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Pension Application of Henry Barrett S8057

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State of Virginia } SS

Wythe County }

On this fifteenth day of January 1833 personally appeared before the County Court of Wythe County the same being a Court of record, Henry Barrett a resident of said County of Wythe & State of Virginia aged about Eighty 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was drafted into the Virginia Militia in the County of Prince William under Captain Britt & Lieutenant Farrow in the year previous to the surrender of Cornwallis at Little York [19 Oct 1781] – from Prince William his Company marched to the Cheraw hills in S Carolina where it remained about one month [Jan 1781] when said Company was ordered to march to Guilford in N Carolina; that previous to the arrival of the Company at Guilford the battle of that name had been fought there [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] – after passing Guilford some distance the Company had orders to return to Virginia that in its return it was nearly captured at the river Adkin [sic: Yadkin] the last boat load of men having been fired on by the British The company on its way back to pince William passed through Richmond Virginia about the time the British were landing at that place about 7 miles from Richmond this applicant with some others of the company Volunteered under a certain captain or major Allison to go back to Richmond for the purpose of driving the British out they accordingly went back and had a skirmish with the British as the applicant thinks in the Widow Kemps Orchard in which as he believes about 8 of the Americans were killed when they were compelled to retreat not being sufficient in number to effect the object – this applicant was then with his former company marched to Prince William and discharged having served more than three months the time for which he was originally drafted his time of service having expired previous to his volunteering – he thinks at the Adkin he was transferred from the Company of Capt Britt to that of Capt Valentine Peyton under whom he marched to Prince William as above stated & by whom he was discharged – he thinks he was discharged about April in the year succeeding that in which he was drafted

The applicant further states that about the following July a man by the name of Bridwell a militia man from the County of Stafford deserted the army then near Little York in Virginia – That this applicant was prevailed on by the wife & family of said Bridwell to go and join the army in his place he according went on and joined the troops at the three springs near York but on presenting himself was told that he could not be taken in place of a deserter, the Officer observing at the same time that he would rather have him than ten deserters but that the place of a deserter could not be so supplied. This applicant however determined as he was on the ground to abide the issue of the conflict which was then shortly expected to take place and accordingly took the place of a militia man from Stafford County Virginia by the name of Aaron Reed who thereupon went home from this time the applicant remained in the service untill after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] a term of three months as he thinks (but he is confident that in both tours he served more than six months) after which he guarded the prisoners to Fredericksburg and was then discharged – the greater part of this latter Tour he was employed in the trenches and is unable to say under what immediate officers he served. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state

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On this 12th day of August in the year 1833 personally appeared in open court, before the aforesaid County Court of Wythe County in the State of Virginia now sitting, the said Henry Barrett, who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statements, by way of amendment to his aforesaid declaration, and in order that the answers to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department may be as full as he is able to make them – to the first interrogatory he says he was born in Prince William County in the State of Virginia about nine miles from Dumfries. He cannot now state exactly in what year he was born, the record of his age having been destroyed by fire together with his house and furniture while he resided in Shenandoah County in this state about thirty year ago – he thinks however that he has stated his age correctly in his aforesaid declaration, which would carry his birth back to the year 1753.

2nd interrogatory – He says the record of his age was lost, he believes, as above stated in his amended answer to the 1st interrogatory. He knows he possessed such a record before that fire, and has not seen it since

3rd Interrogatory When called into service he lived in Prince William County, as before stated – about nine or ten years after the close of the Revolutionary War, he removed to the County of Shenandoah in this state, where he lived about thirteen years. From thence he removed to Montgomery County in the state of Virginia where he lived about four years and from Montgomery County he removed to the County of Wythe aforesaid, and has resided in the same ever since.

4th Interrogatory On his first tour of duty, he was drafted –on his second he was a substitute for one Aaron Reed as stated in his aforesaid declaration.

5th Interrogatory. He does not now recollect and cannot state more particularly than he has done in his foregoing declaration the names of the officers who were with the troops where he served, except the names of Gen'l. [Nathanael] Greene and Col'l. [Edward] Stevens, which were near to him. He has stated in his aforesaid declaration the circumstances of his services as particularly as he can.

6th Interrogatory He received discharges at the expiration of each tour of duty Captain Peyton gave him the first discharge – the second was given to him by the Captain of the Company to which said Aaron Reed belonged for whom he substituted; but he does not now recollect that Captains name, not having known him before he became a substitute, nor seen him, he thinks, since he received his said second discharge – both discharges he believes were burnt at the time his house in Shenandoah was destroyed by fire.

7th Interrogatory In his present neighbourhood he is known to a number of persons, who he believes can testify to his character for veracity and entertain a belief that he served in the war of the Revolution. The accompanying certificate shows there are at least, two such individuals.

He believes he served more than six months, but he knows he served at least that length of time, during his two tours.

He has no documentary evidence – nor does he know any person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

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