

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Barth [Baird] <sup>1</sup> S39959

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Berks County Pennsylvania SS

On the eighth day of November A.D. 1825 personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas Holden in the Borough of Reading County aforesaid being a Court of Record proceeding according to the Courts [sic, Course] of Common Law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceedings Stephen Barth aged upwards of seventy two years a resident in Berks County in said District 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 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1820, that he the said Stephen Barth enlisted in the year 1776 for the term of three years in the State of Pennsylvania in a Company [of] Cavalry Commanded by Captain Vanhear [Bartholomew Von Heer]<sup>2</sup> in the Pennsylvania line, on the continental Establishment that he continued to serve in the same Corps until the expiration of said term when he enlisted in the same Corps during the War that after the War he was discharged in the City of Philadelphia that he had received an honorable discharge signed by Gen. Washington [George Washington] which said discharge he gave to Joseph Heister Esquire when a Member of Congress to obtain one hundred acres of Military Land, and was informed that said discharge was filed in the War or Land Office of the United States. And in pursuance of the Act of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May A.D. 1820, 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 whatever 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 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 hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Sworn in Open Court

S/ Stephen Barth, X his mark

I have no Property except my wearing apparel, I have no trade, I have no family that he has lost the use of his right Arm, that he is not able to support himself without the assistance of his Country.

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt178-100

<sup>2</sup> [Bartholomew Von Heer BLWt2275-300](#)

Sworn and Open Court  
S/ Robert Porter, President Judge

S/ Stephen Barth, X his mark

On the third day of January A.D. 1826 personally appeared the above named Stephen Barth in Open Court of common pleas of the County of Berks, who upon his solemn Oath doth depose and say that in the year 1818, he resided with his father-in-law, that he was a Man of Wealth, that he did expect to receive a part of his Estate, that he hath since died and left that part of his Estate, which I did expect to my children, that was the reason this deponent made an Application under the Law of the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that this deponent at that time had no Estate whatever.

S/ Stephen Barth, X his mark

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Berks County SS

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1825 personally appeared in Open Court of Common Pleas of Berks County Adam Koch<sup>3</sup> and David Fox<sup>4</sup> Credible Witnesses of the Borough of Reading County aforesaid who upon their solemn Oath doth depose and say that they are well acquainted with the within named Stephen Barth, that he was enlisted in a Troop of Horse commanded by Captain Vanhear in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War that the said deponents were also enlisted and Served in the same Corps.

S/ Adam Koch

S/ David Fox, X his mark



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David Fox  
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By His Excellency George Washington Esq<sup>f</sup> General and Commander in Chief of the Forces of the United States of America

The Bearer Stephen Barth, private Dragoon in the Independent Troop of Horse Commanded by Major Von Heer, being enlisted for the War, and having served the time of his engagement, consented to continue [paper damaged and text missing] the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December ins<sup>t</sup>; from [paper damaged and text missing] date he is hereby discharged, the American Army. – And in consequence of his Attention and Fidelity, the Commander in Chief being authorized by a Resolution of Congress, presents him with the Horse; Arms & Accoutrements now in his possession as a gratuity.

Given at Philadelphia this  
Tenth day of December 1783  
S/ G. Washington

By His Excellency's  
Command  
David Cobb  
Aid de Camp

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<sup>3</sup> [Adam Koch S4484](#)

<sup>4</sup> David Fox [Fuchs] W3340

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[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 8, 1825, for service as a private for 3 years in the Pennsylvania Continental line.]