

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Barnaba Barron W3917 Constance Askew¹ f38NC
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State of North Carolina Edgecombe County: County Ct. November Term 1843

Personally appeared in open Court Mrs. Constant Askew, a resident of the County aforesaid, aged about Eighty seven who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain a pension under an act passed during the last Congress:

That she is the widow by her first marriage of Barnaba Barron who was a private in the North Carolina Militia, during the War of the Revolution. That as she is informed & believes he served in Captain Simon Lee's Company in the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel Eaton [Thomas Eaton]. That she does not know nor does she remember ever to have heard at what times he entered the Service or was drafted. That she is informed & believes that he was absent from home for the span of about eighteen months during which time he was taken prisoner at the battle of Bryan or Briar Creek in Georgia [Battle of Briar Creek, March 3, 1779]. That she does not remember to have heard anything more of the particulars of his Service.

She further declared that she was married to the said Barnaba Barron about the 26th day of September 1781 – that her first husband the said Barnaba, died about thirty nine or thirty eight years ago in the year 1803 or 1804, she does not remember which.

That she married about thirty-five years ago one Josiah Askew of said County, who lived some five or six years & died and that she has remained a widow ever since his death.

S/ Constant Askew, X her mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this the 27th November 1843.

S/ Jn Norfleet, Clk

At the same time personally appeared in open Court, Lewis Todd² aged Seventy eight, who being duly sworn deposeseth & saith that he was well acquainted with the said Barnaba Barron – that he & the said Barnaba both entered the Service in the War of the Revolution at the same time & belonged originally to Captain Lee's Company – that afterward in organizing the Regiment, he the said Lewis was transferred to Captain Edward Clinch's Company-- that he the said Lewis & the said Barnaba marched in the 3rd Regiment commanded by Captain Eaton through South Carolina & thence to Augusta Georgia – where they marched to Brian or Briar Creek where he the said Barnaba & Arthur Lee & Martin Thomas who belonged to the same Company were taken prisoners – he further swears that he is well acquainted with Mrs. Constant Askew that she was the wife of the said Barnaba & is a woman of high character.

Sworn to & subscribed this 27th November 1843.

S/ Lewis Todd, X his mark

S/ Jn Norfleet, Clk

¹ former widow

² [Lewis Todd S7736](#)

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State of North Carolina, Edgecombe County

On this 25th day of February 1848, personally appeared before me John G. Williams an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, Captain Lewis Todd, a revolutionary Pensioner, at the rate of \$49 and 16/100 per Annum, resident of said County in State aged, eighty five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Certify that he was well acquainted with Barnaba Barron deceased, and knows that he was a Soldier of the North Carolina Militia in the War of the Revolution, for Affiant Served with him, and was with him in the Battle at Briar Creek; in which Battle the said Barnaba Barron was taken a Prisoner of War by the British troops, and was kept a Prisoner of War upwards of twelve months he knows, for he Saw the said Barnaba Barron in a few days after he was exchanged and returned home, and he told Affiant, that he had been gone from home, upwards of eighteen months. This Affiant and the said Barnaba Barron were drafted to Serve in the aforesaid War, three months after they got out of the limits of the State of North Carolina; that they remained within the State some Considerable time, after they entered the Service, and when the engagement at Briar Creek took place (in which, the said Barnaba Barron was taken a Prisoner of War) that the said Barnaba Barron and himself had been in service nearly or quite six months; he well knows, that he had been in Service as much as Six months if not more when he got his discharge, and nearly or quite Seven months when he got back home. This Affiant further certifies that he was also well acquainted with the said Barna [sic] Barron's wife Constance, whose maiden name was Constance Mercer and well knows that she was married to the said Barnaba Barron as far back as 1788 by his own marriage, which took place he knows, in the year 1789; and Affiant well remembers, that the said Barnaba and Constance Barron were married and had one Child, before his Own marriage took place; for Affiant lived with the said Barnaba & Constance Barron, the year he was married.

