Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Barnabas (Barnaby) Hailey (Haley) S30477 Transcribed by Will Graves 2/1/14

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State of Kentucky Rockcastle County Sct.

On this 10 of September 1833 Personally appeared before the Honorable Joseph Eves Judge of the 15 Judicial Circuit in Open Court Barnaby Haley aged between 73 & 4 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he enlisted for three years in the Army of the United States the year forgotten, but he was between sixteen & 17 years of age at Charlotte Court House State of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Captain John Brunt in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan & believes it the 4 Regiment, but he was the same man who afterwards Commanded the Rifle Regiment and defeated Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781], his Lieutenant was William Collins, his Ensign John Burns, he recollects a Captain in the same Regiment by the name of Walton – After his enlistment he was marched directly to New York and then to Jersey, then to near Brandywine in about sixteen miles where he was taken sick after having faithfully served 12 months & 9 days. He got his Captain to write to his father as to his condition and his father & grandfather hired a man by the name of Absalom Hughes, who came on to the Army and was received as a substitute in his stated & he was discharged by Colonel Morgan about 16 miles from Brandywine, the name of the place forgotten, between 3 and 4 weeks before the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777]. While in service he often saw all General Washington. He was in no battles. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn & subscribed to this day & year aforesaid.

1. Where were you born & in what year. Ans. In Lunenburg County State of Virginia in the year as he believes of 1759.
2. Have you any record of your age. Ans. No
3. Where were you living when you enlisted and where have you lived since the Revolutionary War

   Ans. When I enlisted I lived near Charlotte C. H. [Charlotte County Court House] Virginia, & since the Revolutionary War he lived in Henry County Virginia, then in the State of
Tennessee 8 or 10 years & then for the last 28 years he has lived in Rockcastle County Kentucky where he now lives. 4: He entered the service on his own account as a Regular.
5. As to his officers he has stated all he now remembers.
6. He received a discharge as stated as aforesaid which he has long since lost.
7. As to his character he refers to Thomas Fish, John H Slaughter, Jeremiah Brandon and General William Smith his neighbors.
He further states that Hughes served out the balance of his term of enlistment and when the time expired he returned home. His father and Grandfather gave him sixty pounds to take his place, and he returned with a discharge for him (Hailey) for 3 years which he has long since lost.
[John Quinn, a clergyman, and Uriah Gresham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Rockcastle County Kentucky
On this 7 day of June 1842 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices for the County Court of Rockcastle Kentucky now sitting S. T. Ellis, C. Cleason, & George Houk Justices Barnabas (commonly called Barnaby) Haily [sic] a resident Citizen of the United States in the County of Rockcastle and State of Kentucky on the 18 March 1818, aged 83 years in the month of January last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818  And of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the Army of the United States in the Continental line of Virginia in the year of 1776 as he now believes and as to the time of that year he thinks it was in the winter or early in the spring owing to the loss of memory it may have been in the first part of the winter 1777. It was at Charlotte Court house of Virginia: he entered the service as an enlisted soldier in the state line (as he supposes) on Continental establishment for the period and term of three years under Captain John (he thinks that the given name) Brunt, or perhaps it was Blunt, which he will not be certain. To what Regiment he belonged at the time he does not know, but shortly after he enlisted, he was placed with Captain Brunt in the Regiment (called as he believes the Rifle Regiment) commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan on Continental establishment and very shortly afterwards he was marched by Colonel Morgan to the White Plains and joined General Washington as he was told and so understood. In a few weeks after the Army moved to "Valley Forge" and either shortly before war after Colonel Morgan as he understood was either promoted or was assigned to some other service and the Command of the Regiment devolved, or appointed to and Officer of the Regular Army, Colonel Lamb. His memory does not serve him to say whether he belonged to Morgan's Regiment or not. While encamped at Valley Forge, and after he had faithfully [served] and without and omission the term of eleven months and some five days under his enlistment, his father, John Hailey, and his grandfather Barnaby Wells [could be Barnaby Wills] arrived at Valley Forge with a man by the name of Absalom Hughes. After they had consulted with the head officers, Hughes was received as a substitute in his stead to complete the term of his enlistment (three years, and he received a written discharge in full of his term of enlistment from his Captain aforesaid and was also signed by the Colonel whose name he believes to have been Lamb as aforesaid. The discharge was given in camp at Valley Forge. Many years after he frequently saw and read his discharge, but which has long since been lost, destroyed or mislaid so that he cannot account what became of it, except he did not then supposed it was or would be of any service to him and neglected to preserve it. He did not wish
to leave the Army but being young he was compelled to do so by his father and as he understood by the distressed state of mind of his mother in consequence of his enlistment. He understood and so believes that to procure Hughes to take his place, his father and grandfather gave him 100 acres of land in Charlotte County Virginia. At the time of his enlistment he resided with his father in Charlotte County State of Virginia. He was in no battles. The Country through which he passed and was marched he cannot describe owing to the loss of memory, and it being difficult to understand what is said to him in consequence of deafness, he cannot call to mind any [indecipherable word] in the Country or the names of towns which they passed until they arrived at White Plains, having as he supposes as well as he now remembers marched the most direct route from where they joined Colonel Morgan they were marched to the White Plains; the March being a hurried one as it was said Washington was in great need of reinforcements, a big British Army being near at hand and an attack expected. He will further state as well as his memory now serves him his discharge took place in the [year] 1777 and a few weeks, 3 or 4 before the battle of Brandywine where as he understood his substitute Hughes took a part in the battle. While at White Plains he frequently saw General Washington and went upon reviews and passing the lines. In addition to the officers he has named, that he remembers their names are the officers he has named His Lieutenant was William Collins, his mess was Joseph Hailey, John Burris, Travis Gill, Tom Porterd [?] and two of the [indecipherable name] all listed when he did. He knows of no person by whom he can prove his enlistment aforesaid or the term of his service aforesaid.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Barnabas Haley, X his mark

[p 18: Isaac Hughes, 56, a resident of Rockcastle County Kentucky, gave testimony that his father Absalom Hughes did serve in the revolutionary war from Charlotte County Virginia as a substitute for Barnabas Hailey; that after the war his father moved to Garrard County Kentucky; that his father joined the Army at White Plains or Valley Forge he cannot recollect which; that a man by the name of John Hailey and one by the name of Barney Wells hired the affiants father to take the place of Barnabus Hailey; that his father was in the battle at Brandywine; that his father never applied for a pension.

S/ Isaac Hughes ]

[p 27: John Hailey, 49 as of May 28, 1842, gave testimony as to conversations he had with his father, the veteran, regarding his services in the revolution.

S/ John Hailey ]
[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia service.]