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Pension Application of Joseph Barlow S35773

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Commonwealth of Kentucky and County of Boone Sct

On this 4th day of September 1820 personally appeared Joseph Barlow a resident and citizen of this county in the county court of said county of Boone it being a court of Record and made so by the laws of this state for the district composed of said county. he said Joseph Barlow being aged sixty years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said Joseph Barlow enlisted for the term of two years (the day not recollected but it was in the latter part of the year 1779 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. [Thomas] Young in the regiment commanded by Col. Crockett in the line of the State of Virginia on the united states continental establishment [sic: Joseph Crockett's Western Battalion, Virginia State Forces] that he continued to serve in the Corpse until December 1781 when he was discharged from the said Service at the falls of the Ohio [near Louisville] in the now State of Kentucky that while he was in the service aforesaid he was in no particular engagement with the enemy. and that he has no evidence now in his power of his said services. But should it be required he can procure the requisite testimony – And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820 I 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 in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person 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 other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. To wit. One horse worth \$25 – One mare worth \$20 – One old bed worth \$12 – One plow axe and hoe worth \$6. two old guns worth \$12. his property having been principally burnt up with his house about four years past. he has formerly been by occupation a farmer, but at time being disabled by a Strain & age he is unable to pursue any occupation which requires hard labour. and I have no family and live with a brother, and is now & has been for some time past measurably dependant upon him for a support

Joseph hisXmark Barlow

Burlington Ky 15th Dec'r 1827

Gen'l. R. McHatton

D'r. Sir In 1820 or 1821 an old revolutionary soldier who lives a few miles from this place in order to obtain a pension under the laws of Congress had his declaration & schedule made out & qualified to it (his name is Joseph Barlow) it was sent on to the war office & returned rejected for want of proof of the services. Mr. Barlow thought for a while he could not find witnesses to prove his services & he being old infirm & very poor was unable to search for any of his old comrades in the revolutionary struggle. At length his necessities increased & his prospects for a support become more gloomy, he was compelled to look out & by diligent enquiry a year or so ago heard of two of his old Comrades one in Indiana & one in the the State of Ohio – lame & decriped as he is, he put of on foot & after a week or two he return'd with the deposition of his Indiana witness – he rested several months & by his utmost exertion he raised funds &c sufficient and then on foot he went to the state of Ohio & procured the other deposition proving his services. his papers were put into the hands of Abner Gaines who was going on the City of Washington. he carried them & put them in the War office in Oct last upon examination his papers were rejected again. Mr. Gaines says it was because the Reg't. in which Barlow served was not in the Continental service – But

in the service of the state of Va. It is Mr Barlows wish for you to examine his papers in the war office & have him put on the pension Roll if possible – if not he certainly is entitled to pay from Va or at least to some of the Va bounty land in Ohio. I am requested to write to you by Mr Barlow He is old decrepid & pennyles dependant upon the Charity of his friends for a support in a great measure being unable to do but very little bodily labour. – Please to speak to Col H R Johnson on his behalf & both of you do all you can for him. It is a pity & a shame upon the Country to see an old veteran of the revolution in his condition. Congress should now if she has not heretofore embraced all such in her provissions – They by their toil privations & blood obtained our independence now in return we should surely provide for their absolute necessities & not let them suffer for wherewithall to be clothed & for bread.

Any thing that you may be enabled to do for him will be well done & will be gratefully acknowledged by him & many others who know & feel that he should be provided for.

Nothing new among us worth relating. it is a time of health except that the [Andrew] Jackson & [John Quincy] Adams fever rages. – I am in hopes that Congress will not be so fatally influenced by those party feelings as has been expected by some. But that her deliberations will be for public good – no matter for or against whom it may operate.

Yours with due respect Willis Graves

[The two witnesses referred to were Thomas Curry (pension application S16747) and Thomas Davis (W4935).]