

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Barrett (Barrat) S8046

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North Carolina, Moore County: Superior Court of Law August Term 1832 the Honorable J. J. Daniel, Judge Presiding

On this the 30th day of August A.D. 1832 at the Court aforesaid personally appeared William Barrat in open Court before the Court now sitting at Carthage for the said County, and after being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath say and make the following declaration, that he is a citizen of Moore County, that sometime during the Revolutionary War he entered the service as a volunteer, and maketh this declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That sometime during the Revolutionary War, the precise time he cannot recollect, (as his mind is impaired by age and disease) he entered into the service in a Company of Light Horse raised in Cumberland County, which Company was commanded by Captain John Coxe [John Cox] under Colonels Crawford [Thomas Crawford] & Simmons which troop was composed of volunteers, that he then [resided] in Cumberland, which County has been divided, and Moore County established from a part thereof, where he now resides and has resided ever since, that he was at the battle of Camden [August 15-16, 1780], when General Gates [Horatio gates] was defeated by Cornwallis, that his company after standing for a short time, the charge of the English horse under Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] was ordered by the Colonel to retreat, and that they retreated after a little time to Buffalo Ford in Chatham County, that he was near there when the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] was fought, that he likewise had several skirmishes with the Tories under the command of Colonel Fanning [David Fanning], one in particular at or near Richland Creek, that he marched into South Carolina, through the "Raft Swamp" then known as the "Truce Land" that he marched from Deep River to Cross Creek after Cornwallis retired from the battle of Guilford. That he has no record of his age, but believes he was born in February 1754 or 55, being now 77 or 78 years of age. That he served about three or four years, that he furnished his on horse during his service, that he has no discharge nor ever had. That his Captain to wit Coxe & his brother by whom he expected to prove his actual service are both dead – that he has no documentary evidence to prove his Service. That Neill McLeod whose affidavit is hereunto affixed, saw him on scouting parties detached from his troop, and heard members of the troop said that he was a soldier of Captain Coxe's Company. That his neighbors Neill MacLeod [sic] & Michael Bryant can prove the respectability of his character, that there is no clergyman nearer him. That he was never wounded. He hereby releases all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year and day aforesaid

S/ Jas. McBryde, CSC

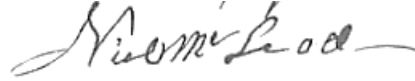
S/ Wm Barret



Personally appeared before the Court aforesaid Neill McLeod and after being duly sworn according to Law on his oath, saith, that during the War of the Revolution, he saw William Barrett, a soldier, of Captain Coxe's Troop of Horse, on different scouting parties, and that he heard soldiers attached to the Troop aforesaid say that said Barrett was a member of their troop – that said Barrett has always been looked upon as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and is a man of good Character.

Sworn to and subscribed the year date above.

S/ Niel McLeod



S/ Jas McBryde, CSC

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North Carolina, Moore County: Superior Court of Law February Term 1834 Honorable Henry Seawell, Judge

On this 26th day of February A.D. 1834, personally appeared before the Court aforesaid William Barratt [sic] who being duly sworn deposeth and saith as follows – that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the length precisely of his services but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades – He joined a volunteer (to the best of his recollection[]) in the year 1779 about twelve months before the defeat of Gates in Camden – under Captain John Cox of the light horse, Thomas Matthews Colonel, in this County of Moore in Cumberland – he was marched into South Carolina on little Pedee [River] and through Wilmington – Waccamaw Lake – through Fayetteville and back to Cumberland for the purpose of suppressing the Tories, he served then as a soldier – and this tour was of three months in duration and upwards for this service of three months he claims a pension. After remaining at home about one month, under the same Captain he marched as Lieutenant, Philip Alston Colonel. He marched to Drowning Creek and from there to Beatti's Bridge¹ – where they had a severe battle – General McDonald commanded (he thinks if he recollects rightly) the Tories and General Caswell commanded the Whigs – and he thinks one Col. Wade of the Whigs was there also – he the balance of this tour he was engaged in keeping down the Tories in various sections this tour he served he knows full three months and for such service he claims a pension. The next tour he served again as Lieutenant under the same Captain – knew Col. Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] – after remaining at home but a few days – he marched to the Raft Swamp at the long causeway in what is now Robeson County – at the long causeway on the Raft Swamp – they had a skirmish [September 1, 1781] with the Tories under Colonel Fanning and one Hector McNeill – from there he was marched [indecipherable word]² the big Swamp to the White Marsh down to Wilmington where they remained some time, then marched through Elizabeth in Bladen up to Fayetteville & on up to Cumberland where he joined – this service was only eight weeks in duration – when they reached home the very next day he met Col. Simmons and Crawford he rather thinks that Simmons was Major then – they joined and marched up to Deep River at the Buffaloe Ford – there Simmons left and Colonel Crawford taking the command marched up to the Alamance – then to Buffaloe Ford where they remained some time, near this Ford they had an engagement [May 11, 1781] with Colonel Fanning commanding the Tories – and all this tour was three months for this service he claims a pension having marched as Captain, Coxe being promoted as a Major having got his commission after their return from Wilmington and Fayetteville.

