

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Barnes S44315

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William Barnes of the town Turin in the County Lewis & State of New York. Sworn on the holy Evangelist Deposeth and Saith. That he was born in the town of Gloucester, County of Providence & State of Rhode Island in the year 1759 – and at the age of Sixteen he enlisted a private Soldier in the Continental Service in the Spring of 1775 under command of Capt. Nathaniel Blackmar in Col. Daniel Hitchcock's Regiment. Served eight months and received an honorable discharge.

In the month of March 1776 he again enlisted in the Continental service in Col. Henry Babcock's Regiment (Captain's Name not recollected) fought Commodore Wallace at Newport R. I. – Soon after Col. Lippet [Christopher Lippitt] took the command of the Regiment and Col. Babcock was dismissed. Served one year and was honorably discharged.

In the month of April 1777 he again enlisted under Capt. Benajah Whipple in Col. Archibald Crary's Regiment Served about six months in Col. Crary's Regiment was then transferred into Capt. Clark's Company in Col. Greene's [Christopher Greene's] Regiment. Joined a division of the Army at Peekskill on the North River Soon after March from Peekskill & Crossed the Delaware River at Corell's ferry, was there Counter ordered and marched to Red Bank, fought against the Hessians under Count Donopi [Carl Donop] and was one of the four that carried the Count from the bloody field to the hospital – also fought at Mud Island [Fort Mifflin] under Major Talbut – was forced to evacuate the Island in the night after suffering great loss. March from thence under Col. Green and Joined the Army under General Washington at a place called White marsh in Pennsylvania – March from thence to Valley Forge into winter quarters – (at the battle of Red Bank, Capt. Clark was taken prisoner and Capt. Jonathan Wallen succeeded to the command of said Company)

In May 1778 Crossed the Schuylkill River to Gloucester Heights remained at Gloucester Heights till the British evacuated Philadelphia then pursued and overtook them on Monmouth Plains and was in the Division commanded by General Lee [Charles Lee], which first attacked the enemy on the plains about 8:00 A.M. Retreated back about ten miles when General Washington assumed the command of the Division and dismissed General Lee – & continued the fight till 8:00 P.M. and lay down upon our arms on the morrow marched for Rhode Island to reinforce General Sullivan, and after various skirmishes on the Island evacuated and went into winter quarters. – Then procured a Substitute and was dismissed the service –

Furthermore our heart deponent saith that in the month of August 1779 he entered on

board the ship *Boston*¹ (of 36 Guns) – for a six months Cruise) commanded by Capt. Samuel Tucker in Commodore A. Whipple’s [Abraham Whipple’s] Squadron. – Cruised amongst the West Indies Islands a while put into Charleston South Carolina to repair damages suffered by storm – was there blockaded by a British land & Naval force – and after a Siege of twenty six days was forced to surrender prisoners of war – about six weeks after was sent to Philadelphia and exchanged likewise received an honorable discharge from the Ship in July 1780.

Furthermore our deponent saith That in the month of March 1781 he again enlisted under Capt. William Umphry (or Humphry) in Col. Green’s Regiment for three years. Joined the Army on the North River under command of General George Washington about the first of September following marched on a separate expedition to the Southward and was halted at York Town in Virginia there found the enemy under command of Lord Cornwallis and there fought during the whole Siege – well known in History – after the capture of the enemy [October 19, 1781] Returned back to Philadelphia for winter quarters &c. In the spring of 1782 returned back to the North River and remained there till October was then detached from the main Army and marched to Saratoga under command of Col. J. Oney. In the month of February 1783 Marched under command of Col. Willett to Storm Oswego fort, the expedition failed and the troops except what starved or froze to Death returned back to Saratoga was there honorably discharged in the month of December 1783 to return home in peace and furthermore our deponent saith not.

