

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Bartholomew W4880      Elizabeth Bartholomew      NC  
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State of North Carolina }  
 Franklin County }      September Sessions 1823

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1825: Personally appeared in open Court, it being the County Court of pleas & quarter sessions held this day for the County of Franklin in the State of North Carolina, it being a Court of record, made so by the Laws of the said State which have created it, and which have been solemnly adjudged to be so by federal authorities & tribunals of the several states: and which proceed according to the course of the Common Law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a Record of its proceedings & which have the power of fine & imprisonment John Bartholomew a citizen of Franklin County North Carolina, aged sixty nine years resident in the County of Franklin in the State of North Carolina who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain his pension made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820– That the said John Bartholomew enlisted for the term of two years & a half on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 1776 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Capt [Jacob] Turner of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment commanded at that time by Colo. [Jethro] Sumner in the line of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment; and that he continued to serve in the said Corps until he was discharged from the said service in October 1778 in the State of Connecticut by Colo. John Patton [sic: John Patten] who at that time Commanded the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment in the North Carolina line. That he was in the Battle of Sullivants Island in South Carolina [sic: Sullivans Island near Charleston, 28 - 29 Jun 1776], and in the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], and in the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777]. And during the whole of the time from 20<sup>th</sup> April 1776 to the time of his discharge in October 1778 he was serving in the Cause of his Country and against the common enemy. And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. That his name is not on the roll of any State except North Carolina. That he is a planter by profession. And the reason he had for not making earlier application for a pension is that untill recently he was a man of good health and strength, and thought he could by proper industry make support for himself & family. But a few years since he has had the misfortune of loosing the use of his right hand by risings & as a consequence thereof unable now to labour That he has a wife who is sixty four years old – that he has a son yet with him who is twentyfive years old and a grandson who is six years old making up the number of his family. “And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820 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 other manner disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provisions of the act of Congress, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & 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 hereunto annexed and by me subscribed. That since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property, Viz. property not now owned by him.

200 acres Land	Archibald Davis	\$72 –	
[illegible] & [illegible] & Some }			
House furniture & Some }	Leroy Jackson	7 –	
Stock }			

A Schedule of the property now owned by me, Viz.

10 head of Hogs	12	00	Bro't. forw'd	32	25
2 Water pales		50	3 Setting chairs }		
3 Pots	3	00	& 1 cotten wheel}	2	00
1 [illegible]	1	00	1 Shovel & tongs	1	00
2 Kettels	1	00	1 Looking glass	—	50
2 Bread trays[?]	1	00	1 coffee pot	—	50
1 case knives & forks	1	00	1 pewter Dish	—	50
2 Bowls	—	50	1 Basen	—	50
1 pine table	2	00	1 Coffee mill	1	50
3 Hogs heads	3	75	1 Set Cups & Scausers	—	30
1 tea kettle	1	50	1 Loom	3	00
1 pr flat Irons	1	00	1 mans Saddle	5	00
1 Pigin & Can	—	30	1 Woman ditto	3	00
2 tin buckets	—	30	2 Stone jugs	<u>1</u>	<u>00</u>
1 pr andirons	<u>3</u>	<u>00</u>	Car'd forward	51	05
	32	25			

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 1 pr Steelyards 2.00  
 2 club axes 2.00  
 4 plow Hoes 2.00  
 1 Hilling Hoe 0.50  
 1 hand Saw 1.00  
 1 drawing Knife 0.50  
 1 flax Hackell 1.50  
 \$60.55

John Bartholomew

State of North Carolina } June Sessions. A.D. 1842.  
 Franklin County }

on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1842 Personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record made so by the laws of North Carolina Mrs Elizabeth Bartholome a resident of the said county of franklin aged Eighty one years, who being duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provition made by the act of Congress, passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pentions to certain widows. That she is the widow of John Bartholomew late of franklin County in the state of North Carolina who was a Soldier in the Revolution and haveing been so was put on the Pention Role under the act of Congress passed 18<sup>th</sup> March A.D. 1818 and remained a Pentioner to the day of his death at \$8 per month – reference to the war department or Pention office washington City will more fully shew she further swears that as she understands and believes that her late husband John Bartholomew entered the service in the revolution in the year 1776 or 7 as a volunteer under Capt Jacob Turner in what was then calld Bute county in N. C. since say in 1778 or 9 divided and made warren & Franklin counties of – that he enlisted for the space of three years; and with his said Capt Turner & Company marched to the North and in one engagement she thinks at Germantown [4 Oct 1777] his Capt fell in battle by the enemy – after which he was put under other officers and then march to Savanna in S.C. where he had an engagemt with the enemy possibly siege of Savannah GA, 24 Sep - 19 Oct 1779] – that he was also at Gates's defeat in North Carolina [sic: defeat of

Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780; see endnote] that after his time was out for which he so enlisted and was discharged he took the place and became the substitute of some other Soldier but under what circumstances she has no recollection or knowledge – but here refers to his dictation in the said war office for full reference.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Bartholomew on the [blank] day of November AD 1781 in the year one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one – In her mothers house in the state of Virginia by an Elderly Clergyman by the name of Hubbard who then resided at the Glebe of Ile of wight County [sic: Isle of Wight County] in the state of Virginia and that there were many Persons present there at the said wedding,

And soon after she was so married to her said Husband they moved out to the County of warren in N.C. to where her husbands parents then resided where they lived many years. from thence they moved into the County of Franklin to the neighbourhood where she now resides and in said neighborhood she & he has lived more than forty years together – and that her husband John Bartholomew aforesaid died on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1840 – one thousand Eight hundred & forty – with the disease or complaint called the gravel in the bladder.

That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but, the marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen hundred and ninety four. Viz at the time above stated – she further declares that she has not been married to any one else since the death of her late husband John Bartholomew and from her extreme old age helpless & Pennyless condition can well say she never will – haveing been married in 1781 and lived with one husband untill 1840 – a space of 59 years and by him had and raised a large family of Children sons & daughters she may now say she has had her cup filled with the blessings of matrimony and therein content.

Elizabeth herXmark Bartholomew

#### NOTES:

If John Bartholomew was at an engagement at Savannah and at the Battle of Camden it was probably as a militiaman. He may not have mentioned that service in his own pension application, because militia service was not considered under the acts of 1818 and 1820.

On 13 May 1826 Orren Jackson, 45, certified John Bartholomew's poverty, and added the following: "That for a number of years to his certain knowledge said Bartholomew hired a Negroe man Slave by the name of (Abram) of one Jacob Hunter late of warren County who afterwards moved to the state of tennessee and as report says there Died – at the price of forty or fifty dollars a year – which Negroe slave belonged to the Estate of one John Macklin Decd. that Mr Hunter then had the management of." The file contains many other documents relating to Bartholomew's financial situation.

On 14 June 1842 Peyton Harris, about 33, stated that John Bartholomew, Jr., the youngest son of Elizabeth Bartholomew, lived with his mother. In Sep 1842 Josiah E. Lankford, 45, and Sheriff Guston Perry, 35, stated that all of the children of John and Elizabeth Bartholomew left them except the youngest, John Bartholomew, Jr.

On 9 April 1844 Elizabeth Bartholomew was said to be "aged Eighty Two years or upwards."