

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Barnabas Sullivan (Sturdivant)W20077

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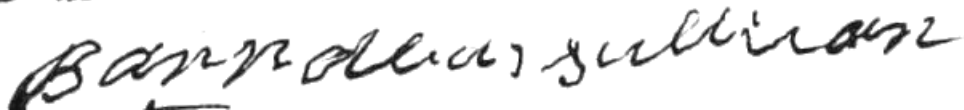
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State of Massachusetts

I Barnabas Sullivan a Citizen of the United States, now a resident at Wiscasset in the County of Lincoln in the State aforesaid [Maine?], do on oath testify and declare, that in the War of the Revolution, on or about June 1777 I entered and was engaged in the land service of the United States on the Continental establishment, and served accordingly from that time to the time hereafter stated, as a private soldier – against the common enemy, without any interruption or absence: that I belonged to Captain John Sheppards Company – Colonel Sheppards Regiment being the 10th in the North Carolina line – afterwards the Regiment was reduced or consolidated, I joined myself in a new Regiment called the 2nd North Carolina Regiment, Colonel Hogen [sic, James Hogen], & in Captain Hall's Company and that I left the service as hereinafter stated and that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life and poverty, I stand in need of assistance of my country for support, being now of the age of fifty-nine years – I enlisted for three years in 1777 as above stated and I think in the month of June – I well recollect that I served the time out within one fortnight, when I was taken in Charleston S.C. when that city surrendered – I was then held a prisoner by the British about one year & a half more when I was exchanged & set at liberty – I was sick for a time after I had been in the Army about six months – during said service I broke my arm – had the smallpox at Valley Forge – was at the battle of Monmouth.

And I hereby relinquish all claims to every pension heretofore allowed me by the laws of the United States, if any may be or hath been so allowed. When I was sick as above stated I was at Colonel Sheppards house in North Carolina.

S/ Barnabas Sullivan



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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 12th January 1820

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby Certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War, that

Barnabas Sterlevant¹ a private in ___ Compy of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 31st of August 1777 for 3 years – Omitted in June 1779, mustered again in November 1779.

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill

Raleigh 12th January 1820

Sir

You will see from the above Certificate that the name of the Soldier is not spelt as it is in your letter, yet I have no doubt but it is intended for the same person. Please inform the old man that by proving himself to be the person he represents himself to be and applying at this Office by himself or properly authorized attorney he can draw a Warrant for 274 acres of land in the State of Tennessee which warrant will be worth at least \$274.

Respectfully

your most Obedient Servant

S/ Wm Hill

Jas. L. Edwards, Esqr.

State of Maine, Lincoln, SS: At a Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the Second Eastern Circuit, begun and holden at Wiscasset, within and for the County of Lincoln, on the third Tuesday being the 20th day of June, and by adjournment from day-to-day, on the 21st day of June in the year of our Lord 1820, before the Honorable Josiah Stebbins & Ebenezer Thatcher, Judges of said court.

On this 21st day of June in the year 1820, personally appeared in open Court the same proceeding according to the course of common law, having jurisdiction unlimited in amount, keeping a record of their proceedings, and having "the power of fine and imprisonment," and being a Court of Record for said Circuit, Barnabus Sullivan aged sixty years, resident in Wiscasset in said circuit, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows viz. as a private in the company commanded by Captain John Shepperd in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Shepperd in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment, as is more particularly mentioned and described in his original declaration, made on the 3rd day of April A.D. 1818, and on which said declaration his Certificate of Pension numbered 16356 was granted. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed; that my occupation and ability to pursue the same, together with the number and particulars of my family, are in fact and in truth as is particularly described on the back hereof, also subscribed by me.

S/ Barnabas Sullivan

Sworn to and declared, on the 21st day of June A.D. 1820

Before Eben. Thatcher, one of the Judges of said Court

Schedule of the real and personal estate, (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) belonging to me the subscriber, viz.:

¹ Possibly Barnabus Sturtevant

Real estate – none

Personal – a few articles of old furniture – no income except my pension

S/ Barnabas Sullivan

Schedule of the family residing with me Barnabas Sullivan who, by occupation and a laborer which I am not able to pursue by reason of infirmity and lameness from old age

Names	ages	capacity of each to contribute to their support
My wife Catharine	55	infirm
daughter Lydia	10	common health
Son George	7	do

S/ Barnabas Sullivan

[fn p. 30][heavily edited—see digital image]

