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Pension Application of James Barnes S39173

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State of Tennessee } County Court for said County  
Smith County towit } May Sessions 1823

On this the tenth day of May 1823 personally appeared in Open Court, being a Court of record for said County (proceeding according to the course of the Common law, having jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of their proceedings) James Barnes aged sixty six years, resident in said County of Smith who being first duly sworn, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows. That he enlisted on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1776 in the Virginia line of the Continental Army in Captain Drury Ragsdales [Drury Ragsdale BLWt1854-300] Company of the first Virginia Regiment of Artillery Commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison, and that he served in said Corpse until the end of the revolutionary war, the term for which he enlisted and was then discharged by his said Captain, in the City of Richmond, six or seven months after Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781]. That he was at two general engagements, to wit, the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], and Gates's defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]; That by some accident his discharge has been lost or destroyed. That his original declaration was made on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1820 but has never been finally acted upon. Said declarant states that the only property he has, his necessary clothing & Bedding excepted, is eight acres of land of very inferior quality, and ten head of Hogs. That his occupation is farming, but he is too aged and infirm to support himself thereby. That no person of his family resides with him but his wife, that she is fifty years old, and incapable much to contribute to her support. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 above set forth

James Barnes hisXmark

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

I do hereby Certify that James Barnes Inlisted into Col Harrison's Regim't of Artillery in the Service of the United States the 20<sup>th</sup> of Dec'r 1776 & Served as a Gunner till the End of the War. Given under my Hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of Nov'r 1783.

Drewry Ragsdale  
Capt of Art'y

Del'd Maj'r Thos Towles [Thomas Towles]      A Copy J Pendleton

NOTES:

James Barnes is listed as a Gunner on a "Pay Abstract of Capt. James Pendleton's Company in the 1<sup>st</sup> Reg't. of Artillery In the Service of the United States Commanded by Colo. Charles Harrison for March 1780."

On the pension certificate is written "Died April 11 – 1825."