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Pension Application of Benjamin Barnard S9096

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State of Virginia & County of Chesterfield, to wit:

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 1832, personally appeared before me Beverly H. Wooldridge a Justice of the Peace for the aforesaid County of Chesterfield, Benjamin Barnard, a resident of the same County, aged seventy four years the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

[signed] Beverly ,H, Wooldridge JP

That, according to the Church Register of the Manakin Town Parish, in Powhatan County, he was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> Feby., in the year 1757 – that is, that he is now in the seventy fifth year of his age – That he was born and raised to manhood, & continued to live for a considerable time after, in the said County of Powhatan; but that for the last thirty years he has lived in the adjoining County of Chesterfield, about six miles from the place of his nativity – That, with regard to his revolutionary services, his recollection is indistinct about many matters; and especially such things as name, dates, places &c. – That, however, in his first tour of service, he went from the County of Powhatan under the command of Richard Crumb [Richard Crump], & went down to a place called Suffolk Town, in the lower part of Virginia – That he does not remember how long he was gone from home this time, but supposes that it was five or six weeks – That, after this, he went under the command of Capt. Isaac Porter, to the neighbourhood of Warebottom Church [Ware Bottom Church] in Chesterfield County, but that a portion of the company being taken for watermen, it was thus broken up, & himself & others put under the command of Major Smith, – Porter returning home – That he was in the neighbourhood of Chesterfield Court House at the time that it was burnt [27 Apr 1780]; & that Col. Davis [sic: William Davies] was an officer posted there – That two companies, one commanded by Capt. Robert Hughes, the other by Capt. George Williamson, himself belonging to Hushes's company, started from Powhatan Court House to the South; & that he was in the battle at Guilford Court House [NC, 15 Mar 1781] – That Genl. [Nathanael] Greene is the only field officer whose name he recollects – That during this Southern Tour he was gone, he thinks, several months – That after his return home from this Southern Campaign, he was called out on various occasions, under different Captains, & served for various lengths of time – That from the time, indeed, that he first entered the service, he was continually called from home and that when he went home, it was but to stay a few days, & he was off again – That during one summer he for two or three months assisted in guarding the boats at Jude's ferry, in the County of Powhatan – And that adding all his various periods of service together, he was on duty, as he believes, about three years.

He hereby relinquishes every 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 & subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] Benjamin Barnard

[In the following some missing letters at the edge of the page are inferred in brackets.]

State of Virginia, Chesterfield County to wit:

[Thi]s day personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for [the] County aforesaid in the state aforesaid, Benjamin Barnard, who being duly sworn, [de]poseth & saith that, by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory, he cannot [sw]ear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his [re]collection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following [gr]ades: That his first tour of service was when he went from the County of Powhatan, as [s]tated in his original declaration, under the comman of Capt. Richd. Crump, to Suffolk Town [in] the lower part of Virginia – & that at this time he was gone one month & a half as well [as he]

recollects – That his 2<sup>nd</sup> tour was spent in the neighbourhood of Warebottom Church [in] Chesterfield County – & that this tour again lasted one month & a half at least – That his [thi]rd tour was when he went to the South – at which time he was in the battle at Guil[fo]rd – & that his term of service this time was three months at the least – That, again, he [wa]s employed in guarding the boats at Jude's Ferry in the County of Powhatan during three [mo]nths – That, too, he guarded some boats likewise, at the West-Ham Ferry in Chesterfield [word missing] months & a half – That from Westham he went to King's Warehouse, where he staid three [wee]ks – & that this place is on the opposite side of James River from the Ferry – That [he] doubts not, indeed he knows, that he was out on various other occasions, making alto[ge]ther, according to his mode of estimation, as much time as he claimed for in his origi[n]al declaration, but to do away with all difficulty, he will only claim for the [pe]riods mentioned above, making in all, he thinks, twelve months. – That he never re[ceived] any written discharge – That there is no clergyman who knows any thing of him [as] a soldier of the revolution – that as to the periods of the war during which he served [his] memory is so indistinct that he is wholly unable to designate them, except by [ref]erence to the particular services which he performed. – That he served altogether a private among the militia.

[Gi]ven under my hand, a Justice of the Peace for the aforesaid County of Chesterfield, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 1833.

Beverly ,H, Wooldridge J.P.