

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Barnwell S37727

VA

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District of Virginia, to wit:

On this 13th day of August 1822, personally appeared in open Court for the County of Stafford, a court of record (having among other attributes the power of fine & imprisonment & keeping a record of proceedings) James Barnwell, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, & the 1st of May 1820, that he the said James Barnwell enlisted for the term of three years on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year [blank] (the date not recollected) in the state of Virginia, in the company of commanded by Capt. Booker in the Regiment commanded by Colo. [Samuel] Hawes, in the line of the State of Virginia on the Virginia Continental establishment (as he supposes from the said Troops being a guard of the captured army of Corn Wallace [sic: Cornwallis, captured 19 Oct 1781] while at Winchester; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, (which was under the direction of Gen'l. Mughlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]) at the Winchester barracks, & at point of Fork [at the junction of James and Rivanna rivers] (to which the said troops were sent, after the prisoners went to the North) until the [blank] day of [blank] (the date not recollected) when at the said point of Fork, in the State of Virginia he was discharged or furlough'd, till called for & was never after called for; that the whole time he continued in said service was somewhere between 12 & 18 months & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the testimony of Vincent Bustle (alias Bussell [pension application W5963] & Newton Philips [S39008]

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 (necessary bedding & wearing clothes excepted) viz: 1 pine table – 1 flag bottom chair – 2 plates – 1 dish – 1 dish – 1 knife & fork – 2 pewter spoons – 1 Iron skillet & 2 Jugs (the whole valued by the Court at ten dollars). The said James Barnwell further maketh oath that he is about 70 years old, that he has no family living with him, that he is not of any trade, but is a common labourer & that he is now from the infirmity of old age unable to labour James hisXmark Barnwell
And Vincent Bustle & Newton Philips both of the county of Stafford also appeared in open court & severally made oath that they also belonged to the company of the aforesaid Capt. Booker as well as the said James Barnwell & were in the same mess with him, that they all three arrived at the barracks at Winchester within a few days of each other, that the said James Barnwell continued in the said service with them at the said barracks & at the Point of Fork from 12 to 18 months until they were all furloughed at the latter place till called for & that they never were called for.

[On 26 Aug 1823 Barnwell amended the above declaration with the following addition. In his own pension application Bustle deposed that he entered the service "in the close of the year 1781" and served "more than twelve months until the end of the war." Philips stated that his 18-months tour began in Sep 1781.]

...and that he has no other evi[dence now in his power of his s'd services except the testimony of Vincent] Bussel & Newton Philips which was taken before & certified by the County Court of Stafford: and also made oath, that his memory is so much impaired, with his bodily strength hearing & sight, that tho' he well remembers some things he cannot at all remember others, and that he does not now recollect

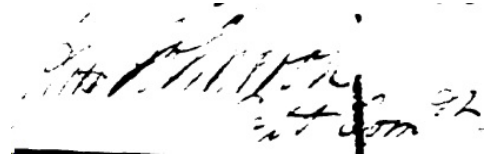
even the year in which he enlisted, but well remembers it was within a few days of the time when Newton Philips & Vincent Bustle enlisted, who were his associates in the service aforesaid....”

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). One online document is illegible.]

Point of Fork Sept'r 10th 1783

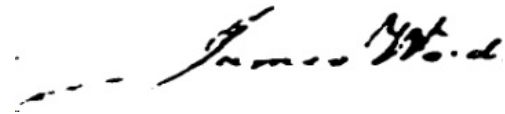
In consequence of orders from the Secretary of war dated the 18th of August 1783 James Barnwell a private in the Virginia Line is Furlough'd Untill Call'd for by proper authority. Given under my hand the place & date above

[signature undeciphered, said to be by
Capt. William Johnston]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of Capt. William Johnston, written in dark ink on a light background. The signature is somewhat obscured by a horizontal line drawn across it.

The within James Barnwell [two undeciphered words] 15th November 1782 for three years and continued in service till the final discharge of the Army [undeciphered word] 1783

James Wood late BG

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of James Wood, written in dark ink on a light background. The signature is written in a fluid, slanted style.