Honored Sir,

I Humbly beg leave to address you on the following subject server. I have the Honor to inform you that to the best of my recollection I enlisted in June 1777 in the town of Tarborough Halifax County State of North Carolina [sic, Tarborough is and was then located in Edgecombe County North Carolina] in the 10th Regiment of North Carolina Troops commanded by Colonel Shephird [Abraham Shephard or Shepperd] his son Captain John Shephird's [John Shephard or Shepperd] Company, our Colonel then resided on Contentnea River [Contentnea Creek] Edgecombe County State aforesaid our Regiment was quartered for some time at Contentnea & was drafted to Wilmington stopped there for about 10 months when we received orders to March to the Northward we then marched to Colonel Shipherds where I was seized with a violent flavour [fever] during which time the 10th Regiment with all the North Carolina Troops marched to their quarters. After my recovery I met with other misfortune to get my arm broke for some time I was caling [calling?] After my recovery I marched and joined my Regiment which I found was reduced & the men drafted to other different regiments when I got to Valley Forge where the troops was encamped I was inoculated with the small pox which was by reason of that disease having been ravaging in that neighborhood I was not well recovered when the alarm Guns fired on account of the British troops evacuating Philadelphia – we then commenced our march after them & came up to their Army on Monmouth claims though the heat of the weather & the fatigue of hard fighting I was soon seized with a flavour [fever] then I was sent to the Yellow Spring Hospital where I was attended by two German doctors by the name of Otto the father & son after my recovery I was ordered to march to the North Carolina troops then encamped at Constitution Island opposite to West Point where the chain was fixed across the North River there I was attached to the 2nd Regiment of North Carolina Troops commanded by Colonel Hogan alias Hogans [James Hogun] Captain Hall's Company I continued with the Regiment there for that summer, was assisting in building the forts & readouts such as small fortifications during which time our Colonel Hogan was appointed General early in the winter we were ordered to march to Charles Town South Carolina – after a severe march when we got to the lines of North Carolina we were desirous to get paid all the pay due was as we had not received any money from our officers for a length of time when we refused to march the officers demanded the reason when one of our sergeants whose name was Glowver [Samuel Glover] said that we were determined not to go further than our own State until we got all the arrears of pay due us – for these words he was accused of mutiny, ordered under arrest & was shot on the 4th day after we then marched to C. Town South Carolina where we underwent a long & tedious siege where we fought the British for near six weeks at the end of which we were forced to surrender & was put all prisoners on board a British guard ship where we were kept a prisoner

for 18 months & upwards as near as I recollect during which time our General was killed in a duel he fought with one of his brother field officers, another disaster occurred err I was put on board the prison ship, General Green [Nathanael Greene]² who might have relieved us if he had become up to us a few days sooner, but his Army was captured & made the unhappy sufferers with us he General Green escaped the enemy – Honored Sir I humbly beg pardon for trespassing on your patience so long a letter but could not show you the nature of my travels through the revolutionary war in a more short statement – this is but a short towards the other small occurrences which I encountered. I have the Honor to be Sir your most Obedient & Dutiful Servant

To the Honorable Mr. Smyth³
Member of Congress
House of Representatives
Washington City
the 5th day of January 1820

S/ Barnabas Sullivan
Private Soldiers 2nd Regiment
N.C. Troops Revolutionary War

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² The veteran is clearly making reference to General Horatio Gates, not Nathanael Greene. Gates was defeated at the battle of Camden on August 15 – 16, 1781 but escaped capture himself. Most of the men captured at the battle of Camden were taken to Charleston and held in prison ships there.

³ I could not identify a likely candidate to be the recipient of this letter other than James Strudwick Smith who was the congressman from NC in 1820. No Representative from Maine or Massachusetts named Smith or Smyth was serving in Congress in 1820.

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I got to Salliforge where the Troops was encamped, I was
molested with the small pox, which was by reason of that
Disease being then raging in that neighbourhood & was
not well recovered when the alarm given fired on account
of the British troops evacuating Philadelphia we
then commenced our march after them & came up to
their Army on Monmouth Plains throo the heat of
the weather & the fatigue of hard fighting I was soon
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Spring Hospital where I was attend by two German Doctors
by the name of Otto the father & son after my recovery
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encamped at Constitution Island opposd to Ward Point
where the chain was fix'd across the north River
there I was attached to the 2nd Regiment of N. C. Troops
commanded by Colonel Hagan alias Hagan's Captain Hales
company, I continued with the Regt there for that
season. ^{Plas Turn over}

Summer was assisting to build forts & read out as
as small fortifications during which time our Colonel Hagan
was appointed General early in the winter we were ordered
to march to Charles Town S. Carolina after a few marches
when we got to the lines of S. Carolina we were desirous
to get paid all the pay due us as we had not received
any ~~pay~~ ^{money} from our officers for a length of time when we
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 the honor to be (Dr) your most obedt & dutiful
 To the Honourd. Mr Army ^{Genl} } Barnabas Sullivan
 Member of Congress }
 House of Representatives }
 Washington City }
 the 5th day of January 1820 }

[fn p. 12]

Granville Nova Scotia May 27 1839

I hereby Certify that it appears from the Registry of Marriages in the Town Book for the Township of Granville Province of Nova Scotia

"Barnabas Sullivan a native of Carolina United States, married to Catherine daughter of Lodswick Croscop of Granville, the 15th day of May 1789 by the Reverend Jacob Bayley, Witness present John Croscop and Daniel Croscop."

I Walter Willett do certify that the above Certificate is a true copy of the Record with the exception of the date which is expressed on the Record in fair illegible figures as follows "15 day of may 1789"

S/ Walter Willett

[fn p. 16: On July 9, 1839 in Suffolk County Massachusetts, Catherine Sullivan a resident of Boston, aged 66, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Barnabas Sullivan late of Wiscasset, Maine a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she was married to him in Granville in Nova Scotia where she resided with her parents; that they continued to live in Granville Nova Scotia until 1805 when they moved to Wiscasset in the State of Maine when they lived until his death in May 1830; she continued to live there about 3 years when she moved to Boston to live with her daughter Sarah Snaith with whom she still lives; that she married her husband Barnabas in Granville Nova Scotia on May 15, 1789; that her husband died May 7, 1830 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 19: Sarah Snaith, wife of Richard Snaith, gave a supporting affidavit in which she states she is dirty one years of age and the daughter of Barnabus and Catherine Sullivan.

Sarah Snaith

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 3rd 1818, for 3 years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]