That the said Barnaba Barron died affiant thinks, about thirty five years back, leaving the said Constance widow, who shortly after the death of her husband the said Barnaba Barron, intermarried with Josiah Askew, who died about twenty five years back leaving the said Constance his widow; that the said Constance Askew, died Affiant thinks, about four years back; and that Nancy Gardner and Margaret Barron are the only surviving Children of said Barnaba and Constance Barron. Sworn to & subscribed on the day and year above written before me. S/ Lewis Todd, X his mark

S/ S/ Jn G. Williams, JP

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State of North Carolina in Edgecombe County

On this 25th day of February 1848, personally appeared before me John G. Williams an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, Major Malachi Pettaway,³ a Revolutionary war Pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$129 99/100 per annum, resident of said County and State, aged eighty eight who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on his Oath certify that he was well acquainted with Barnaba Barron, deceased, and knows that he was reputed and generally believed to have been a soldier of the Revolution; that he was not in Service with said Barnaba Barron but he frequently talked with him respecting his Services in said War, and has frequently heard the said Barnaba Barron Say that he was taken a Prisoner of War by the British Troops at the Battle at Briar Creek, and was held a Prisoner of War by them, as much as twelve months or more, before he was released; and this Affiant fully believes that the said Barnaba Barron was a Soldier of the Revolution, that he was taken a Prisoner of War by the British Troops at the Battle of Briar Creek, and that he was held a Prisoner by them as much as twelve months, or more, as represented to him by the said Barnaba Barron. This Affiant further Certifies that he was also well acquainted with said Barnaba Barron's wife Constance, whose maiden name was Constance Mercer; and he well knows that the said Constance and

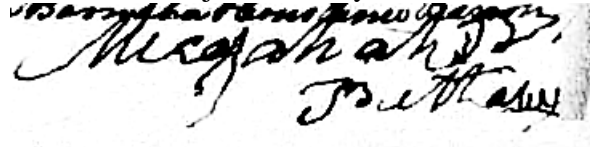
3 [Micajah Pettaway \(Petway, Pettway\) S3668](#)

Barnaba Barron were married or said to have been married, as far back as 1790; and this Affiant has no doubt they were lawfully married, for they lived together as man and wife, until the death of her husband the said Barnaba Barron, which took place affiant thinks, as much as thirty years back, if not longer; that his widow the said Constance Shortly after the death of her husband the said Barnaba Barron, intermarried with Josiah Askew, who died about twenty five years back (Affiant thinks), leaving the said Constance his widow; that the said Constance Askew died affiant thinks sometime in the year 1844; and Nancy Gardner and Margaret Barron are the only living Children of the said Barnaba & Constance Barron.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written before me.

S/ Jn. G. Williams, JP

S/ Micajah Pettaway

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Micajah Pettaway". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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State of North Carolina, Edgecombe County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions February term 1848

On this 29th day of February 1848, personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the aforesaid County of Edgecombe, Nancy Gardner, whose maiden name was Nancy Barron (Daughter of Barnaba and Constance Barron deceased) a resident of said County and State, aged fifty nine 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 entitled an act granting half pay and Pensions to certain widows; also the act of the 3rd of March 1843, granting one year's pension to certain widows; and the act of June 17th, 1844, Continuing the Pensions of certain widows --

This Declarant the aforesaid Nancy Gardner, in right of herself and her Sister Margaret Barron, states that she is the Daughter of Barnaba Barron deceased, who was a Private Soldier of the North Carolina Militia, in the War of the Revolution, as she has understood from her Father the said or Barnaba Barron and fully believes; That her Father the said Barnaba Barron entered the Service of the United States in said War, sometime in the year 177_ [last digit obliterated]⁴, she believes, and he that had been in the Service of the United States about six months. She has heard him say, when the Battle at Briar Creek was fought, in which Battle, her Father the said Barnaba Barron, was taken a Prisoner of War by the British Army, and was held as a Prisoner of War by them on board a British Prison Ship, upwards of twelve months as she has also heard her Father say and fully believes. That she has frequently heard her Father the said Barnaba Barron say, that from the time he entered the Service of the United States in said War (including the time in which he was held a Prisoner by the British Army) it was upwards of eighteen months before he got back home again. That her Father the said Barnaba Barron was lawfully married to Constance Mercer in the year 1781, in the County aforesaid; That her Father the said Barnaba Barron, died about forty years back, leaving her Mother the said Constance, a widow, who, shortly after the death of her husband the aforesaid Barnaba Barron, intermarried with Josiah Askew, who died about twenty five years back, leaving the said Constance his widow; That her Mother the said Constance Askew, departed this life, on the 23rd day of May 1845, leaving Surviving the following three Children (Viz.:) the Declarant, Nancy Gardner widow of John Gardner Dec'd; Margaret, and James Barron who is now dead, and that She, and her Sister Margaret Barron, are the only Surviving Children, and heirs at law, of the said Constance Askew, who was formerly the widow of the aforesaid Barnaba Barron. This Declarant further States, the leaf hereunto attached, was taken

