

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Barrott (Barrett)<sup>1</sup> W703 Susan Barrott f42MD  
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Maryland, \_\_ [Talbert] County, to wit

I hereby Certify that on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 1818 at the County aforesaid Solomon Barrett of Talbert County in the Second Judicial District of the State of Maryland aforesaid who appears from the Evidence laid before me to have served as a Fifer in the War of the Revolution from the year 1779 to the End of the said War, personally appeared before me the Subscriber Chief Judge of the second Judicial District aforesaid, and made before me under Oath, to wit, on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God the following Declaration, to wit: that he enlisted as a Fifer, early in the year 1779, in the Company of Captain Perry Benson, of the fifth Maryland Regiment, now General Perry Benson, for the War of the Revolution and that he served to the End of the said War, on the Continental Establishment and was then regularly discharged, and further that He now by reason of his reduced Circumstances in life stands in need of Assistance from his Country for a Support.

Sworn to before me, the subscriber the day and year above mentioned-- as witness my Hand  
S/ R. T. Earle

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District of Maryland, Talbert County: to wit

On this fifth day of June in the year of our Lord 1820 personally appeared in open Court, at Easton, in the County aforesaid, before the Honorable the Judge of Talbert County Court, the same being a Court of Record, in the Second Judicial District of the State of Maryland having the power to fine and imprison, Solomon Barrett, aged fifty-six years and upwards, a Resident of the Town of Easton aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, to wit:

He enlisted in the Spring of the year 1779, as a private in the Army of the Revolution and was placed as a Fifer in the Company of Captain James Gray, then of the fifth Maryland Regiment, Commanded at that time by Colonel John E. Howard [John Eager Howard]: he Served as a Fifer in the Company of Captain Gray, until Gray was taken prisoner on Long Island in the year 1779. He was afterwards put into the Company of Captain Perry Benson and served as a Fifer under him until the capture of Cornwallis; after that time he served as a waiter to Captain Benson, till the end of the Revolutionary war. He was in the following Battles, to wit; the Battle of Gates Defeat, Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] and Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781].

He further declares, that, the pension Certificate obtained by him from the War office of the United States, bears date the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1818 and from the endorsement he believes the number of it to be one for one for. He further says that his original Declaration was made to the best of his knowledge and recollection, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818.

And by Solomon Barrett do solemnly Swear, that I was a resident Citizen of the United States

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt201-60-55

on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 persons 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

A Schedule of all the property Real and personal of Solomon Barrett – necessary Clothing and Bedding excepted

one old walnut Desk	\$5.00	2 old walnut tables	\$1.00
one old pine table	.25	1 maple table	.50
six winsor [sic] Chairs	2.00	2 pair andirons	.50
one pair Flat Irons	.25	1 pair Shovel & tones	.25
3 Iron pots	2.50	2 Iron pot racks	1.00
2 washing tubs	.60	1 water Bucket	.06
1 frying pan	.20	1 tea kettle	.12 ½
1 old Corner Cupboard	2.00	12 earthern plates	.12 ½
6 tea Cups and Saucers	.30	2 Small decanters	.06
1 quart Decanter	.10	6 wine glasses	.12 ½
6 silver tea spoons	4.00	6 pewter table spoons	.25
1 white quart earthern pitcher	.06	1 Linnen [sic] wheel	.50
1 half Bushel	.06	3 Small fat pots	.25
2 tin wash Basins	.37 ½	1 Sifter	.20
1 Doz. Corn knives & forks	1.00	3 Coarse towels	.12
1 table Cloth	.06	1 Looking Glass	.25
4 Coffee Cups & Saucers	.06	2 tin Coffee pots	.12
3 brass Candle Sticks	.25	3 old tin wouters [?]	.16
	<u>19.06 ½</u>		<u>Total 24.65</u>

A pension of \$44 per year as a Fifer during the war or for said from the State of Maryland.

