## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Ambrose Barnett W2989 Sally Barnett VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 2 May 2017.

## District of Kentucky Sct

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of Septb'r. 1818 before me the undersigned one of the Circuit Judges for the Commonwealth afors'd personally appeared Ambros Barnett aged Fifty eight years resident in Nicholas County in the District afores'd who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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" that he the said Ambros Barnett enlisted in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven in the State of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Capt Moses Hawkins of the fourteenth Regiment of the Virginia Continental line that he continued in the service of the United States untill seventeen hundred and eighty when he was Discharged from service in Philadelphia State of Pennsylvania that he was in the battles of Newark, Stony point [16 Jul 1779], and German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for his support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his enlistment and said service except that which is hereto annexed

David Neves [probably Daniel Neves, pension application W8484] made oath that he served in the revolutionary war with the above named Ambrose Barnett and that above statement made by said Barnett is true.

[On 3 Jul 1820 Barnett made a declaration of his services that was less detailed than the following, and with the following schedule of property:]

100 acres third rate land \$500. 39 head of hogs \$35. one fall calf \$2.50, one shovel plough \$3: one barshear plough \$3 2 ten gallon kettles \$2: kitchen furniture \$4.50 one folden table \$8 Cupboard & furniture \$6.50 cts, two old axes \$3, log chain \$2 one black horse \$70. three cows \$26, one spinning wheel one ditto \$2.00 cts, one spring calf \$1.50 four old hoes \$2, one old salt kettle \$0.75 cts six chairs \$1.50 one chest \$2: churn & bucket \$2: two sets geers \$5. one saddle \$6: total amount \$688.25 cts. I have four in family Viz – My wife aged 56 years My son James aged about Eighteen years My daughter Sally aged about 17 years both of whom will shortly be out of my controul and myself, my occupation is that of a farmer. I am unable to pursue it owing to a wound I received while in the service in the Revolutionary War Subscribed by me Ambrose Barnett

[Barnett's pension was suspended because he declared property valued at more than \$200, whereupon he filed the following declaration:]

State of Kentucky, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Sct. On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820 personally appeared in open court (this being expressly made a Court of record for the Circuit and County of Nicholas by the laws of this state, having been so adjudged by the tribunals of this state, possessing unlimited jurisdiction in point of amount with power to fine and imprison, always keeping a Record of its proceedings) Ambrose Barnett aged sixty one years, a resident of the County of Nicholas within the Circuit aforesaid, who after having been first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, enlisted for the term of three years in February 1777 in the company commanded by Capt Moses Hawkins in the County of Orange Virginia in the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Colo. Charles Lewis in the line of the state of Virginia on the Continental establishment. that he continued to serve in said Corps until in February 1780 when he was discharged from the said in Alexandria Virginia. My original declaration was made on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 1818 and have received pension Certificate No. 5229 upon which I have drawn \$8. pr month up to the 4<sup>th</sup> March 1820.

And I do 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. towit,

To	one horse @	\$45.
	39 hogs 23 small	\$20.
	3 head of cattle @	\$15.
	Cupboard & furniture	\$2.50
To	one Table	\$5.00
	½ Doz. chairs & chest @	3.50
To	2 ploughs old	4.50
To	3 old hoes @	1.50
To	one old pot oven & skillet	2.50
		54.50 [sic]

To 100 acres of poor land at this time covered & claimed by Charles Willing & others suit is now depending in the Federal for my land, and I expect to loose it @ \$1. pr Acre... \$100.

My family at this time consists of myself wife and one daughter named Sally 17 years of age. My son James who formerly resided with me having gone to himself, and is without my controul. I am unable to work any for about 15 years, having been during that time principally confined to my bed, owing to a wound I received in my leg. My wife is 56 years of age, my daughter and wife contribute but little to my support, after supporting themselves. My occupation is that of a Farmer. I am unable to pursue it – reference is made to General Thomas Metcalfe if any dobts should exist as to my veracity. I would here remark that there was a mistake in the valuation fixed on my property – that it should be \$154.50 instead of \$680.25 cents.

Subscribed by me

Ambrose Barnett

[On 24 June 1823 Ambrose Barnett, 62, submitted the following revised schedule:]

100 acres of poor land @ \$150. one horse \$40. one cow and calf \$8. 17 head of hogs \$8. (some small) one table \$4. household and kitchen furniture \$7. farming utentials \$5. my stock have some of them died since I gave in my Schedule last, and others of them I have killed and lived on, so the whole amount of my estate is as is above stated, which amounts to \$222. The anual proceeds of my farm is not to exceed \$25. – I owe to Robert and James Barnett the sum of \$53.25 cents also I owe to Peter Mann 75 cents I also owe to Edward Sadler \$4. amount of \$58. Those debts have been contracted for money advanced to me to enable me to procure the necessary support.

I am myself a farmer, tho' I am crippled and that badly by a wound I received in the knee at Middle Brook [Middlebrook NJ] while in the service of my country in the year 1779 and the wound has continued to be a running ulcer ever since. my family consists of my wife who is 59 years of age and much afflicted with pains, and unable to work or contribute to our support.

He also states that there was a manifest mistake in the former valuation of his land, before it was much higher than it ought to have been estimated.

[The following is from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

These are to Certify that Ambrose Barnett. Formerly a Soldier in the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regemint has Duly and faithfull served the Term of three years for which he was Inlisted in Consequence Discharged from any further Service in the Army of this United States and permited to Return to his home he having Rece'd all his Bounty pay and Cloathing and Refecaincy[?] and Cloathing in the fallet[?] of all allow'd and

provs'd[?] made by the Congress for their Troops Given Under my hand at Philedelphia this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of Febuary 1780

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NOTE: On 7 Aug 1839 Sally Barnett, over 75, applied for a pension stating that she married Ambrose Barnett on 31 Oct 1781, and he died 17 Dec 1832. On 17 Jan 1833 James T. Barnett stated that Ambrose Barnett died on 18 Dec 1832 at age 72 or 73. On 21 Jan 1840 Sally Barnett stated that she was married about six miles from Orange Courthouse by a Baptist preacher named Aaron Bletcher and that the record transcribed below was all that remained of a family register kept by her husband in a small family Bible that had been used by the children as a school Bible. On 9 Feb 1849 at age 87 she applied under a later pension act. A document in the file states that she died on 6 Feb 1852.

[Jo]hn Barnett was Born march the 12 1785 Susanah Barnett was Born June the 13 1787 maryan Barnett was Born October the 28 1789 william Barnett was Born may the 11 1793 mariah Barnett was Born September the 30 [illegible] Robert Barnett was Born February 18 99 James Barnett was Born June the 29 1801 Sary Barnett was born August the 20 18[??]