

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Barry (Berry) S39163

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[Note: There is a declaration dated April 28, 1819 in this file, but the images of that document as posted on both Fold3.com and HeritageQuest.com are illegible.]

South Carolina, Richland District

On this 26th day of June 1821, personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the district aforesaid, John Berry, aged 69 years, resident in the said district, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows viz.: in the Second Regiment of the Georgia line commanded by Colonel Elbert [Samuel Elbert] in the company commanded by Captain Cunningham and was under the said command at the battle of Savannah, in Georgia: was there taken prisoner, and put on board the British prison ships, from whence he made his escape, and joined the American Army under the command of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] – that he was at the battle of Briar Creek [March 3, 1779] in Georgia – That he had applied for, and obtained a pension certificate of eight dollars per month, up to the 4th March 1820, which said certificate is registered in the office of the Secretary of War, in book B, volume 9, page 200 [?] -- And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 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 other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me Subscribed Viz:

Household & kitchen furniture valued at

\$15

And this declarant further states that he is a weaver by occupation, but from his infirmities and sickness is unable to pursue it – that he has a wife and two children, both young women, and a grandchild aged three years, all of whom live with this declarant but contribute nothing towards his Support but on the contrary are dependent upon this declarant, and are supported from his scanty pittance. And this declarant further states that he had by accident lost all his papers, and has not in his power any further evidence of his said service.

Sworn to and declared on the 26th day of June before me

S/ Thos. T. Willisson, Commissioner in Equity C. D.

S/ John Berry, X his mark

[p 17: In October 1821, in Richland District South Carolina, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit from the Georgia agency to the South Carolina agency saying that he has

recently moved to Richland District where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be payable in the future.]

[There is a typed letter in this file crediting applicant with more service than reflected in the above, but I was unable to find any support for these additional services. WG]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 28, 1819 for service as a private for 3 years in the Georgia Continental line.]