

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Barnhill S6579

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District of North Carolina [Pitt County]

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1819, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the United States for said district, personally appeared Henry Barnhill, aged Sixty years, resident in Pitt County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That on or about the last of April or first of May 1778, in Martinborough (now Greenville) in the State of North Carolina, he the said Henry Barnhill entered the service of the United States, for a bounty, as a Soldier in the Company commanded by Captain Francis Child, of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hogan [James Hogun], of the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment, in the war office for said, for nine months – that he was marched from Martinborough to Halifax, thence northerly through Petersburg in the State of Virginia, where he for the first time obtained a certificate of enrollment, stating his said nine months service to commence at that time, which was on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 1778; that he continued to serve in said company until after the expiration of the said nine months, to wit, until sometime in May 1779, when he was discharged from service, in Halifax, in the State of North Carolina; that he was in no battle; and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to & declared before me, the day & year first aforesaid.

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

Jesse Shivers<sup>1</sup> maketh oath that he has long been well acquainted with the aforesaid Henry Barnhill – Knew him before the revolutionary war – entered the service of the United States with him & served in the same company with him, on the Continental establishment, nine months & more, & saith that the facts set forth in his declaration of aforesaid, he knows to be correct, except that he never saw his discharge – but Declarant has no doubt of his having obtained his discharge regularly as stated. Deponent further saith the said Henry Barnhill is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to before me on the day & at the place aforesaid.

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of pleas Office 15<sup>th</sup> June 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster roll of the North Carolina Continental line in the revolutionary war, that H<sup>y</sup> Barnhill a private in Captain Childs Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment was mustered on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 1778 for nine months: the time served is not mentioned.

Given under my hand the date above.

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<sup>1</sup> [Jesse Shivers S42010](#)

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina, Pitt County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the said Court Henry Barnhill a resident of the County of Pitt aforesaid aged 74 years who being first duly sworn according to law in Open Court, doth on his oath make the following statement, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 – That he was a Soldier of the Army of the Revolution, a Private in the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the North Carolina Continental line, that he was placed on the pension roll under the act of March 18, 1818, of the North Carolina agency, received a Certificate thereof and drew the first payment due thereon – and was struck off from the same on account of property – that he now resides in the County of Pitt aforesaid, and resided there at the time the first application was made. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State, or if any only on that of the agency in the State of North Carolina from which he has been stricken off as aforesaid.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Barnhill



S/ Arch. Parker, Clk

State of North Carolina, Pitt County

The pension of Henry Barnhill having been suspended on the fourth day of March 1835, it being alleged that he had hitherto drawn more than he was entitled to through a mistake of Pensions. He begs leave to submit to the consideration of the Commissioner of Pensions the following statement of facts: with the hope that he can prove to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Pensions his following service, and thereby reinstate himself on the Pension Roll; The undersigned begs leave here to state that he believes that it was owing to the political principles which he possessed that some person addressed the department: In fact the undersigned was threatened on the day of the Congressional election in 1835, that if he voted for Dr. Hall for Congress, he should lose his pension: he here however wishes to state that he does not believe that the Commissioner of Pensions in suspending his pension was influenced by any other consideration than a desire to serve the ends of Justice; nor does the undersigned submit the foregoing remarks in order to reestablish his claim but does submit the following facts: which he says will command the attention of the Commissioner of Pensions. “As well as the undersigned now recollects, he enlisted in October 1775 for six months under Captain James Armstrong as a minute man, was called to Martinsborough now Greenville N. C. and mustered fourteen days without intermission (except on Sunday) and continued to drill once and twice a week until the Regiment commanded by Col. Richard Caswell (of which his company formed a part) marched in pursuit of the Tories which were embodied under the command of one General McDonald or McDaniel and who were marching towards Wilmington N. C. which they met and fought at Moore's Creek bridge [February 27, 1776], about fourteen miles from Wilmington N. C. and after defeating the Tories they returned home where they continued to drill as before they marched.

After a short time the Regiment was ordered again to Wilmington and encamped near that place & there remained until the latter part of April 1776 at which time it was disbanded. In confirmation of all of which he refers to the testimony of John Anderson<sup>2</sup> herewith annexed.

The undersigned further states that he marched from Greenville N. C. about the first of May

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<sup>2</sup> [John Anderson S6511](#)

1778 under Lieutenant Austin Spain and proceeded to Halifax where he remained some time and was placed under Captain Francis Childs or Shields and marched to Petersburg Virginia in Colonel Hogun's Regiment thence to Baltimore thence to Philadelphia and thence to West Point on the North River where he assisted in building a fort and there remained until the latter part of December when the Regiment was marched to Philadelphia and remained until April 1779 when the Regiment was placed under the command Colonel John Mebane (Colonel Hogun having been appointed General) & marched to Halifax N. C. and disbanded & the undersigned thinks he reached home on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 1779: For confirmation of this last service he refers to the testimony of Reuben Gurganus<sup>3</sup> and Arthur Whitehurst,<sup>4</sup> which is hereunto appended.

