

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of William Barr W2743

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[27 Apr 1818] To the Honourable the Secretary of the Department of War of the U. States.  
Allegheny County in the State of Pennsylvania} Ss.

The Declaration under Oath of William Barr late a private in the Revolutionary army, and now an applicant for a pension in virtue of the Act entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the U. States in the Revolutionary War."

Respectfully Sheweth

That he is a resident citizen of the U.S. and now lives in the Township of St. Clair, Allegheny County, and from his age and infirmities requires the assistance of his Country for his support.

In the month of March he was enlisted by Ensign George Grant of Capt Casper Whitsell of a Reg't. of Riflemen raised by the State of Pennsylvania for the Continental Service.

This enlistment took place near the beginning of the said month of 1775 and was for the term of 18 months.

After the expiration of this term he enlisted near Pittsburgh in the 13th Reg't. Virginia Line, in Capt. David Scott's Company [raised in Monongalia County]

He was afterwards transferred to Capt. Thomas Moore; then to Capt. Uriah Springer under whom he served untill the end of the war.

He received an Honourable discharge from Capt. Springer. This was a printed discharge which was consumed by a fire which burnt the house in which this applicant lived, and all that he had – upwards of twenty years ago.

He receives no pension from the U.S.

Amongst the pleas inrolled in the District court of the United States in & for the Western District of Pennsylvania it is contained as follows.

United States of America                    } Ss  
Western District of Pennsylvania        }

At an adjourned session held On the seventeenth day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said District William Barr aged seventy years resident in Allegheny County in said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war viz he was enlisted about the first of March 1776 by Ensign George Grant to serve under Capt Casper Whitsell of the first battalion of rifle regiment of the Pennsylvania line commanded by Col. [Samuel] Miles and Lieut Col. James Piper he was in the battle of Long Island on the 27 August of the same year & in the battle of Trenton on Christmas day 25 December of the same year & was discharged from this regiment in the month of September 1777 After he was discharged he came to the western country on the Monongehela [sic: Monongahela] river and enlisted under Capt David Scott of the 13 Virginia Regiment commanded by Col Russel [sic: William Russell]. Shortly after his enlistment the regiment being reduced [14 Sep 1778], he was placed under the command of Capt Thomas Moore of the 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment & shortly after there was a second reduction of the regiments & he was placed under the command of Capt Uriah Springer of the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment & was discharged at the close of the war in the first Virginia Regiment by Major William Croghan at Pittsburgh Pa & that he received a pension from the United States by virtue of a certificate from the War department No. 8342 & And I solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for

certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 viz one old Log Cabbin built & standing on land belonging to Thomas Silks & for which I hold a verbal lease of charity & in which Log cabbin I live. my personal property is as follows. one year old heifer. two iron pots. one bake oven. four chairs one old table all worth about twenty five dollars I also do declare upon oath that the business I have last laboured at was working on a farm but I am now so feeble & frail as to be unable to pursue any labour for any length of time. I have a wife living with me whose name is Mary Barr aged about sixty years. she is feeble & has had a paraletec stroke in the right arm. that I have no other family residing with me & that I am in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support myself without the assistance of my country

William Barr [three wavy lines] Mark

NOTE: On 11 Mar 1842 Mary Barr, 81, applied for a pension stating that she and William Barr had each moved to Allegheny County about 1779 and married there on 10 Feb 1785, and that he died 12 Feb 1842. She stated that she had been too feeble for the past eight years to leave her bed without help.