S/ Solomon Barrott

The said Solomon Barrett further declares, that he is at present entirely out of employment; he is occasionally called on to act as a Cryer at the Vending of deceased persons' Estates &c and works as a Laborer occasionally, so that he may say, his present occupation is that of a common Laborer and occasionally Auctioneer. He further declares that though he is at present in pretty good Health, he is frequently attacked with Sever fits of Cholic and is often much afflicted with the Rheumatism, so much so, as to be unable to work. He is now upwards of 56 years of age. He has the following persons residing with him in the town of Easton aforesaid Viz.:

A wife, named Elizabeth Barrett, upwards of 50 years of age She is very Sickly and unhealthy, and often unable to do any kind of work – a son named Tristram, now in his 16<sup>th</sup> year. He is able to earn his Victuals and Cloaths – another son named Solomon now in his 11<sup>th</sup> Year – he is able to bring water and to go on errands &c. but little else –a third son named Edward, now in his ninth year. He is Still less able to work & to contribute to his own Support.

Subscribed, sworn to & declared by Solomon Barrett aforesaid in open Court before the Judges of Talbert County court aforesaid this fifth day of June in the year of our Lord 1820.

Test S/ J. Lookerman

S/ Solomon Barrott<sup>2</sup>

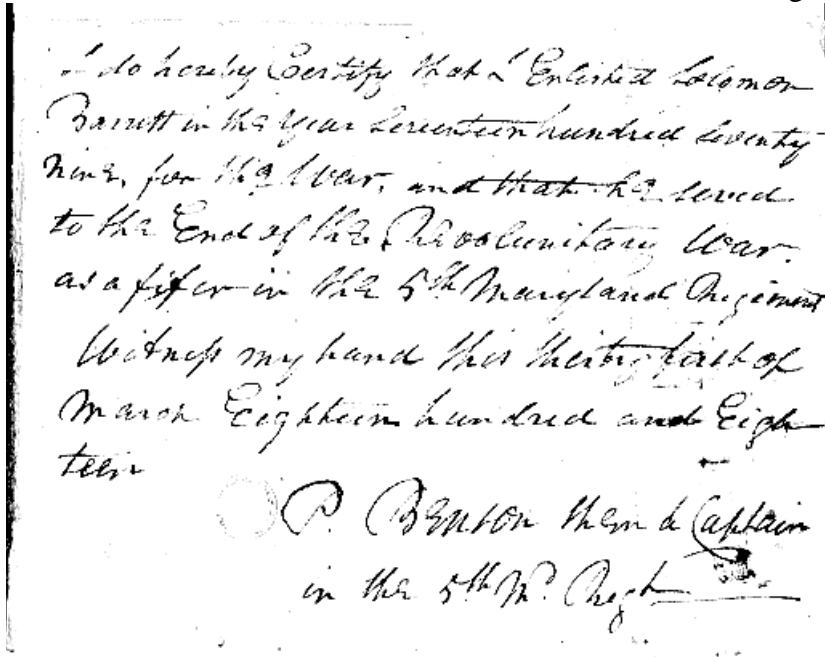


<sup>2</sup> I'm not convinced this is the actual signature of the veteran as the handwriting appears to be identical to the handwriting of the balance of the document.

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I do hereby Certify that I Enlisted Solomon Barrett [sic] in the year Seventeen hundred Seventy Nine for the War, and that he served to the End of the Revolutionary War, as a Fifer in the 5<sup>th</sup> Maryland Regiment. Witness my hand this 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1818.

S/ P. Benton, then a Captain  
in the 5<sup>th</sup> Md. Regt.



I do hereby Certify that I Enlisted Solomon Barrett in the year Seventeen hundred Seventy Nine, for the War, and that he served to the End of the Revolutionary War, as a fifer in the 5<sup>th</sup> Maryland Regiment  
Witness my hand this thirty first of March Eighteen hundred and Eighteen  
P. Benton then a Captain  
in the 5<sup>th</sup> Md. Regt.