The deponent further saith that he kept his several discharges till about 1787 when they were lost or stolen in a trunk – And that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he stands in need of the assistance of his country for support – April 22nd 1818

I Silas Stow first Judge of the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Lewis in the State of New York certify, that on the 22nd day of April in the year 1818 Wm Barnes described in the foregoing Deposition did, being duly sworn, make oath to the truth of the same – That it appears to my entire satisfaction that he served in the Revolutionary war against the common enemy agreeably to his said Deposition and I now transmit the testimony and the proceedings had thereon to the Secretary of the Department of War

Silas Stow

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I do certify that I know he is poor and needs assistance for support

Silas Stow, Judge aforesaid

[I 647]

State of New York Oneida County, SS Personally appeared before me, William S Miller, 1st Judge of the County of Oneida, and the State of New York, William Barnes, age 60 – years and upwards, and a resident of said County, and an applicant under the Act of Congress of the 18th of March, 1818, who, being duly sworn, did say, that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, he is in need of assistance from his country for support – that he never had any pension allowed him by the laws of the United States – that he served as a soldier in the War of the Revolution against the common enemy, for 2 years & 9 months which he enlisted in the year 1781 – in the State of Rhode Island in Captain Humphries Company, and Green’s, afterwards Olney’s regiment, for 3 years; that he served therein until the end of the War, when he was honorably discharged at Saratoga in December 1783. His discharge is lost. This deponent further says that he made a Declaration before judge Stow in Lewis County in April 1818: and he now makes this

¹ https://threedecks.org/index.php?display_type=show_ship&id=2391#DANFS

supplementary their to come
Sworn 5 June 1819

William Barnes, X his mark

State of New York
Oneida County, SS

John Dodge being duly sworn, saith, that he knows the above named applicant William Barnes and believes him to be a man of truth and veracity; and that he, this deponent, fully believes the matters set forth in the above affidavit to be true. And says further that he was the orderly Sergeant in the Company and well knew the said Barnes, during the time – that he was an excellent Soldier:

John Dodge²



[I 640]

State of New York Lewis County } SS On this Nineteenth day of September 1820 personally appeared in Open Court, to which, in the Court of Common Pleas held at the Court House in the Town of Martinsburg in and for the said County of Lewis, the same being a Court of record, in and for the said County, proceeding According to the Course of the Common Law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of Amount, Keeping a record of its proceedings, and possessing a Seal William Barnes, aged Sixty one years, resident in Turin, in said County, who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on his Oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows:

First, as a private in Capt. Nathaniel Blackmans Company of Col. Daniel Hitchcock's Regiment during Eight Months, after which he served One year in Col. Henry Babcock's Regiment also about six months in Capt. B. Whipple's Company under command of Col. Archibald Crary; was then transferred to Capt. Clark's Company in Col. Green's Regiment – That in August 1779 he entered on Board the Ship *Boston*, for six months, in Commodore Whipple's Squadron; and in March 1781 enlisted for three years and served in Capt. William Umphreys Company in Col. Greene's Regiment, afterwards commanded by Col. Jeremy Olney (or Oney) and was discharged in December 1783 as set forth in his original declaration bearing date the 22nd day of April 1818. That he has received a pension, and the number of his pension Certificate is 12,343 – And 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 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 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 – And this deponent further saith, that his Occupation is farming, and that in consequence, as well of the infirmities which usually Attend old age, as of a troublesome rupture, he is nearly unable to perform any kind of labor – That his family consist only of himself, and his wife, Rebecca Barnes, aged Sixty One years, and very infirm

² From his signature, I think this is the same man as John Dodge W4184 but this veteran did not describe his services in the detail given by William Barnes. His heirs said he served as a sergeant in the RI Continental Line.

William Barnes, X his mark

Schedule of the whole Estate and income of William Barnes (his necessary Clothing and Bedding excepted)

1 Chest	50	1 Grids Iron	12
2 Chairs	50	1 Iron Pot	75
1 Table	50	1 .. Kettle	75
1 Pewter Platter	18	1 Hoe	12
1 .. Basin	12	1 Axe	1.00
3 Spoons	10	1 Steel Trap	1.00
1 Tea Canister	18	1 Scythe	50
1 Pint Mug	12	2 Pitchforks	50
3 Sops	37	1 Wooden Bowl	12
2 Glass Bottles	62		
2 Tin Pans	75	1 .. Bottle	12
1 Wooden Pail	25	1 Dozen Fish Hooks	12
1 Tin Pail	25	1 Fish Bone	12
1 Horn Pot	25	1 Drawing Knife	50
1 Funnel	10	2 Half Eagles	10.00
1 Lantern	25	1 Bible	50
1 Spinning Wheel	75		
1 Wheel Head	75		
2 Baskets	50		
1 Shovel & Tongs	75		
			\$ 20.90
		Wm Barnes	
		Mark	

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 22nd 1818 for service as a private for 6 years in the Rhode Island Continental line.]