

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Barco S34640

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In the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Missouri

Be it remembered that this second day of December in the year of our Lord 1823 personally appeared in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County being a Court of Record in open Court John Barco aged seventy-nine years a Resident of the County of Lincoln aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: In the year 1777, on the 24th day of May in Campden [Camden] County North Carolina the said John Barco enlisted as a Drummer in Dempsey Gregory's Company of the 10th Regiment of light infantry, commanded by Colonel Shepherd in the Revolutionary service, from Camden County he was marched to Valley Forge on the Schuylkill [River] where he joined Washington's Army and this Affiant was there transferred into the first Regiment commanded by Howell Tatum. From Valley Forge he was marched to West Point where said Affiant labored a summer season creating Fortifications. In the fall of the year 1779 this Affiant was marched to Charleston in South Carolina under the Command of General Hogan [James Hogun] – when he arrived at Charleston aforesaid he was placed under the Command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. And this Affiant further states that on the 12th Day of May 1780 he was surrendered up to the British as prisoner of War by capitulation, where he was put on board of a prison Ship and remained on board the same until an exchange of prisoners took place which this Affiant believes was about five months after he was delivered up as a prisoner of War. This Affiant further states that when the exchange took place he was carried in a vessel round to old Jamestown and there landed from whence he was marched to Williamsburg from thence to Newcastle and from thence to Richmond where this Affiant received a discharge from Colonel Murfree [Hardy Murfree] and returned home to Camden County in North Carolina. This Affiant further states that about three weeks previous to the Battle of Little York as near as he can recollect, he enlisted or rather took the place of another man under the Command of Clement Hall under whose Command this Affiant remained until discharged by Colonel Hardy Murphy [Hardy Murfree] on the Close of the War which was about one year after entering into the service a second time for which service this Affiant was to receive the pay due to the person whose place he had taken but never received anything for said service. This Affiant further states that he cannot relate the aforesaid facts more particularly as his discharges have been lost many years since past and not being able to read or write he has to trust merely to memory. That in the month of July 1819 while this County comprised a part of St. Charles he the said Affiant traveled on foot to the Town of St. Charles the seat of Justice for the said County and there filed a declaration in making an application for a pension under the act of March the 18th, 1818 which declaration sworn to and subscribed in open Court the Honorable the Judge of said Court informed this Affiant that he would cause the same to be forwarded to the proper office – but as he the said Affiant has never been able to hear anything more of said Declaration and no certificate coming on he is led to believe the same to have miscarried or never to have been forwarded.

And I said John Barco do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on

the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income or permanent place of residence and this Affiant further states that he has a wife alive who is obliged to labor for her subsistence he this Affiant not being able to maintain her – he not being able to labor any longer at his occupation which was that of a farmer, that he has five sons and three sons-in-law none of whom have any land they can call their own with the exception of one whose father gave him a small part of a Spanish grant whereon he resides that the remainder of his sons and sons in law are living on Congress land and on whose Charity particularly those who are married this Affiant has to depend upon to afford him shelter and sustenance.

S/ John Barco, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 28, 1823, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]