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State of Maryland, County of Talbert

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord 1853 before the Subscriber a Judge of the Circuit Court held in and for the County and State aforesaid, being a Court of record, personally appeared Mrs. Susan Barrett who has been proven to the to be a resident of the Town of Easton in the County of Talbert and State of Maryland aged forty-seven 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, approved the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February A.D. 1853, viz.:

That she is the widow of Solomon Barrett late of said County, deceased, who was a Musician in the Maryland line in the war of the Revolution and who was pensioned as a resident of Talbert County in the said State of Maryland, under act of March 1818 at the rate of \$96 per annum.

That she was not married to the said Solomon Barrett before the second day of January 1800, but that her marriage took place on the time hereinafter stated viz.: she further declares that she was married to the said Solomon Barrett on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1824 [this date is not clear, could be 1834 or 1844] as will more fully appear by the proof hereto annexed. That her husband the afore said Solomon Barrett died on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 1851. She further swears that she is now a widow and that she has never before made any application for a Pension.

Subscribed & sworn to before me the day and year first above written, and I certify that I have no interest in the application as attorney, agent or otherwise.

S/ P. B. Hopper

I do hereby constitute and appoint Samuel M. Knight of Washington, DC my true & lawful attorney for the purpose of presenting this my application for a Pension, to attend to the same while pending and to receive the Certificate when issued and to do all things necessary and proper, as fully as I could do were I personally present. Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 1853.

Witness S/ William H. Faulkner

S/ Susan Barrett, X her mark

S/ John Q. A. Robson

[p 11: On June 7, 1855 in Baltimore City Maryland, the widow, aged 49, made application for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him March 25, 1850 in Easton Talbot Co. MD; that her name at that time was Susan Pritchett; that her husband died in Easton Talbot Co., MD December 6, 1851 and that she remains his widow. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 13: On June 6, 1855 in Baltimore City Maryland, John V. A. Robinson gave testimony that the family Bible of Solomon and Susan Barrott contains the following entry:  
 "Solomon Barrott and Mrs. Susan Pritchett his wife was married on 25 March in the year of our Lord 1834."]

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In Easton, on Saturday, the 6th instant, Mr. SOLOMON BARROTT, in the 87th year of his age.

*Another Revolutionary Soldier gone.—*  
 It is with profound sorrow and regret that we announce the death of Mr. SOLOMON BARROTT, a revolutionary soldier and patriot, and for a long number of years a highly respected citizen of Easton. He died about noon on Saturday last, in the Eighty-seventh year of his age, and his remains were interred on Sunday afternoon, with every respect that became the occasion;—the Military, Odd-Fellows and citizens, all united to do honor to the memory of him who has so long been regarded as the connecting link between the present and the Revolutionary times. The funeral service was performed by Rev. Dr. Mason, pastor of the P. E. Church, and minute guns were fired during the ceremonies of interment; a round of salutes was also fired over his grave by the "Easton Cadets."  
 Mr. Barrott was a subaltern officer in Col. Howard's Regiment, was with Gen. Green in his Southern campaign, and participated in the battle of the Cowpens, Guilford Court House, Horse Shoe, Camden, and Eutaw Springs. He was a man of warm and patriotic impulses, and his ardent admiration of Washington amounted almost to idolatry. He now rests calmly, after encountering many of the stern trials and lifting scenes of life, and may we not indulge the hope that he will be permitted to join many of his departed companions in arms, who, in the dark days of the Revolution, offered up their lives as a sacrifice upon the altar of liberty for their country's good, with a firm reliance upon the God of battles, and a strong hope in the enjoyment of a peaceful hereafter.

*Easton May 25<sup>th</sup> 1853.*  
 We the undersigned Editor of the Easton Star a newspaper published in the town of Easton in Talbot County in the State of Maryland do hereby certify that the annexed notice of the time and place of the death of Solomon Barrott of the same county is a reference thereto made published in the paper edited by us as aforesaid & issued on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October in Eighteen hundred & fifty one and that the same are true extracts from the paper of that date.  
 J. V. A. Robinson  
 Editor  
 State of Maryland  
 Talbot County

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 30, 1818, for service as a musician in the Maryland Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing February 3, 1853.]