

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Hugh Barr (O'Barr) S32110

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State of Indiana     }  
County of Daviess   } SS.

On this eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, personally appeared, in open Court, before his honor James McDonald Judge of the Probate Court, of said County of Daviess, Hugh Barr, alias Hugh O'Barr, a resident of Barr Township, in the County and State aforesaid, aged 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year seventeen hundred and eighty, with Captain William Dix, and served in the [blank] regiment of the North Carolina line [sic: Pittsylvania County VA Militia], under the following named Officers:

That, in the month of April 1780, as near as he can recollect, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month, at the house of John Dix, commonly known by the name of Dix's Ferry, on Dan River about four miles below the big falls, in Halifax County State of Virginia [where US 58 now crosses], he enlisted with Captain William Dix as a Drummer, but not liking his situation as had been anticipated, he was permitted by Capt Dix, to relinquish his then new situation and to shoulder his musket and take his station in the ranks as a private soldier, which he did; that he marched from Dix's Ferry, under Captain Dix to Hillsborough [NC], and from Hillsborough to a place then called Cross Creek [now Fayetteville]; That at Hillsborough or Cross Creek, (he is not positive which) he was placed under the command of Captain [first name blank] Samuel, Adjutant Washington, Colonel William Moore, other officer's not recollected [see note below]; That from Cross Creek he marched to many other places, in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, but owing to his advanced age and the rapid loss (for about five years back) of memory, he cannot recollect the various districts of country through which he marched, with sufficient accuracy to narrate; That he was in the battle near Camden, South Carolina [16 Aug 1780], under Gen. [Horatio] Gates, at the time that General was defeated by Lord Cornwallis, by which circumstance he is enabled to recollect the period he entered the service of the United States, he having enlisted in April previous to the day on which that battle was fought; That he was in the battle at Guilford Courthouse, North Carolina [15 Mar 1781], under General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]; and at the time Lord Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781], he was engaged in driving cattle, (with a detachment of men under Capt. Copeland and Col. Kid [possibly Kidd] down James River below the Shallow ford in Virginia, for the support of the American troops; That sometime after his enlistment and during his service, he was placed under the command of Colonel Henry Dixon [of the NC Brigade], and under Capt Grey, or Ray; but at what particular period, he cannot recollect, neither can he recollect whether he was put under the command of Capt Grey, or Ray, at the same time he was placed under Col. Dixon or not. He served as a private soldier from the day of his enlistment until the the last day of October (1781) Seventeen hundred and eighty one, after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, as near as he can recollect, when he was discharged by Col. Kid, with whom he was then engaged in driving Cattle as above stated, which was on James River in [blank] County Virginia. At the time he entered the service he resided with his Father Michael O'Barr, in Caswell County North Carolina; That at that time he had two Older Brothers in the Service of the United States, one called Daniel (now deceased) the other Robert; That when he last heard from his brother Robert (say six years) he resided somewhere in Tennessee, and was then in the receipt of a pension [application not found]; That his brothers were in the service of the U. S. three years before he was, and that he has now forgotten in what part of Tennessee his brother Robert lives, (should he ever require proof of his service,) but he is confident his name will be found on the rolls of the War Department. After the war, he went to his Uncle's in York County Pennsylvania, where he resided about five years, during which time he married in Fredericktown Maryland. from thence he removed to Bourbon County Kentucky, where he resided until the year 1811 or 1812, when he removed to Daviess County Indiana, where he now

resides and has ever since resided. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any state.  
Hugh hisXmark Barr

State of Illinois } S.S.  
Edgar County }

On this 15th day of March One thousand Eight hundred and fifty two, personally appeared before me a justice of the peace within and for the county and state aforesaid, Michael Barr, a resident of the above named county and state aged 51 years, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, does on his oath make the following declaration (Viz)

That Hugh Barr his father, now deceased, was a soldier of the United in the war of the Revolution That his said father entered the service of the United States in the State of North Carolina in the North Carolina line. That he was in the battles known as Gates defeat or Battle near Camden, and in the battle at Guilford Court House, that he has heard him say that he was once taken as a prisoner but he can not remember the place where. He does not remember the term of his Father's service. He does not remember the names of his officers except he has heard him speak of having been under the command of General Greene, That his father after the close of the war of the Revolution removed to Bourbon County Kentucky and resided there until the fall of the year AD 1811 at which time he removed to Knox County now called Daviess County, Indiana, and resided there until the year AD 1835 in the month of September when he came to Edgar County Illinois and resided with this declarant until the time of his death His father the said Hugh Barr died in Edgar Co Illinois at the residence of this declarant on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April AD (1842) one thousand eight hundred and forty two, in the Eighty fifth year of his age from the best information I could get from him. leaving no widow (His first wife my mother died in AD 1822 and his second wife died in A.D. 1832 as well as I remember) My Father left the following heirs at law and children (Viz) James Barr, Polly intermarried with John Aikman, Robert Barr, Michael Barr (this declarant) Hugh Barr, and the children. Viz George T. Barr and John H. Barr children of Bynam Barr deceased who was the youngest child of the said Hugh Barr deceased, Polly Aikman and her husband John Aikman are now dead, their children, the most of them live in Daviess County Indiana, as do also all of the other children and heirs above mentioned, except this declarant.

My father never received any pension from the United States although he said he was entitled to receive a pension for his services in the war of the Revolution He once made an attempt to get a pension, I am not sure whether he made any declaration for that purpose or not. my best recollection is that he did. He was then living in Daviess County Indiana. I was living where I now am. I am sure he told me that he had gotten the Hon. John Ewing to attend to the business for him. The said Ewing was then a representative in Congress from his Congressional district in Indiana and my further recollection is that he lost or mislaid my fathers papers in the case. Soon afterwards my father came to live with me, as stated above and he never took any further action in the premisses. He does not know of any person living by whom he can prove his fathers services. He refers to the annexed and following declaration of James Johnson and Absalom Pitcher as the best proof he can get in the case. He has never before applied for the benefit of any law of Congress as an heir of the above named Hugh Barr.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pension, pay, arrears of pay, or bounty land or any sum or sums of money to which he may be entitled as one of the heirs of the above named Hugh Barr under any law or laws of Congress to the benefit of which he may be entitled.  
Michael Barr

NOTE: Col. William Moore of the Caswell County NC Militia is not believed to have been in Camden campaign, but was active in the Guilford Courthouse campaign.