

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Robert Barnwell S31540

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State of Georgia } on the Third day of September in this 1832 Personally appeared  
Hall County } in open court before Thos. S. Tate Joseph Dunagan and Ezekiel  
Buffington Judges of the Inferior Court of said County sitting as a Court of ordinary Robert  
Barnwell of Hall County and State of Georgia aged Seventy one years and Nine months - who  
being first duly Sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following decleration in order  
to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he entered the servis of the united states under the following named officers - and served  
as is hear in stated

Viz) The Captain name I Cant not recollect the Major Hathhorn [probably James Hawthorne] and  
Colo. Andrew Neal These are the officers that I served this first Tower of duty I entered the  
servis in August 1779 — that He resided in York District South Carolina when he entered the  
servise as a volunteer into the servise that he was not in any general ingagement during that  
Tower. we marched to North Carolina Linckoln Court house [sic: Lincoln Courthouse]. there we  
joined head Quarters under the command of General Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter] and general  
Ratherford [sic: Griffith Rutherford] from there we returned back to York district

The next Tower of Duty I Turn out Volunteer in the moth of August 1780 and was under  
the follow Rules and Regulations we joined head Quarters near Camden under General Sumpter  
and He was in general Sumpters Defeat at the mouth of Fishing Creek South Carolina [18 Aug  
1780] we then returned back hoam to York Dist. South Carolina he was generally under feteage  
[fatigue] marching Through that part of the Cuntry for the Toreys was Verry Troublesom  
The third Tower of duty I was again Drafted under the command of Captain Henderson and  
Colo. John Moffet [sic: John Moffitt] we marched from York District to orangeburgh [sic:  
Orangeburg] South Carolina and there we remained during the Tower of duty. from there he  
returned hoam to York Dist. The next Tower of duty he was Drafted the Captain I Cant recollect  
he joined head Quarters on the Salt Ketchers [sic: Salkehatchie, commonly called Saltketcher,  
River] South Carolina under General Henderson and was generally out on Feteague during that  
Tower. This was a Tower of Two month only — The next Tower or Towers of duty that he dun he  
was drafted and Volunteered and served in defence of his Cuntrey during of the ware The dates  
and officers he cant not recollect it appears that the Towreys was Verry Troublesom and that he  
was generally out on Scouting parties during the ware in South Carolina I have now papers that I  
can establish my servises by. I do not now of now person that I can prove my servises by Except  
the certificate that is hear with inclosed [signed] Robt Barnwell

He hear by relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pention or annuity accep the present and  
declares that his name is not on the pention roll of the agency of any State Sworn to and  
subscribed this third day of September 1832

[signed] Ez. Buffington

[signed] Robt Barnwell

Amendment to Robert Barnwells declaration

Georgia } Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Inferior  
Hall County } Court, In and for said County Robert Barnwell who being duly sworn  
deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot  
swear positively 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. Viz Some time  
in the month of August 1779 I volunteered (but do recollect [sic] the Captains name) as a private  
militiaman Was attached to Maj'r Hathorns Batallion and the Regiment of Colo. Andrew Neal  
and marched to Lincoln Court house North Carolina where I joined the army under Gen'ls.  
Sumpter & Rutherford after remaining about two weeks we were disbanded by our officers and I  
returned home.

Some time in the month of August 1780 (I think) I volunteered again as a private  
militiaman joined the army under Gen'l. Sumpter near a place called Camden South Carolina and

was in the engagement at the mouth of Fishing Creek where Gen'l. Sumpter was defeated by Colo. Tarltons Cavalry [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion] — I then returned home. I think I was out about three weeks in this tour

Some time in the fall of the same year I was drafted as a private militiaman for a three months tour under Capt. Henderson and attached to Colo. John Moffit's Regiment and marched to Orangeburg in South Carolina where I remained until the expiration of my term of service when I was verbally discharged by my officers and returned home.

I was again drafted in a short time after getting home for a two months tour as a private militiaman but cannot recollect the Captains name. marched to a place called the Salt Ketchers in South Carolina where I joined the army under the command of Gen'l. Henderson and remained there until my term of service ended when I returned home.

And in a few days was again drafted for tour of two months as a private militiaman but do not recollect the Captains name. marched to a place called Turkey Creek [probably the one in York County SC] where I was engaged under Colos. Hopkins & [William] Hill in the building of a Fort at that place. I then returned home I was frequently out in scouting and recruiting parties until the end of the war but for which last mentioned service and the two first tours one of two & the other of three weeks I relinquish all claim to a pension being informed that it is not recognised as military service. but for the other three tours one of three months & two of two months each I claim a pension that being service rendered with an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority.

1<sup>st</sup> I was born in Bucks County State of Pennsylvania on the first day of December 1760.

2<sup>nd</sup> I have no record of my age though have frequently seen one made and kept by my father

3<sup>rd</sup> I lived in York District State of South Carolina when called into service. I have lived in the State of Georgia for the last forty years Viz about thirty years in Franklin County and the last ten years in Hall County where I now live.

4<sup>th</sup> I was drafted three times and volunteered into the other tours.

5<sup>th</sup> I recollect to have seen Gen'ls. Sumpter & Rutherford & Henderson, Colo's. Neal & Moffit

6<sup>th</sup> I never received any Written discharge

7<sup>th</sup> James Rily Esqr Joshua Simmons, John Casey Esqr George Rucker, John Collins, Jacob Eberhart & Colo Ezekiel Buffington are persons who live in my present neighbourhood who would testify to my character for veracity &c

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 1834

[signed] Robert Barnwell