The undersigned prays that the Commissioner of Pensions will give his case a full investigation – he thinks that the Commissioner of Pensions upon pursuing the annexed testimony will be satisfied of his having served six months, at one period, and twelve months at another making in all eighteen months service: he therefore prays that he may be allowed a sum to which those who served 18 months are entitled and should he have drawn more than what he was by law entitled that the amount, so over drawn be deducted from the same and the balance together with a certificate of pension the forwarded to him: and this he prays may be done without delay as his means for support is very limited: The undersigned further states that the reason why he has not filed this testimony before this period is owing to his old age, the old age of his fellow soldiers whose testimony he has here transmitted and his inability to obtain magistrates to visit their residences.

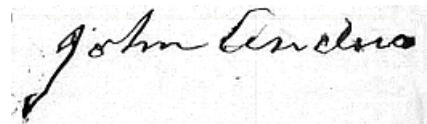
S/ Henry Barnhill

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State of North Carolina, Pitt County

Personally appeared before me John Norcott one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid John Anderson a Revolutionary Soldier who maketh oath that he has long been acquainted with Henry Barnhill of the County of Pitt, that he believes the said Henry Barnhill enlisted for six months in Captain James Armstrong's company in a minute Regiment, commanded by Colonel Richard Caswell, in autumn 1775 & that he the said Anderson enlisted in the same Company & Regiment but not on the same day – that some short time after the enlistment they were called together at Martinsborough now Greenville and mustered fourteen days & then returned to their homes, that sometime in February 1776 they were called on to march against General McDonald's Tories then on their way to Wilmington N. C. to join the British troops at Moore's Creek they met with them and defeated them which place deponent was informed was fourteen miles from Wilmington N. C. deponent in the company to which he was attached then marched home, deponent thinks the battle of which he has here spoken was fought the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 1776, and thinks he arrived home in March ensuing. After being at home deponent with the company to which he was attached was called to march to Wilmington N. C. and encamped some few days a mile or so out of town, we marched in turn on the first day of April, they then continued until the latter end of April when they were disbanded and left to get home as they could and that during the periods herein spoken of the said Henry Barnhill served with said deponent.

S/ John Anderson



Sworn to and subscribed before me the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 1837

S/ Jno Norcott, JP

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3 [Reuben Gurganus S8638](#)

4 [Arthur Whitehurst S7878](#)

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Agreeable to the request of Mr. Henry Barnhill of Pitt County N. C. we met at the House of Mr. Reuben Gurganus of said County & State, the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1837, and proceeded to take the following deposition of said Reuben Gurganus (who says he is 75 years old) relative to the Services of said Henry Barnhill in the American Army of the Revolution, who having been first sworn upon the Holy Evangelist to depose the truth of whole truth and nothing but the truth deposeseth and saith as follows, to wit:

That he the said Gurganus, and said Henry Barnhill was marched from Greenville in Pitt County N. C. by Lieutenant Austin Spain for Halifax in said State about the first of May 1778 we were both at Halifax – put in Captain Francis Shields [Francis Childs] Company, in Colonel Hogun's Regiment and we both remained at Halifax about two weeks and we both were marched from Halifax to Petersburg Virginia & from Petersburg to Baltimore and from Baltimore to Philadelphia and from Philadelphia to West Point in the State of New York, at the last named place we assisted in building a fort. We were then marched back to Philadelphia and arrived at Philadelphia about the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 1778, about this time our Colonel Hogun was appointed Brigadier General and Colonel John Mebane put over our Regiment. We were both myself and said Henry Barnhill were kept at Philadelphia till the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 1779 – we were then put on board of Vessels and carried to a place called Head of Elk, we then marched 12 or 15 miles to a place called Christeen we then took shipping again and were brought to Suffolk Virginia and from Suffolk we were marched to Halifax in North Carolina and myself and said Henry Barnhill were both discharge from the Army at said Halifax about the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1779, and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn before us on the time above specified

S/ Reuben Gurganus, X his mark

S/ Benj. F. Eborn, JP

S/ Arden Moore, JP

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State of North Carolina, Pitt County

Agreeable to the request of Henry Barnhill of the State and County aforesaid we met at the House of Arthur Whitehurst on the 2 day of September 1837 and proceeded to take the following Deposition of said Arthur Whitehurst who is Seventy Seven years of age Relative to the services of said Henry Barnhill and the Army of the Revolution who having been first sworn upon the holy Evangelist to Depose the truth and the whole truth and nothing but the truth Deposeth and saith as follows to wit that the said Whitehurst was knowing to the said Henry Barnhill was marching from Pitt County May 1778 and that I the said Whitehurst went with the said Barnhill to Edgecombe and then I the said Whitehurst returned home again in Pitt and the said Henry Barnhill returned home on 11 May 1779 and further this Deponent saith not.

S/ Arthur Whitehurst



S/ Henry A. Hopkins, JP

S/ Henry P. Bryan, JP

[Veteran was initially pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 16, 1819 for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line. Because the file contains no schedule of the veteran's property as required by the 1820 Act, the veterans pension would have been suspended pending his compliance with the 1820 Act. Veteran applied a second time and was initially pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for nine months in the North Carolina service. The veteran's pension was subsequently increased to \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for two years in the North Carolina Continental line.]