

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Barr S31537

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State of Georgia, Jackson County

On this ___ day of ___, personally appeared in open court before Inferior Court of said County, now sitting James Bar a resident of Jackson 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: --

That he volunteered his services at the age of 16 years under the command of Captain Daniel Gallespie [sic, Daniel Gillespie] in Guilford County North Carolina, being a horse Company. The company of Captain Gillespie was called the Company of minute men – whose duty it was to be always ready at a moment's notice to obey the officers summons to suppress the Tories. This was about the year 1778. The services which he performed as a minute man were as follows – viz: First against a Tory Colonel by the name of Bryan, -- Colonel Pacely [John Paisley] commanding the whole squad or Battalion – in this service we were in no battle, skirmish or encounter, the Tories flying before us & scattering at our approach. He was out in this tour of about three weeks.

The next service which he performed as a minute man was against Col. Fannin [sic, David Fanning] another Commander of the Tories; we marched upon him with the expectation of taking & defeating him, but he also fled at our approach & escaped. I was out in that tour one month. The next was against one Walker another Leader & Captain of the Tories. He likewise fled before us. In this service I served over three weeks.

The next against Captain Elrod [John Elrod] another leader of Tories – we chased him also out of our reach. In this tour one month--

The next against the same Colonel Fanning above mentioned – we again drove him off & scattered his forces. He always eluded our grasp in spite of all our attempts. In this service over one month --

After this we were called on to guard a public magazine at Guilford Court House for one month which service was performed according to requisition --

Next service was a three months Tour under the same Captain & Col. & under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] at Wilmington NC. During this period we were rendezvoused several times at different places, but were in no battles or skirmishes.

The company to which he belonged was in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], but this applicant had gone to Pittsylvania County Virginia to remove his father without the reach & abuse of the Tories and returned to Camp on the same day of the Battle shortly after it had ended --

He was a standing minute man from the time of his enlisting as such until the end of the war – and performed the above terms of actual service, making in all a little over seven months & a half – he received a discharge from Captain Gillespie but thinking it of no value took no care of it & it has long since been destroyed or lost.

He was born in Guilford County N. C. on the seventh of February 1762 – he has no record of his age except in his family Bible. Since the revolution he lived six years in Abbeville District South Carolina –and for the last 33 years at the place where he now lives in Jackson County Georgia. The only Testimony by which he can establish his claim are two affidavits hereto appended – one made by Samuel H. Everett a citizen of Hall County, but whose affidavit he procured in this County. The other at the affidavit of Francis Bell of this County who is altogether unable to attend to Court from great affliction old age & infirmity. He names as persons in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief in his services as a soldier of the revolution James Sisson, John Ridling

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/ James Barr

Handwritten signature of James Barr in cursive script.

S/ Ally[?] J. Brown, JIC

[Edward Pharr, a clergyman, and James Wheeler, Sr. gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

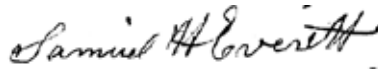
Georgia, Jackson County

Personally appeared before me Jerry Bowen an acting Justice for said County Samuel H. Everett and after being duly sworn saith on oath that James Barr of the aforesaid State & County served in the revolution of the United States as a volunteer horseman finding his on horse and equipment in Captain Galaspy [Gillespie's] Company under the command of Colonel John Paceley in Guilford County North Carolina against the Tories.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st of August 1832

S/ Jerry Bowen, JP

S/ Samuel H. Everett

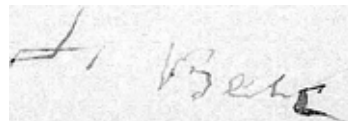
Handwritten signature of Samuel H. Everett in cursive script.

Georgia, Jackson County

Personally appeared before William Burns an acting Justice for said County & State before said Francis Bell of the County and State aforesaid and after being duly sworn deposed and saith that James Barr of the County and State aforesaid served in the Revolutionary War of the United States against Great Britain as an horseman finding his on horse and equipment in Captain Galaspy [Gillespie's] company under the command of Colonel John Paceley [John Paisley] in Guilford County North Carolina. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 25th day of September 1832.

S/ Wm Burns, JP

S/ F. Bell

Handwritten signature of F. Bell in cursive script.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the North Carolina militia.]