

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Barnett <sup>1</sup> W1532      Mary Barnett      f30NC

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[On a printed form with handwritten inserts]

State of Tennessee, County of McMinn.

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June personally appeared in open Court before justices of the county court of said county William Barnett a resident of said county and State, aged about 72 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

This declarant was drafted and entered the service in the month of December in the year 1779 in a Company of militia commanded by Capt. John Sharp in Mclenburgh [sic, Mecklenburg] County in the State of North Carolina where he then resided. James Legent Lieutenant and George Graham Ensign for a three month tour of duty. He then marched to Camden South Carolina and from thence to Charleston South Carolina. We were there stationed for three months to guard that Port and was discharged the twenty fourth of March 1780 by Col John Hampton, and was in no engagement during that time. This declarant returned thus to Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina where he resided. This declarant then volunteered under General John Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter?] for ten months tour of duty and march through the State of South Carolina and was in a skirmish at Orangeburg South Carolina and at Brown's Old fields, he received his discharge about the first of March in the year 1781. His Company officers were Capt. John Foster, Andrew Baxter, Clo. [sic, Col.] Middleton who was the only field officer as he recollects. This declarant states that he served in all about thirteen months as a volunteer and a militiaman in the Revolutionary War and after his service he returned to Mecklenburg County where he resided and where he entered the service and where he was born as he has been informed and resided there for some years, and then removed to Hawkins County in the State of Tennessee and then moved to Knox County Tennessee where he resided about twenty five years. He then moved to McMinn County where he now resides. The declarant has no record of his age but from the best information was born in the year 1761 in Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina where he entered the service. He was attached to the third Regiment of North Carolina. This declarant states that he has lost his discharges that he received. He served with no regular officers as he recollects but he is very old and has lost his recollection in a degree in all he served in the Revolutionary war about thirteen months. This declarant states that he knows of no person by whom he can prove any of the above services but by Andrew Bigham<sup>2</sup> who was with him in the three months tour of duty. He states

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt27589-160-55

<sup>2</sup> [Andrew Bigham S1639](#)

that John G. Likens, Abraham Barb, Robert Swann, James F. Bradford who can testify to my character and veracity.

S/ William Barnett, X his mark

S/ A. R. Turk, Clerk

[John G. Likens and James Bradford gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Andrew Bigham makes oath that he is acquainted with William Barnett the above declarant and that he Served with him in the Tour first by him Stated in a Company of militia Commanded by Captain John Sharp Lieutenant James Legent [? could be Ligert or Tegent or Tigert] and Ensign George Graham and that declarant, and affiant, were both attached to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of North Carolina Militia Commanded by Colonel John Hampton & Frederick Hambright and affiant states that declarant served as by him set forth in his declaration, and that affiant has full confidence in the statements of said declarant from his acquaintance with him. Sworn to and Subscribed the fourth day June 1833.

S/ Andrew Bigham, X his mark

S/ A. R. Turk

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed July 29<sup>th</sup> 1848 an act granting pensions to certain widows.

State of Tennessee, Bradley County.

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 1850 personally appeared before me Robert Dean an acting Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid Marry Barnett a resident of Tennessee in the county of Bradley aged eighty one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the privations made by the act of Congress passed July the 29<sup>th</sup> 1848 Entitled an act granting Pensions to Certain widows that she is the widow of William Barnett who was a private in the Revolutionary war and received a pension which was paid at Knoxville East Tennessee at the rate of forty three dollars and thirty three cents. She further declares that she was married to the said William Barnett on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April in 1795 in the year seventeen hundred ninety five that her husband the aforesaid William Barnett died on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1847 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1800 (to wit) at the time above stated and that she is yet a widow sworn to and subscribed in the day and year above written.

S/ Mary Barnett, X her mark

S/ Robert Dean, JP

State of Tennessee, Bradley County.

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day August 1850 personally appeared before me Robert Dean an acting Justice of the peace for the county and State aforesaid William H. Barnett a creditable citizen of this county who after being duly sworn according to law says that he was personally acquainted with William Barnett and Mary Barnett who swore and subscribed the above declaration and says that William Barnett was a Revolutionary soldier and drew a pension as set forth in the above declaration and died on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1847 and says that Mary Barnett has remained a widow ever since his death and further says that the ages and births of John Wilson Barnett, Polly Clark Barnett, Sally Morrow Barnett, William Heslett Barnett, James Michall [sic] Barnett, Joseph Thompson Barnett, Samuel Henderson Barnett, Robert Carrick Barnett are all the Children of the above named William Barnett and Mary Barnett and says the leaf containing the above names was taken from the old Bible and is the genuine family record of the above

named William and Mary Barnett and was written at the request of the said William and Mary Barnett and she yet remains a widow.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year above mentioned.

S/ William Heaslet Barnet

*William Heaslet Barnet*

S/ Robert Dean, JP

[p 13: Bible record:

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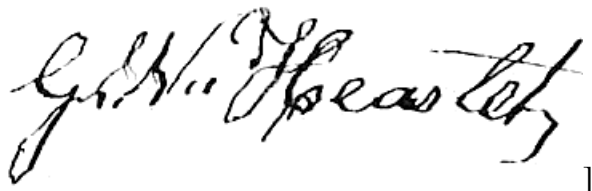
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[On March 7, 1855, Mary Barnett, 86, filed an application for bounty land in which she says her maiden name was Mary Heazlett, among other statements repetitive of her previous statements.]

[p 20: a supporting affidavit given Hamilton County Tennessee by George H. Heaslet in which he states, among other things, that he is the brother of Mary Barnett. He says he is 68 years old—the affidavit is dated Sept. 27, 1854. He authenticates the family record taken from an old Bible.



George H. Heaslet ]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for one year and one month in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>3</sup> relating to William Barnet [Barnett]  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 304

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[Note: This file contains documents relating to more than one veteran by this name. Use the page number of the file to identify the specific veteran to whom I believe the document relates. It is not always clear, however, which documents relate to specific veterans, so use my attribution with care.]

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No. 92

[No.] 527 [Book] Y 14 Decr. 85 [1785]

Will Barnett his Account for 181 days duty from 1<sup>st</sup> November 1782 1<sup>st</sup> May 1782 as footmen, also for 184 days from 1<sup>st</sup> May 1781 to 1<sup>st</sup> November following as Horseman both in Captain Baxter's Company, General Marion's Brigade viz.

Footmen 181 days at 10/ per day	£90.10.0
Horseman 184 days at 20/per day	£184
[old South Carolina] Currency	<u>£274.10.0</u>
Amt. Stg. [Sterling]	£39.4.3 ¼

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G." [Executed by John McCall, Adjutant General]

South Carolina Cheraw District } Personally came before me Zachariah [Nettles] one of the justices of said District William Barnet who being duly sworn maketh oath that the above account is Just and he hath received no part thereof. Sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> of July 1785  
S/ Zachariah Nettles, JP

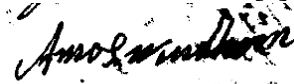
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Received full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 527 Y by Order

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<sup>3</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>.

S/ Amos Windham [?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amos Windham". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

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Gent. [Gentlemen] Please to deliver my public Indent with the Interest due thereon to Major Amos Windham & you will oblige your obedient &c.

S/ Wm Barnett, x his mark