

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Barrett Brewer S32131

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The State of Alabama }

Montgomery County }

The declaration of Barrett Brewer in the matter of his application for a pension made in open court before Benajah S Bibb Judge of the County and Orphans court for said county on this 21th January A.D. 1833 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 1832 – I shall be seventy years of age in August next. I have no register of my age. I joined the militia as a volunteer in 1781 at the time of the invasion of Virginia by Arnold & Phillips [Benedict Arnold and William Phillips] I belonged to Capt Rich Gaines [Richard Gaines's] company Col Dan'l Gaines [Daniel Gaines's] regiment Gen Muhlenburgs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] brigade I received a regular discharge. This deponent further saith that he lived in Charlotte County Virginia at the time of his entry into the service that he emigrated to Georgia in 1783. that he left this discharges in the hands of his father who is now dead & what has become of them this deponent cannot say. This deponent further declares and says that at the time of his first tour there was no engagement of consequence We were principally at Portsmouth & retreated from there. Phillips was killed [sic: died of typhoid at Petersburg, 13 May 1781] Arnold penetrated to Richmond – This deponent further declares and says that in the summer of 1781 he was called into the militia service and placed under the command of Capt Thos or Jno Collier [Thomas Collier or John Collier] Colo. Flemings regiment & Gen'l Lawsons [Robert Lawson's] brigade in October following we were at Little York at the captur of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] that Capt Collier resigned & was succeeded by Gideon Spencer. After the Captur of Cornwallis I marched to Winchester Virginia as one of a guard of some British Soldiers. That the war closed soon after. My name is not on the pension roll of any state. And I do relinquish all claim to any pension except the present. [signed] Barrett Brewer

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The supplemental declaration of Barrett Brewer taken at Montgomery county in the town of Montgomery before Benajah S Bibb Esq Judge of the County Court in and for said county in open court on his oath on this 20th May AD 1834 in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress passed June 7th 1832. I shall be seventy one years of age in August next. I was born in Louisa county Virginia My father very early after my birth removed to Charlotte county in Virginia. I lived in Charlotte county at the time I entered the service in January 1781. I have stated in my first declaration who were my officers. I was called into service in January 1781 at that time I served from January till April of that year. Our force was strong enough to keep the enemy at Portsmouth Virginia. We endeavored to induce the enemy to leave that place but without success. We had many skirmishes but no decisive engagement After my discharge & many were discharged at the same time Arnold & Phillips penetrated into the interior. Phillips was killed. Arnold reached Richmond. I was in the service fully three months & received a discharge The discharge I left with my father who died in Henry County Virginia in what year I don't remember I have not seen him since 1794 I cannot now say what became of it & suppose it must be lost. In the fall of the said year I was again called on to perform a tour of service & placed under the command of the officers mentioned in my first declaration At this time I served between three & four months. I was at York town at the Capture of Lord Corn Wallis The officers I have before given. After the Capter of Corn Wallis I marched in a guard to Winchester with some British prisoners I received at this time a regular discharge which I have likewise lost. I with the establishment of the first parallel line I present until the surrender of the British Army. I was attached to 10th division of the Militia of said County of Charlotte the State of Virginia & classed. My name is on the Pension roll of

no State & I relinquish all my claim to any pension except the present [signed] Barrett Brewer

NOTE: On 9 Feb 1838 Barrett Brewer was living in Abbefoil in Macon County AL. A document in the file states that Brewer died on 6 July 1844. Letters refer to a son of Barrett Brewer, John P. Brewer of Pike County AL.