

Pension Application for Jonathan Barnard

W.392 (Widow: Obedience)

State of Tennessee

First Circuit

Hawkins County October 1818.

Personally appeared Jonathan Barnard this 6 day of October 1818 before me Edward Scott one of the judges of the Circuit aforesaid in State aforesaid and being by me duly sworn according to law, Maketh the following declaration (viz), that he is a citizen of Claiborne County, State aforesaid aged fifty nine years first of January next & that he has resided about twenty years in said State. That he enlisted in the Revwar Service of the United States under Capt Grathem in the year 1775 in the regiment commanded by Colonel Whitcome in the Town of Cambridge Massachusetts about four miles in the Town of Cambridge Massachusetts about four miles from Boston for the Term of eight months as near as this Deponent now recollects and attached afterwards to General Nath's Greens Brigade stationed at Prospect Hill--& which term said deponent served faithfully and honorably and was discharged accordingly but said discharge is long lost.

That this deponent afterwards to wit on or along the first of January 1776 Reenlisted under Captain Eliphelet Newell in the Regiment of Artillery commanded by Col. Henry Knox, afterwards a General. The period of service, not recollected at this time, by deponent but is certain it was recollected at this time by Deponent; but is certain it was for one year or more in the Town of Cambridge aforesaid. That this deponent shortly after reenlisting assisted to drive the Brittish [British] out of Boston sometime in March 1776, that afterwards this deponent was marched under the command of said Captain Nicholl to New York—from thence to Long Island & remained there until the battle was fought at said place, that afterwards the army in August, retreated to New York from whence he was marched to a place called Hell Gate when a cannonade took place between our army & the British from whence this Deponent with a detachment under the command of Lt Thomas Randolph was marched to Fort Washington within one or two miles of which place this Deponent was stationed at a place called the Point of Rocks under the command of Lt Col Rollins & Major O. Williams after a severe contest had at said place said command retreated into the fort with a field piece.

Shortly after arriving at said Fort it was surrendered to the Brittish by Col. Major sometime in November 1776 and this Deponent was taken prisoner & was marched to New York by the enemy & then put into confinement and after remaining a Prisoner sometime with the enemy was paroled, and conducted without the lines of the Enemy & suffered to return home which was on the 8th day of January 1777.

That on account of his having been sworn by the enemy not to take up arms against the Brittish king, & until he was legally & properly exchanged he did not enter the service again, nor has he ever received a discharge for said last term, nor any pay from August 1776 which was due to him on account of his last services.

He further states that while a prisoner in New York this claimant together with the other prisoners suffered hardships which language cannot describe the effects of which is felt severely by the said claimant to this day.

He further states that he has no other Evidence of his said services that he knows of that he has never drawn a pension from the United States. That he is in indigent circumstances and is unable to support himself, that he absolutely stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.—and that he served at one period viz, the second Enlistment at least nine months before he was released by the British and that he served faithfully & honorably said periods above mentioned and was in the battles above stated. (Signed) Jonathan Barnard

Sworn to & subscribed day & state above. Edward Rogers, Judge.