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Pension Application of Lewis Barrett S31533

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State of Georgia }
County of Wilkes }

Personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the Inferior court for said county now sitting for ordinary purposes Lewis Barrett a resident of said county and state aged eighty years the seventh day of last June 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 seventh eighteen hundred and thirty two

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated, to wit, under the command of Col [Samuel] Meredith, Col. Charles Dabney & Captain James Dabney. That Col. Meredith took the chief command that they all resided then in the State of Virginia Col. Dabney (& as he thinks Col. Meredith also) resided in Hanover county and that Capt Dabney resided in the county of Louisa in said State. That he entered the service in the year seventeen hundred & seventy six (& as he thinks earley in the Spring of that year) and that he continued in such service for six months and was discharge, to the best of his recollection, in the fall of that year. That at the time he entered the service he was a resident of the State of Virginia & county of Hanover. That he volunteered for six months as "a minute man" according to the name given to the Service. That he marched from Hanover county to Hampton in the State of Virginia when his service was rendered in guarding the citizens and their property near the Hampton roads from predatory incursions by the British enemy where Dunmore, the governor of Virginia had committed many depredations. That he has no recollection of haveing any connection with any continental troops or officers during his service. That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State [signed] Lewis Barrett

Questions propounded by the court to the applicant.

1st Where & in what year were you born

Ans'r. In Hanover county State of Virginia on the seventh of June seventeen hundred and fifty two as reported to & handed down to me by my parents

2nd Have you any record or your age and if so where is it?

Ans'r. I have no record of my age but have the time of my birth age only by reputation, as above.

3rd Where were you liveing when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war & where do you now live?

Ans'r I lived in Hanover county when called into service. When I came from the Service I remained in Hanover county a few years, then removed to Louisa county in virginia, where I lived after the war, some few years. I then removed to Wilkes County State of Georgia, where I now reside, & have been resideing for upwards of forth years.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

Ans'r. There was a demand for men to go towards the sea-board to protect the citizens in the lower part of the State from the incursions of the enemy: And as this applicant now recollects a draft was about to be made but all those who should volunteer were to be exempt; when he volunteered & served as above declared?

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers, who were with the troops, where you served; such Continental and malitia Regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your

service.

Ans'r I recollect of no regular officers neither can I give any name to any regiment at the time in service. I recollect that Col. Meredith was the commander in chief at Hampton. I also recollect that while I was in service a vessel came into the Hampton roads laden with west-India [probably West Indies] commodities; and ran aground, when the British tenders were about to take possession of her; but were prevented, by the commander (Meredith) placing on board said vessel, men sufficient for her defence (one of which men was this applicant) Applicant cannot now recollect any other circumstances that is likely to have been preserved by history or memory, even if the abort should have been noticed or recollected by others.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, & if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it

Ans'r. I do not recollect ever to have recv'd. any written discharge

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known, in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and good behaviour, your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Ans'r. Among others in my neighbourhood James Donough, Luke Turner, James D. Willis, & Nicholas Powers (a clergyman) can certify to everything contained in the seventh Interrogatory except as to my actual services in the revolution
[signed illegibly] Lewis Barrett