The next tour as Captain (after remaining about two weeks at home) Coxe, Major they marched

1 There was an engagement at Beatti's Bridge over Drowning Creek. It occurred on August 4, 1781.

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into South Carolina and after some service between there and the Raft Swamp they joined the Army as volunteers under General Gates and was present at the battle of Camden,³ where Gates was defeated by Cornwallis – they retreated, and went scouting round about Salisbury in Rowan County – from there down to Haw River near the Alamance – then crossed down Deep River over Dickerson's Ford – below the Buffalo Ford – then on towards home in Cumberland – in this tour was two months – after getting a rest of two weeks they marched on to Cane Creek with an intention to go to Hillsboro but was prevented by the Tories under Fanning and McNeill, here they joined Commanders Mebane [Lieutenant Colonel Robert Mebane] and Butler [John Butler] and engaged Fanning and McNeil at Cane Creek they then succeeded in killing McNeil [Lindley's Creek, September 13, 1781] and defeated the Tories, in this engagement Fanning had his arm broken – the Tories had this Deponent thinks Governor Burke [Thomas Burke] as prisoner, the Tories retreated to Wilmington where they were pursued but will never were able to come up to them – this took six weeks – which added to the two months makes this tour of three months and two weeks – for this service he claims a pension. This affiant cannot recollect the other periods – but this he does recollect that he served full four years – and that he held a commission of Captain for eighteen months – this affiant further swears he had his Commission as Lieutenant and Captain since the war but he does not know now where they are. This affiant further swears that in support of his Character that he served in the legislature of North Carolina with the Honorable Edmund DeBerry member of Congress from this State would and whose certificate he would obtain to that effect if Mr. Deberry was here.

This affiant further swears that he marched as a volunteer the whole of his service – furnished his on horse saddle and bridle – That he has had several discharges but lost them, thinking that he never would be of service to him.

He never was wounded – he was acquainted with the Officers above named – besides others mentioned in the foregoing parts of his declaration to which this is appended as an amendment.

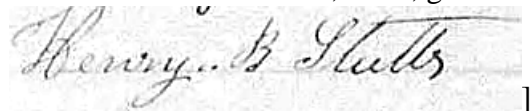
Sworn to and subscribed the 26th day of February A. D. 1834

S/ John Morrison, C.S.C

S/ Wm Barret, {Seal}

[p 11: Patience Lewis gave testimony in Moore County on April 15, 1854 stating that she is the sister of William Barrett and that she saw him in the company commanded by Captain John Cox during the revolutionary war. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 13: Henry B. Stutts, 28, gave an affidavit that he is the grandson of William Barrett; that his grandfather died March 1, 1840; and that Ann, Barrett's wife, lived until about December 1840. Stutts' affidavit is dated Dec. 14, 1854, given in Moore County, NC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry B. Stutts". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name is written in a fluid, connected style typical of the early 19th century. The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border, with a closing bracket "]" on the right side.

[Facts in file: Barrett's wife's name was Ann Sorrell or Sewell; William and Ann had the following children: William, Walter, Samuel and Elizabeth (married Jacob Stutts) and Charlotte (married John Moore); and other children who moved west but who are not named.]

[p 31: On May 30, 1853, in Moore County, NC, James Monk⁴ gave an affidavit attesting Barrett's service in the War without giving any details. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

³ August 15-16, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/camdenmarker.htm>

⁴ [James Munk \(Monk\) S41905](#)

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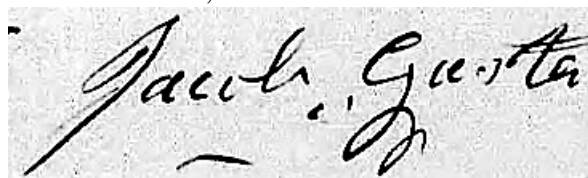
State of North Carolina, Moore County

This Day personally appeared before me James Lett one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the said County, Colonel Jacob Gaster⁵ a revolutionary Soldier & after being Sworn in due form of law Depoeth & Sayeth as follows first that he is Eighty-nine years of age & that he was personally acquainted with Captain John Cox & that he was a Captain in the revolutionary War beyond a doubt & that he was also personally & well acquainted with William Barrett of North Carolina & has no hesitation in saying that he was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War & that he was the William Barrett that served under Captain John Cox & that he must be the same William that received the pavement for revolutionary Services as a Soldier in Captain Coxe's Company of North Carolina as Certified by the Comptroller of said State & that he has a distinct recollection of all those facts that he served several years in the legislature, with the said William Barrett & that he was also personally acquainted with Captain John Coxe.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 21st of April AD1854.

S/ James Lett, JP

S/ Jacob Gaster, Seal

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Gaster". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end of the word "Gaster".

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State of North Carolina Comptroller's Department

I George W Brooks Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office [word too faint to discern] the payments made to sundry persons for Military service in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit

William Barrett

Book 11 Page 20 £6 – Wilmington District

Book 175 Page 3 £5.4.0 – Wilmington District November 1776

Book 177 Page 6 £54.6.4 – Wilmington District

Book W 2 Page 15 £20.5 – Wilmington District as a private in Captain Cox's Company

Pub Ap's 5 Page 29 £ 3.11.4 for 25 days as Ensign under Captain Samuel Lockart [sic]

" Page 34 £3.1 for 16 days as Lieutenant under ditto

" Page 41 £_.15.3 for 4 days " ditto ditto

Book E Page 1 £400 – as Captain

" Page 11 £95.3.10 as Ditto

" Page 6 £100 as Ditto

List of officers "William Barrett Captain Light Dragoons" –

The Books do not show where the latter payments were allowed. Those of Book E were paid upon by Bill Pinder at Hillsboro General Agent for the State in the final settlements

in testimony of which I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said office

This the 1st day of December 1855

S/ Geo. W. Brooks, Comptroller

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$59.43 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months and 8 days in the North Carolina service.]

5 [Jacob Gaster S6871](#)