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Pension Application of John Ballenger S31543

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State of Alabama } Circuit Court fall term 1832
St Clair County }

On this eighth day of November personally appeared in open court, before the Honorable Anderson Crenshaw presiding Judge of the Circuit court now sitting, John Ballenger a resident of the county and state aforesaid aged about seventy three 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 he was born in Culpeper County Virginia in the year 1759 – that he has no record of his age, but that his knowledge of the same is traditional. that he was living when called into service in the county and state last mentioned – that after the close of the war he removed to the state of South Carolina, thence to the State of Alabama and county aforesaid about eight years since where he still resides

Claimant further states that he entered the service of the United States as a regular enlisted soldier on the 16th of January 1777 in the county of Culpeper Virginia as aforesaid – that he attached himself to Captain John Gillason's [sic: John Gillison W7530] company. that in or about march following he march with said company to New Castle in the State of Delaware where himself and a part of the company were inoculated for the small pox – thence they marched to head quarter at Middle Brook [Middlebrook] New jersey. the company to which this claimant belonged was attached to the regement which Colonel Edward Stevens commanded. Shortly after they had thus reached head quarters they were marched under Col Stevens to the State of New York, but had no engagement with the British who about this time quit the State of New york and sailed around to the mouth of Elk Creek in the chesapeake bay [at present Elkton MD, Aug 1777]. nothing remarkable occured this year in the regiment to which this claimant belonged. they were marched the ensuing winter to valley forge some twenty miles perhaps from Philidelphia where they went into winter quarters with the major part of the continental forces. When the campaign open in the following spring [31 Jan 1778] Colonel Stevens resigned his commission and this claimant still under Capt. Gillason was attached to the 6th regement which was commanded by Colonel John Green and Gen. [Charles] Scott had command of the brigade they were marched under the last named officers into the State of New Jersey where the battle of Monmoth was fought as well as this claimant can recollect in or about the month of July [sic: Battle of Monmouth, 28 Jun 1778] This claimant was in that battle. it took place as he believes in the county of Monmoth. Claimant does not recollect that any distinguished officer fell on either side. The American forces were l[ed] on in this battle by Gen. Charles Lee who afterwards was discharged as this claimant believes for disobeying orders. The American troops the succeeding winter being that of 1778 and 79 went into winter quarters at Middle Brook, New jersey. The succeeding Spring this claimant was taken from the regular army and attached to a regment of light infantry under Gen. [Anthony] Wayne. an officer by the name of Shelton (Christian name not now recollected by claimant) [probably Clough Shelton] was his immediate captain. they made several marches in the course of this year but had no engagement with the enemy worth a relation save that at Stony point on what was then called the north but now the Hudson river in the state of new york which they attempted and succeeded in storming on the night of 16th of July 1779 – in this engagement Col. Hays [sic: Samuel Hawes] was wounded but not mortally also another officer whose name is forgotten by this claimant. Claimant has thus given a general and imperfect but nevertheless a correct statement of the part he took in the revolutionary conflict so far as his recollection serves him aright – in January 1780 at the City of Philadelphia he received a written discharge from Colonel Febecker [sic: Christian Febiger] which made the term of his service three entire years. Claimant further avers that he has long since lost or destroy his discharge supposing it never could or would avail him any thing – Claimant further avers that he holds no documentary evidence nor is he acquainted with any living person whose testimony he can procure who

could testify to his services as a soldier of the revolution – and lastly that he relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is no on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court

John hisXmark Ballenger

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Certified that John Ballenger a soldier in the 6th V Rgt faithfully served the term of [illegible] years the term of his Inlistment

May 31st 1783

[Thomas Barbee BLWt258-300] Capt
6th V Rgt

A handwritten signature in cursive script, enclosed in square brackets. The signature appears to read "Thos. Barbee".