

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Barrett ¹ W2583

Thombson f35SC

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State of South Carolina Greenville District

On this 15th day of July 1853 personally appeared before me Luthen McBee Judge of the Court of Probate Thombson Barrett a resident of the district and State above mentioned, aged Eighty-four years, who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed July 3rd 1853 & other acts of Congress Entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows; That she is the widow of Reuben Barrett who was a Soldier of the Revolution. (She does not know the rank her husband held in said War) nor the officers under whom he served. She further declares that she was married to the said Reuben Barrett in the month of June A.D. 1813. That she has no record of her marriage. That her husband the aforesaid Reuben Barrett died on the 3rd day of March A.D. 1814. She further swears that she is now a widow and that she never made any application for pension and that said husband was not a pensioner.

Attest: S/ B. E. Prince

S/ Thombson Barrett, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/ L. M. McBee, Judge of the Court of Probate for Greenville District South Carolina

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State of South Carolina Greenville District } SS

On this 31st day of May A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me a notary public & magistrate Ex Off. within and for the District and State aforesaid Thompson Barrett aged 87 years a resident of Greenville District in the State of South Carolina, who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Reuben Barrett Deceased, who was a private in the company commanded by Captains Holloway [Charles Holloway], Trammell [Dennis Trammell], Lawson [John Lawson], in the Regiment of South Carolina militia commanded by Colonel __ [Benjamin Roebuck] in the war of the Revolution and that her said husband was drafted at __ on or about the 1780 for the term of __ and continued in actual service in said war for the term of 240 days and was honorably discharged at __ about the year 1781. She further states that she was married to the said Reuben Barrett in the Summer of 1813 by one Nathaniel Jackson and that her name before her said marriage was Thompson Prince, that her said husband

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died at Greenville on the 3rd day of March A.D. 1814 and that she is now a widow. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled under the act approved March the 3rd 1855. She states that there is no record of her marriage.

S/ Thompson Barrett, X her mark

[H. B. Prince and Peggy Prince gave a supporting affidavit.]

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Greenville District SC November 9th 1856

H. C. Spaulding, Esqr. Sir

I, Jasper Jade Prince Executor of Henry B. Prince deceased (Son) write in regard to your letter my Father having died after receiving your letter & leaving me executor. I will try to answer your last letter as near as I can (the reason of delay was the sickness of my father.)

In regard to my Grandfather's Henry Prince's² marriage, I am not certain, I think, about 1770, perhaps before, or after that time. You know the amount he drew, when he died, & when his widow died, he was a young man at the beginning of the Revolution, served at different times during that war.

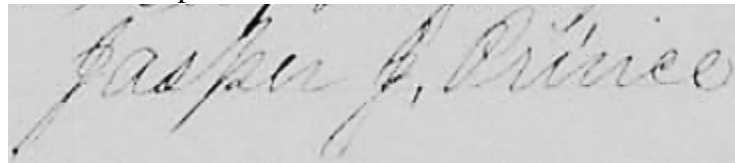
In regard to my (Aunt Barrett) who has also died since my Father, I leave that for you to decide, she is now dead, died the 29th of August. She giving my father full power, & he leaving me executor, would I be able to prosecute her claim? She was married in 1814 to Reuben Barrett, who was my mother's father. You see my Grandfather Barrett married by Father's sister. I state all these things that you may understand the connection. My mother who is now living & is Grandfather Barrett's daughter, & step daughter of Thompson Barrett, desires to know whether, she is entitled to Father's Claim in those two pensions, if so, she authorizes me to say to you, to get all you can on the terms named, in your last letter to Henry B. Prince, my Mother is living & is heir to Henry Prince & Reuben Barrett deceased. Reuben Barrett died in 1815. Thompson Barrett died in 1856, 29th of August.

Any proof you wish, that we can furnish you with we will do it immediately.

I now write in regard to another pension claim, which is that of Evaline Dill, all proofs have been made to the pension office that can be made, as I know of. She is the widow of Enells Dill, or Runnells Dill³, I don't know how the name misspelled. She desires me, as her agent to get you to examine the papers which are on file in the pension office. The Commissioner of pension says, all prove his made it is necessary, except the record evidence, which cannot be made unless it is found there, as Runells or Enells Dill once drew a pension, from South Carolina, proof of which is on file in the pension office. Massena Taylor, was her agent, but he left me his agent in this case, when he died, any proof concerning either of the above cases, you may think necessary, I will send to you immediately if I can procure it.

Yours very respectfully

S/ Jasper J. Prince

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jasper J. Prince". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

² [Henry Prince S18168](#)

³ [Runnells Dill R2953](#)

[pp 25-26: abstract of indents in the SC records showing payments to Reuben Barrett for militia duty during the Revolution including payments for service as a horseman under Capt. Chas. Holloway for 46 days from Aug. 1 to Sept. 15, 1780; for 150 days ditto from Sept. 16, 1780 to Feby 12, 1781 under Capt. Dennis Trammell; for 44 days ditto from Feby 13 to 28 March 1781 under Capt. Jno. Lawson.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing February 3rd, 1853, for her husband service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to Reuben Barrett AA7
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 321

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No. 114

No. 3353

Lib. [Book] X 30th June 1786

Reuben Barrett, for Militia duty before & since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] in Roebuck's [Benjamin Roebuck's] Regiment per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return

[South Carolina]

Currency	£170
Stg. [Sterling]	£24.5.8 ½

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

Received full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 3353 X
S/ Reuben Barrett



[p 4: Form of Indent No. 3353, Book X dated June 13th, 1786 in the sum of £24.5.8 ½ issued to Mr. Reuben Barrett for militia service in Roebuck's Regiment.]

[p 6: Form of Indent No. 89, Book Z dated January 24, 1787 in the sum of £34.5.8 issued to Mr. Reuben Barrett [text illegible]

[NOTE: I don't know why the records in AA file No. 321 are different from those abstracted on pp 25-26 of the pension file.]

⁴ 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/>.