Troops, that had been taken prisoners by General Greene at the battle of Eutaw Springs; and some Tories, which had also been taken prisoners. The prisoners were guarded two months at Bells Branch,

and then marched to Thomas Dicky's Mill, and the Tories were marched at the same time to Salisbury. Declarant was with the British under the command of Captain Cowen two months at Dicky's Mill; and then the prisoners were marched to the State of Virginia to be exchanged, and at the Virginia line, Cowen's company was met by the Virginia Troops who took charge of the prisoners, and the company was discharged and returned. Declarant was in service this campaign four months and a half. In January 1782 declarant again volunteered his services under the command of Captain James Gillespie, and the duty assigned declarant in this campaign was to aid in the transportation, and guard the wagons, in the transportation of public stores from Halifax and Tarborough in North Carolina to Salisbury – for the use of the guard, and Tories, that were then at Salisbury under the command and superintendence of Major William T. Lewis. Declarant was marched from Salisbury in January 1782 and went to Halifax and then to Tarborough, and returned to Salisbury and was discharged the last of March 1782 at Salisbury and returned home. The company of Captain Gillespie was commanded by Colonel Francis Locke. In this campaign declarant was in service three months. Declarant states that in his March from Dicky's Mill in his first campaign, with the British prisoners the command crossed South Adkin [sic, Yadkin River] at Johnston's Ford, from thence to Shallow Ford on the Main Yadkin River, thence to Hoozer Town, and then to the Virginia line. The prisoners were taken custody of by the Militia Corps, but who commanded them declarant does not recollect. In the second campaign declarant marched from Salisbury to the battle ground at Guilford Court House, and thence to Halifax, and then to Tarborough, and returned through Hillsborough to Salisbury. At Salisbury there was a corps of Continental Troops under the command of Captains Yarborough and Gamble. They were of the Continental Virginia line. Declarant never received a written discharge, and he has no other evidence of his services in the revolution, than the Testimony of James Barkley as stated in this declaration, and he knows of no one now living by whom he can prove his said services. He recollects an occurrence at Salisbury, which he personally saw – Major Lewis the commander struck a soldier with a club on the arm and broke it, and then shot at him with a Gun. The soldier had stole a Negro girl and for that Lewis struck him &c. Declarant has a record of his age in his family Bible at home in the County of Rutherford – when called into service declarant lived in Rowan County State of North Carolina, and lived there until 1808 and then moved to Tennessee, where he has lived ever since. Declarant is acquainted in his neighborhood with Charles Ready, Senior, George Brandon, Gideon Rucker, Alexander Orr, John Henderson, Joshua Nichol, John Mentor, Joshua Barton, Thomas S. Rucker, all of whom the declarant believes, would testify to his veracity and their belief that he would was a soldier of the Revolution. Declarant served seven months and a half in the war of the revolution and for this he claims a pension.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in this State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Barkley

Subscribed & sworn to 21 May 1834

S/ J. R. Laughlin, Clk

[Alexander Lorange and Alexander Orr gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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James Barclay [sic] a Citizen of Warren County State of Tennessee, a soldier of the revolution, appeared in open Court and made oath that he was acquainted with John Barclay[sic], the declarant named in the foregoing declaration, during the revolutionary War; and made oath, that said John Barclay to the best of his recollection, and one campaign entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the Company of Captain Thomas Cowan, from the County of Rowan North Carolina, and joined the command of Colonel Francis Locke; the whole being under the command of General Griffith Rutherford. The said declarant entered the service and has now recollected about the first of September

1781 and was discharged in March 1782. The declarant performed over duties in the prosecution of the war, but this deponent cannot speak with any certainty of them. This service that the declarant performed under the command of Captain Cowan was to guard the prisoners taken by General Greene at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs, who were quartered at Bells Branch, Rowan County, and then removed to Dicky's Mill; and from thence marched to the State of Virginia to be exchanged. In this service the declarant served six months or upwards.

S/ James Barclay

Subscribed & sworn to in open court May 21, 1834. S/ John R. Laingblin, Clerk

[Facts in file: veteran died July 3, 1850.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 15 days in the North Carolina militia.]