4 From the claim that her father fought in the Battle of Briar Creek, it can be assumed that he entered service sometime prior to March 3, 1779, the date of that battle.

out of her Father's old family Bible and contains the date of his marriage to the aforesaid Constance, and also the true ages of their four oldest Children (Viz.:) Martha, Mary, the Declarant Nancy and James Barron. Sworn to and Subscribed on the day & year above written in open Court.

S/ Nancy Gardner, X her mark

[Bible records]

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Barnaba Barran[sic] was born 26th April in the year of our lord 1759

Constant [sic] Mercer was born the [month illegible, appears to end with '.gt' which suggests the months may have been August] 20th 1766

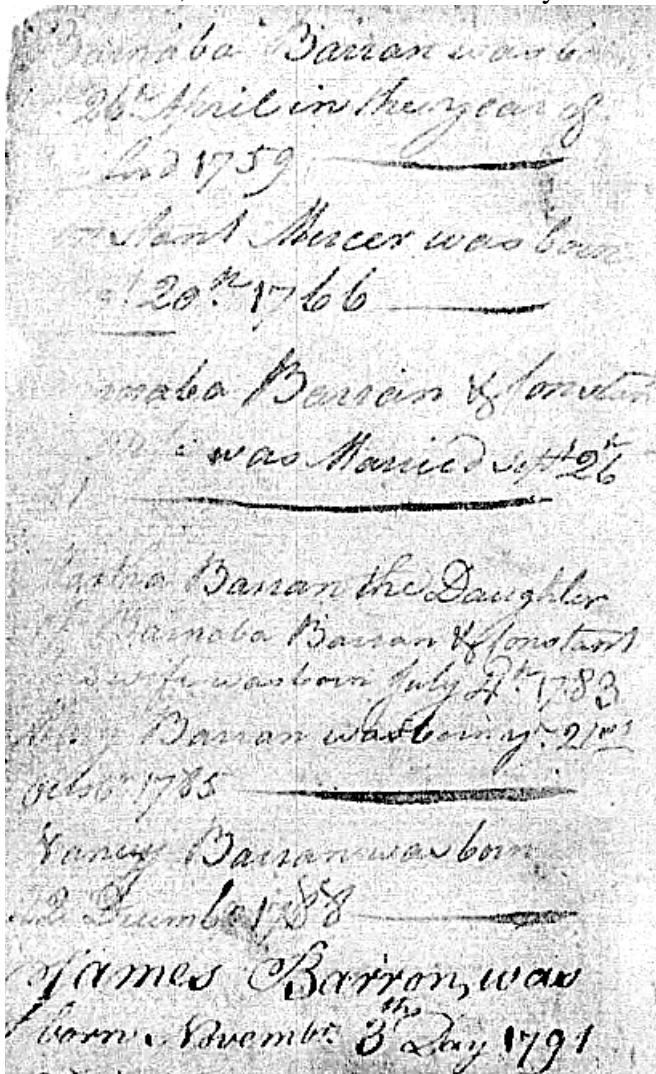
Barnaba Barran [sic] & Constant his wife was Married Sept. 26th [no year given]

Martha Barran[sic], the Daughter of Barnaba Barran & Constant his wife was born July 4th 1783

Mary Barran[sic] was born ye 21st Oct. 1785

Nancy Barran[sic] was born 22nd December 1788

James Barron, was born November 3rd Day 1791



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[p 27: On August 26, 1848 in Edgecombe County North Carolina, Alexander Bryant, gave testimony that Old Mrs. Constance Barron died in his residence in Edgecombe County on May 23, 1845. He signed his affidavit with his Mark

[Veteran's former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$56.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1836 and ending May 23rd, 1845 when she died.]