

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Caleb Toup S7738

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State of North Carolina, Cabarrus County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Cabarrus County October 15, 1832

On this 15th day of October 1832 – personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Cabarrus County now sitting, Caleb Toup-- a resident of Cabarrus County and State of North Carolina aged seventy-five years, the 28th day of the June 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 act of Congress passed 7 June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I volunteered as a private in the month of September 1776 about the first of the month in the town of South Amboy State of New Jersey for three months – in a company commanded by Captain Jacob Bower who lived in Readington [NJ], marched to North Amboy – thence to Fort Washington on the North River crossed the North River – marched up the River to King's Bridge – White Plains – was stationed on the River and served the three months and was discharged about the first of December 1776 by Captain Bower. On the way to Fort Washington soon after that place was taken I saw General Lee [Charles Lee] and on my return I saw General Washington who was then in pursuit of the Hessians. I was attached to the light infantry who performed scouting service[text obliterated]... the names of any higher officers than my Captain – by whom I was discharged in December 1776. In the summer of 1777 I moved to Mecklenburg County North Carolina where I now live. In October about the 20th 1778 while I resided in Mecklenburg NC I became a volunteer for four months in a company commanded by Captain Houston [William Houston] lieut. Alexander, Colonel Locke [Francis Locke] General Griffith Rutherford – marched through Charlotte N. C. from thence near the 10 mile house, 10 miles from Charleston S. C. -- thence to Purysburg on the Savannah River – thence to Augusta thence to Briar Creek after the Battle [March 3, 1779]¹ I returned on this side of the River again – remained a while at the Two Sisters [ferry] – served out the five months and was discharged by General Rutherford about the 20th of March 1779 during a part of this I was a detached from my Regiment and placed under the command of Col. Lytle [Archibald Lytle] & Captain Craig [James Craig]. In the month of March 1780, I was hired as a substitute for Jacob Cooke in Mecklenburg County N. C. for three months was placed in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander [George Alexander], Captain Osborne [James Osborn] – rendezvoused at Charlotte N. C. marched through South Carolina to Charleston – was in the Siege of the City –surrendered 12th May 1780² – was taken prisoner and placed under parole – served out the three months and

¹ Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

² <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

was discharged by Col. Alexander in July 1780. Afterwards in the month of September 1781 volunteered in a company commanded by Captain Jo. Shinn [Joseph Chinn] Major ___ Colonel ~~Phifer~~ Sharp General Rutherford for three months – in the same County Mecklenburg – marched to Wilmington N. C. -- was discharged in December by Col. Smith – was in the Cavalry – served in all 14 months. He has lost all his discharges. Has no documentary evidence of his service. Was born in Germany 25th of June 1757 [could be 1759] – was always a volunteer in the service – always lived in Mecklenburg County where I now live in that part called Cabarrus – except during the three months when I was in the service in Pennsylvania – I refer to George Barnhardt³ – to Paul Walter⁴ – to prove my services and to General Paul Barringer⁵ and to Christopher Melcher to prove my character and the reputation of my service.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any --

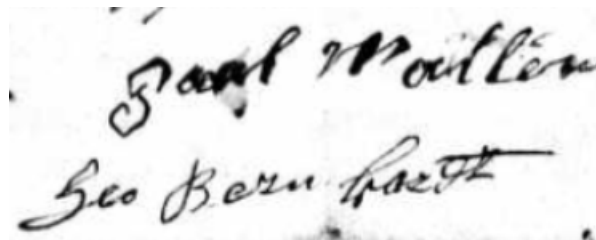
Sworn to & subscribed the day & date and year aforesaid.

S/ Caleb Toup, X his mark

I Paul Walter and George Barnhardt do hereby certify on oath that we knew said Caleb Toup was in the service to Wilmington for three months and I George Barnhardt do certify that he was a soldier as he states in the expedition to Charleston.

S/ Paul Walter

S/ Geo. Barnhardt

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "Paul Walter" and the bottom signature reads "Geo Barnhardt".

Questions propounded by the Court to Caleb Toup

Question: 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: In Germany on the 25th of June 1757

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have here produced in court

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: The first three months I entered & served in Pennsylvania – since that time I have always lived where I now live in Cabarrus County.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I was once a substitute for Jacob Cooke – was all the other times of my service a volunteer --

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I do not remember the names of the regiments – I remember General Lee & General Washington – Colonel Lytle – Colonel Malmedy-- I was at White Plains – was at Charleston S.

3 [George Barnhardt R544](#)

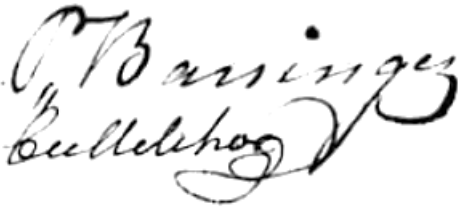
4 [Paul Walter S7821](#)

5 [Paul Barringer R564](#)

C. at Briar Creek – at Wilmington NC I am very infirm and cannot remember dates accurately
6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: Always – first was Captain Bower – then General Rutherford – then Colonel Alexander – then Colonel Smith – was once on parole after the siege of Charleston – all are lost
7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans; General Paul Barringer & Christopher Melchor Esq.
[Paul Barringer, and Christopher Melchor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "P Barringer" on the top line and "C Melchor" on the bottom line. The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

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[Facts in file: Veteran died February 23, 1835.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private 14 months in the New Jersey and North Carolina militia.]