

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Barnet [Barnett] S30846

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State of Kentucky Green County: Sct

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Green County Court now sitting William Barnet a resident of Green County in State aforesaid aged about 74 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 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers and served as stated.

I lived in South Carolina Camden District, where I volunteered under Captain Robert Crawford in the Summer 1779. We joined at Camden a Regiment commanded by Colonel Eli Kershaw from which we marched near to Augusta in Georgia and joined General Williamson's [Andrew Williamson's] brigade at the Chalk Hills at which place the Regiment & Company was joined to Colonel Leroy Hammons [sic, Leroy Hammond], Kershaw was permitted to raise a Company of mounted men out of the Troop there. I joined Kershaw and we immediately marched to what is called the three runs on the Savannah River below Augusta to watch the River in the character of spies against the Tories and other enemy, that had collected in Georgia, we then crossed the River to dislodge them near which place a skirmish took place. They fled and again formed on the pine hill which we surrounded and killed two majors of the enemy the one named Sharp and the other Spurgion [sic, Major William Spurgen] -- and took some prisoners we again crossed the River at Augusta and returned to the Main Army with our prisoners, the particular month is not recollected.¹ We again returned to the three runs to spy from thence we were called to Ashley River in Carolina near to Charlestown where we were placed to guard a bridge -- at which place I was taken sick from which place I was sent home having served about three months -- after my health was restored a call was made for men to guard the Camden Jail. I again volunteered and served two months or upwards -- after hearing of the approach of Cornwallice [Cornwallis] to Camden we were disbanded and returned home -- and again volunteered under Colonel Caldwell in Roan [sic, Rowan] County North Carolina and marched against the Tories at Ramsour's Mills² on the Catawba River where the enemy were

¹ The veteran appears to be describing the Kettle Creek February 14, 1779

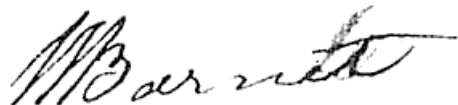
<https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790214-kettle-creek/> although Spurgen is not known to have been killed in that engagement.

² June 20, 1780 http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

defeated and myself badly wounded after recovering from my wounds I joined General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in South Carolina and continued with him until the enemy were cleared from our State which was in the fall of the year 1782 -- having served during the year '81 or in the summer of that year with General Marion making in the different periods about three years which I was in the service. I was in the following battles while under General Sumter at Fishing Creek³ called Sumter's defeat -- Battle at the Fishdam Ford⁴ on Broad River = I was with Marion in the battle on the head of Cooper River -- I was in the Battle of Camden⁵ under General Green. I was in five regiments under Sumter during his round when he brought off Mrs. Sumter from South to North Carolina. I never had any regular discharges signed I cannot at this time prove my Services -- unless the recollection of General Jackson and General Adair⁶ will enable them to identify them in part.

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 age of any State eerie at sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ W. Barnett



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State of Kentucky Green County: Sct.

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in Green County Court, Andrew Barnett⁷ a resident citizen of said County, who being first duly [sworn] according to law doth on his oath make the following statement in relation to the services of his Brother William Barnett who has signed & qualified to the above declaration in the American Revolution. That, he has a knowledge of said William Barnett's being in the battles called Sumter's defeat, the battle of Campden [Camden], Battle of Ramsour's Mills tour he was in those engagements himself, and well recollects his said brother's being in those actions at the time of Spurgens defeat, the said Andrew Barnett stated he was not, present, at that time he was serving in a different Regiment, from the one in which his said Brother served -- though he has always understood from his said brother and others that he was in that engagement, and never heard it doubted by any one. He had a brother wounded in the battle at Ramsour's Mills, and died of his wounds afterwards. He moreover stated that he had no doubt but his brother served the entire time & manner he has stated above in his declaration. Subscribed & sworn to in open Court the date above.

S/ A. Barnett



³ August 18, 1780 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fishingcreek.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishing_creek.html

⁴ November 8, 1780 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fishdamford.htm> http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishdam_ford.html

⁵ The battle of Hobkirk Hill April 25, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/hobkirk.htm> http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hobkirks_hill.html

⁶ This is probably a reference to [John Adair W2895](#) whose application for a pension was attested by President Andrew Jackson. In his attestation, the President referred to this man as "General Adair."

⁷ [Andrew Barnett S1165](#)

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Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said County and State above stated on the 25th day of February 1833 William Barnett of said County who, being duly sworn, deposed 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 in the Army of the United States during the American Revolution but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the great of a soldier wholly, except on several occasions he acted as a subaltern officer for which however he makes no additional claim. For three years I served as a soldier, commencing in the year 1779 in the summer of that year though as to the day of the month, or the month he cannot remember, and ending in December 1782. The second tour served after said Barnett was returned to health, was, in the spring of 1780. This service was performed in guarding the Camden jail, in which there was a number of prisoners Tories and others who had been arrested on a charge of uniting [?] with the British in opposition to the United States. James Cannada was the Lieutenant commanding the force raised to guard the said jail, for which service he the said Barnett volunteered and served two months to the best of his recollection, many of the prisoners, had been taken as such in the County, upon charges of aiding the British in opposition to the United States. He cannot say positively by whom the said Lieutenant Canada was ordered to raise the force to guard said jail but it was usual on such occasions for the superior officers to order such detachments as were deemed necessary for that service & he presumes that his services was performed under such orders. He served his third tour under Captain Caldwell in Rowan County North Carolina, in a company of militia, who commanded, the Regiment, he does not remember but Colonel Locke [Francis Locke] commanded in the Battle of the Ramsour's Mills in the year 1780 in the month of June and on the 20th day of June 1780 he was in the engagement at Ramsour's Mills with the Tories at which time he was wounded. After recovering from his wound he joined General Sumter in a company commanded by Captain Crawford this was in the year 1780 also; & this tour was served in the State of South Carolina; in the service under Captain Caldwell, he did not remain longer than a week; from the summer of the year 1780 he continued with Generals Sumter, Marion & Green [sic Nathanael Greene] & ~~Gates~~ serving on various detachments, while under their command until the fall of the year 1782 when he was discharged, at what place he could not now recollect; it was however in South Carolina, where the whole of his service was performed except a small part of his time in Georgia and North Carolina -- the said Barnett also stated that he was born in the State of Pennsylvania on the Susquehanna River in Lancaster County in the year 1759 on the 15th day of May according to the family tradition, and his father's family register -- he has no record of his age, it was kept in his father's family Bible which, came to the possession of another brother who removed to the State of Tennessee -- From South Carolina to which place his father had removed with himself & his family when he was about five years of age; he removed to Kentucky in the year 1783, and in this State he has continued to reside ever since and now resides in Green County in said State. He is known in his neighborhood to various persons who can testify to his arrest that he, and particularly to the Reverend Johnston Grayham and Whitfield Smith -- For the services above named he claims from his country a pension -- Given under my hand this day and date above written.

S/ Wm B. Allen, JP GC

[Johnson Graham, a clergyman, and Whitfield J. Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 2 years service in the South Carolina militia from 1779.]
