

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Barnett S8048

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State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Session

County of Granville } November Term 1833

On this 4th day of November A.D. 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of said Court now sitting, Charles Barnett a resident of said County, aged seventy years, 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 June 7th 1832.

That he was born in the County of Albermarle in the State of Virginia in the year 1764 or 1765 he does not accurately know in which, having no record of his age and being able to speak on this subject only from tradition & knowing his age when he went into service – that he continued in the said County of Albermarle until about the year 1800 when he removed to the County of Carter in the State of Tennessee. after remaining there a few years he removed to the State of Georgia, and removed thence to the County of Granville the place of his present residence about twenty five years since.

That he entered the service of the United States in the War of the Revolution about the year 1780. at Charlottesville in the County of Albemarle as a soldier in the regular service Viz enlisting with Captain John Marks of the 7th Virginia Regiment, of whose company Ballard Smith was Lieutenant & William Quarles Ensign. that he marched thence to Richmond where the company was inspected by General Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], thence to Chesterfield Ct House where his company joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Davis [sic: William Davies]. from thence to Point of Fork on James River [at its junction with Rivanna River] – thence to Cole's Ferry [on Staunton River] on our way to join Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], but from some cause unknown to this declarant, the troops stopped at Cole's Ferry, & then returned to the siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], where he continued until the Capture of Cornwallis. At York this declarant saw Gen'l. Washington, Steuben [Baron von Steuben], [Benjamin] Lincoln and Lafayette & other field officers. After the siege of York they marched to Powhatan Ct. House, where some troops were quartered. Before the expiration of his tour, he was sent to Philadelphia with baggage waggons and received his discharge at Philadelphia from Gen'l. Steuben. This affiant's service is known to Sabrit King [pension application W9253] & Sherod Going [W7545] who live in Albemarle Cty Va & whose affidavits taken at great trouble, are herewith transmitted. The term of this affiant's enlistment was Eighteen months & the whole time was served out faithfully. He has long since lost the discharge rec'd. from Gen'l. Steuben. He hereby relinquishes all claim to any annuity or pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to in open court.

Charles hisXmark Barnett

[Jesse Lewis (pension application S5680) certified that Barnett was a man of undoubted veracity.]

Mr. Edwards dear Sir I forced through necessity to trouble with a few lines at this for which I you will pardon me for so doing which is in the way of a Request that is to get you if you please to serch your office and see wheather or not their did or did not and old Reaevolutionary Soldier By the name Charles Barnet a man of coullor drew a pension who I thinke obtained and order to draw his pension from the count court a superior court of granville county nothe carolina some time ago there one thing I do know that he leved her about ten or twelve years ago and did draw a pension and he left her about ten or twelve years ago and left a widow and parcel of children in a very ditressed situationg and we want to try to get a pension if we can for his widow for which we need som coppess from your offis all we want you to say what Ridgeme his papers says he seved in and how long it has Beane sinse he received any pension money write us all the particulars about it and your goodness will not Be forgotten attend to it

soon as our court comes order shortly an we would Be glad to have them there Excuse all mistakes and answer this oake hill granville county NC attend to this and your goodness will not Be forgotten this 31st day of July 1849

Thos peace

[A reply to this letter stated that Barnett had transferred his pension to Albemarle County in 1841 and had been paid at least up to 4 Sep 1848.]

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Charles Barne't/ age 18/ height 5' 5"/ farmer/ born and residing in Albemarle County/ black hair/ black eyes/ yellow complexion/ enlisted 18 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

The 1830 Federal census for Granville County NC lists Charles Barnet as a "free person of color" between 55 and 100, with a female 24-36, and one girl and two boys under 10. The 1850 census for Albemarle County shows that he was still living at age 100.