

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Barton W20683

Dorcas Barton

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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of July 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows," and the several acts in continuation thereof.

State of South Carolina, Pickens District

On this Seventh day of August 1845 personally appeared before William D. Steele, Judge of the Court of Ordinary of the District and State aforesaid, Mrs. Dorcas Barton (who I certify is unable by bodily infirmity to attend in open court without much inconvenience) a resident of the said district and State, aged 82 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7th, 1838, and the several acts in continuation thereof.

That she is the widow of Benjamin Barton who was a private in the Militia of South Carolina during the war of the Revolution on the Whig side and in defense of his country; That, she cannot at her advanced age, and at this late date, state even what she once knew of his services, and she never knew very much about it.

That her late husband the said Benjamin Barton then resided on Pacolet River, what she believes is now in Spartanburg District, and that she lived on the same River higher up, that, she did not know him when he entered the service, but he stated that he had served in a Block House on the line somewhere, but she does not know the name of it; the first she knew of him she was under protection in Earle's Fort, and he came there in service and then she became acquainted with him, she is sure he was a part of the time under Captain Parsons, and she thinks, in Colonel Roebuck's [Benjamin Roebuck's] Regiment, he traveled as she understood, through most of the surrounding country, she recollects to have heard him say he was in one Battle somewhere, but she does not now recollect what one it was, she cannot state what length of time he served, nor whether he received a discharge, but she believes he did, though she does not now know anything of it. The only proof she has of his services that she knows of is the certificate of the Comptroller General of this State of a copy of his Indent, she fully believes from all the circumstances that this said Indent was issued to him.

She further declares that she was married to the said Benjamin Barton at her mother's on Pacolet [River] about one mile above the fork, by one Joseph Camp, a Baptist minister, as she believes on the 24th day of September 1783, that she has no record of the marriage, but thinks she has some record of the births of her children, and recollects that her oldest, a son, Joshua Barton, was Sixty-one years old the 8th [?, could be "5th"] day of July last, and that she & her said husband were married nine months and eleven days before his birth, that her husband, the aforesaid Benjamin Barton died on the Sixteenth day of February 1818; that she was not married

to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, viz., at the time above stated.

S/ Dorcas Barton, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before--

S/ William D. Steele, Judge of the Court of Ordinary for Pickens District South Carolina

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South Carolina Pickens District:

Personally appeared before me William Abbett an old and respectable citizen of the District & State aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that when he was a small boy he resided in Spartanburg District in this State and knew Benjamin Barton and that during the Revolutionary War he recollects to have seen the said Benjamin Barton in the service in scouting parties under Captain Parsons, that deponent cannot state how long he served but that he had the reputation of being a good soldier. That he then lived but a few miles distant from him and that he understood he was married about the close of the War or shortly afterwards to Dorcas Anderson and afterwards moved to Greenville District & subsequently to this District where deponent had also moved, that he knew him ever afterwards till his death, he understands that his widow the said Dorcas Barton yet resides in this District and is making application for a pension. Deponent does not know that the said Benjamin Barton served in Colonel Roebuck's Regiment but recollects that there was a Colonel of that name in command in that section of Country, the deponent is Seventy-four years of age.

Sworn to before me 14th day of March 1846

S/ William D Steele, O. J. Q.

S/ Wm Abbett

[p 11: Thomas Barton Esquire, gave testimony on September 19, 1845 in Greenville District South Carolina that he was the nephew of Benjamin Barton; that he knew Benjamin and his wife Dorcas; when affiant was about 7 years old uncle Ben settled near the affiants father and had one child and was living with the said Dorcas as his wife; deponent was born in 1777; that Joshua, the oldest son of Benjamin and Dorcas Barton was near the age of affiant's brother who was about 5 years younger than affiant.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Barton". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent initial 'T'.

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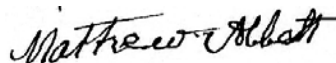
South Carolina, Pickens District

Before me personally appeared Matthew Abbott who is an old respectable and truthful citizen and made oath in due form of law that he knew Benjamin Barton in Spartanburg District when he was a young man and during the Revolutionary War: that they lived some 6 or 8 miles apart, but were intimately acquainted; that he knew the said Benjamin Barton to be absent from home, and said to be out in service under Captain Parsons, deponent himself done some service, but is satisfied Barton done more, as he was older than himself, and entered the service some time before he Deponent has been shown the Copy of an Indent issued to Benjamin Barton for 36 pounds two shillings and 10 pence one farthing for duty in Roebuck's Regiment – that he has no Recollection of Colonel Roebuck, but it is altogether probably [sic] that there was such a man in Command and that Barton served under him: at all accounts he has no doubt but that said Benjamin Barton whose widow Dorcas Barton resides in this District and who is making

application for a pension, is the same alluded to in said Indent; he knows the said Benjamin Barton had the reputation of being a good Soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Sworn to and subscribed before me eighth January 1846.

S/ Mathew Abbett



S/ John Knox, M&D

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Comptroller General Office
Columbia South Carolina July 21, 1845

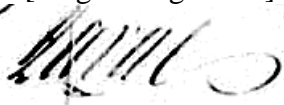
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Ind^t. 3356: Issued the 30th June '86 to Mr. Benjamin Barton Thirty Six pounds Two shillings and Ten pence one farthing Sterling, Duty in Roebuck's Regiment per Act. Audited—
Paid £36:2:10:1 Int. £2:10:7

I certify the above to be a true copy from the Records in this office.

For Comptroller General

S/ [illegible signature]



[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$63.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1836 for the service of her husband as a private in the South Carolina service.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Benjamin Barton
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 339

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30 June 86 [1786]

Benj.ⁿ Barton

For Militia Duty in Roebuck's [Benjamin Roebuck's] Regiment since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return Amounting to

[South Carolina]

Currency

£253.0.0

Sterling

£36.2.10 ¼

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G." [Executed by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received 30th June 1786 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 3356, X per Order
S/ C. C. Schuld

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¹ 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/>.

Gentlemen

Please to deliver to Captain John Gowen an Indent for an Amount of my Account against the Public of South Carolina and the Interest due thereon and thereby Oblige your Humble Servant

To the Commissioners of the Treasury of the State of South Carolina

Acknowledged this 4th of May 1786

S/ Benjamin Barton

Benjamin Barton