

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Barrett S6590

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[Capitalization partly corrected]

State of Virginia }

County of Wood } SS

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Wood County and and State aforesaid Samuel Barrett a Resident of said County and State of the age of 74 years on the 21st day of February last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832; That he entered in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 or 1777 in the fall of the year with John Melton or Milton a recruiting Officer for the term of three years and served in the Second Regiment of the line of Virginia under the following Officers as well as he now Recollects; to wit the Company to which he was attached was first Commanded by Morgan Alexander [see endnote] 2dly by Marcus Calimus or Calimes [sic: Marquis Calmes] 3rdly Captain Thomas Catlett and he thinks the Regiment was commanded by Cols [Alexander] Spotswood and [Richard] Parker during the whole of the three years that he was in the service; And that the Brigade was under the Command of Gen. [William] Woodford; that he enlisted in the County of Shenandoah and State of Virginia, and was discharged from the service (on the Return of the army from the North to the South [late 1779]) in the State of Maryland; that soon after his inlistment he was marched to Williamsburg in Virginia; where he remained until the Spring following; from which place the said Regiment marched to Batimore [sic: Baltimore], at which place the Company to which he belonged was put on ship board for the purpose of preventing the Tories supplying the English with the provisions &c that they continued at sea 5 or six weeks, and were then disembarked in the State of Maryland; from where they were marched to Philadelphia at which place the said Capt. Alexander resigned and was succeeded by the said Calimes; from thence they marched to the State of New jersey not far from Amboy, at which place the said Capt. Calimes resigned [see endnote] and was succeeded by Capt. Thomas Catlett [8 Mar 1779]; from thence they marched to the white plains where they encamped for some time; That he was in the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and also at the taking of Stony point under Gen. [Anthony] Wayne in July [15] 1779; that he was regularly discharged from the service after the expiration of his time of service aforesaid; that his discharge was torn to pieces many years ago by some school boys who broke open his house in his absence - and that he hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present; and he declairs that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid Samuel Barrett

[Certified by Patrick Board (pension application W5854) of Jackson County.]

NOTES:

Morgan Alexander commanded a rifle company raised in Frederick County VA from 27 Nov 1755 until 23 Dec 1776, when he was promoted to Major. Marquis Calmes was Captain from 13 Jan 1777 until Feb 1779, when he was captured.

In the pension application of Patrick Board are documents indicating that Barrett was one of several hundred pensioners of present West Virginia investigated by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton, who found Barrett's claim "satisfactory." Singleton's report on Barrett is missing from his file. For details of the investigation see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth.