

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Nathan Barr [Bar] SC370
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 315

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No. 27 [?] March 2nd [Book] O [No. 225]

Mr. Nathan Bar his account of 30 days Duty at the Station at Waxhaw's [Waxhaw]

Charged as	£4.5.10
Deduct less	<u>1 ½</u>
	£4.5.8 ½

N. B. The time of doing the duty is not mentioned

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G." [Executed by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Rec'd 24 October 1787, the Amount of the within Account in an Indent No. 225 Book O per Order

S/ Robt. Montgomery

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State of South Carolina Delr Deliver] to Nathan Bar

To 30 Days at the public Station
at the Waxhaw Creek under
the Direction of Jo Galbreth [Lt. John Gilbreath
in Capt. Wilson Nesbitt's company]
D Q at 20 S [Shillings] per Day

	£ 30.0.0
Sterling	4.15.10

Certified by Wm Nisbet Capt.



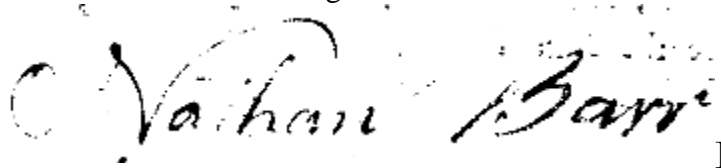
Deduct	<u>1 ½</u>
	£4.5.8 ½

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. The "SC" file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

[p 4: illegibly faint document which appears to be a power of attorney by which Nathan Barr authorized Robert Montgomery to take receipt of the indent due Bar for his service.]

[p 5: Form of the Indent No. 225 Book O dated April 9th, 1785 in the amount of £4.5.8 ½ issued to Nathan Barr.]

[p 6: The reverse of the above Indent which bears the following signature of Nathan Barr on what is otherwise and illegible entries



Nathan Barr]

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[No.] 381 [Book] Z 18 Dec. 87 [1787]

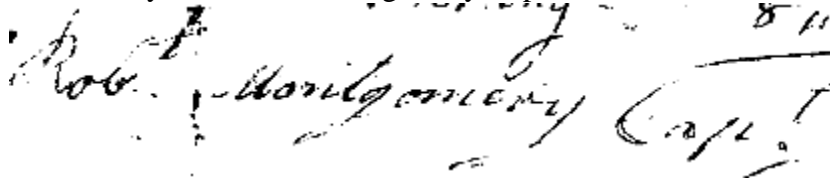
Mr. Nathan Barr his Account for 32 days Duty as a Lieutenant of foot in Captain Robert Montgomery's Company in 1779 Amounting to [old South Carolina] currency £56
Stg. [Sterling] £8

Per Pay Bill

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State of South Carolina To Mr. Nathan Barr Lieutenant	Dr.	
12 th of May 1779	to Duty done in Colonel Kershaw's Regiment	
	in Captain Robert Montgomery's Company 32 Days	
	at 1 pound 15 shillings old currency	
	per Day	old Currency £56.0.0
		Sterling £8.0.0

Certified by me Robert Montgomery Capt.



Robt. Montgomery Capt.

S/ Nathan Barr

Gentlemen

Please deliver such Indents as may be due me from the State to Benjamin Cadworth Esquire & you will Oblige

your very Humble Servant

S/ Nathan Barr



Nathan Barr

[Attested April 29, 1788]

[p 10: Form of the Indent No. 381 Book Z issued December 18th, 1787 to Nathan Barr]

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State of South Carolina Lancaster District } Personally appeared Nathan Barr Esquire and on Oath Saith that the officers that he served under in the Revolutionary War are all dead except General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] and that he cannot obtain from them Certificates but few of the old Regulars now living.

Sworn the 25th of November 1820 before me

S/ J. Stewart, JP

S/ Nathan Barr



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The State of South Carolina Lancaster District }

To the Honorable the Speaker and the Members of the house of Representatives of the State aforesaid

The humble Petition of Nathan Bar of Lancaster District and State aforesaid respectfully Sheweth –

That your Petitioner entered into the service of his Country at the commencement of the Revolution and served the first Campaign under General Richardson [Richard Richardson] in the Snow Camps at Reedy River.² The Second Campaign under Colonel Thomas [John Thomas] against the Cherokees³ – the Third Campaign under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] at Purrisburg as well as he can recollect on the Savannah River – The fourth Campaign under the said General Lincoln and Colonel Kershaw [Joseph Kershaw] at the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779]⁴ with his five Brothers where his Brother Silas was Mortally wounded – That your Petitioner continued in the Service of the State of South Carolina until the fall of Charleston in 1780 [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780].⁵ That he then engaged himself under General Davison [William Lee Davidson], was under his command when he was killed in crossing the Catawba River in North Carolina [Battle of Cowan's Ford, February 1 1781]⁶ –

That your Petitioner is now in the advanced age of seventy-seven years and is very much afflicted with the Palsy – That although he possesses some Land he is at this advanced Period of Life altogether rendered unable to procure a livelihood by manual Labor – That your Petitioner during the four years Service aforesaid never received Scarcely any compensation except a few Hundred Dollars old Currency which he has never been able to pass away – Your Petitioner therefore without the means of obtaining a Support for himself and two unprotected females confidently relies on the Humanity & Justice of your Honorable Body to make such provision for him as you may think that his faithful service to his country, the Sacrifices he made and the present distressed situation of himself and Family requires and your Petitioner will ever Pray & so forth

S/ Nathan Barr

[p 17: word for word same petition as above except addressed to the SC Senate and its members]

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

⁵ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

⁶ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cowans_ford.html

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We hereby Certify that we have been Intimately Acquainted with Nathan Barr Esquire from the Commencement of the Revolutionary War, he has always supported an Honest and industrious Character and at this time is an Exemplary Character and we do further Certify that we know him to be under the Immediate command of Captain John Barkley⁷ against the Scofolites⁸ Tories.

Witness our hand this 20 day of November 1820

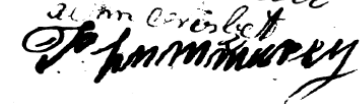
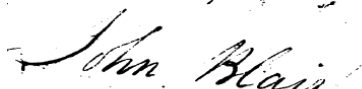
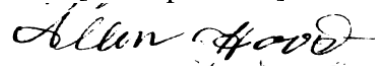
Test: S/ J. ? Blair ?

S/ Allen Hood

S/ John Blair

S/ Adam [indecipherable]

S/ T. [indecipherable]



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The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the Petition of Nathan Barr praying compensation for Revolutionary services Beg leave to Report

That they have had the same under consideration and recommend that the prayer thereof be not granted--the claim not being in the opinion of the committee sufficiently vouched

S/ Thomas Case [?]

Chairman

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To the Honorable the Speaker and other members of the house of Representatives

The Petition of Nathan Barr Humbly Sheweth that on the 24th day of November 1775 he your Petitioner was detached from the company of Militia which he was attached and placed under the Command of Captain John Barkley who immediately entered a Champaign in defense of our Country which Tour of three months he served with Vigilance, some short time after your petitioner returned from said Champaign, he with many others volunteered their service under the Command of Captain James Adams and marched to Tager [Tiger] River and was attached to Colonel Thomas' Regiment of Infantry to go out against the Hostile Indians in which Regiment he remained until the Indians was completely repelled or subdued, then your Petitioner was attached to a detached corps commanded by Captain Robert Montgomery in Colonel Joseph

⁷ Probably John Barclay of the Fairfield Regiment who is known to have been under Joseph Kershaw in the Snow Campaign. Possibly John Bartley of the Camden Regiment who is known to have served under Richard Richardson.

⁸ Scofolite, Scoffelites, Scopholites, Scovelites or Coffelites (see Joseph Coffell): A name given to white Tories who dressed up like Indians when attacking patriot fortifications in the hope of deflecting their neighbors' animosity away from themselves and onto the Cherokees who constituted a constant threat to the frontier settlers prior to and throughout the period of the Revolutionary War. The name derived from Joseph Scoffel, a Tory, who was active in the loyalist cause from an early period of the war. For an excellent discussion of the "Scofol Lights," see, Rachel N. Klein, "Frontier Planters and the American Revolution: The South Carolina Backcountry, 1775-1782," in Ronald Hoffman, Thad W. Tate and Peter J. Albert, eds., *An Uncivil War: The Southern Backcountry During the American Revolution*, (Charlottesville: United States Capitol Historical Society by The University Press of Virginia, 1985), 37-69.

Kershaw's Regiment of South Carolina Militia and marched to Purrisburg on Savannah River to repel the British Troops Stationed along the River which Term or Tour of three Months he served with equal firmness, afterwards marched to Stono Campaign under the command of the said Robert Montgomery and was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Eatly [sic ?] and served a Tour of three Months some time after he returned home he went into North Carolina and Volunteered his Service under the Command of Captain Stephen Alexander in the Brigade commanded by Colonel Davidson in which Brigade he remained until the British Troops passed on to Virginia, when he returned home and being Attacked by Disease of Small Pox &c never was again able to do duty until the end of the War – Your Petitioner Further showeth that although he was so fortunate as never to receive a wound he was in every of the above Champaigns exposed to all the Fatigues and Dangers of War and met with many difficulties and sustained very serious losses having all his Property of every description taken and destroyed by Lord Rodens [Francis Rawdon's] Army which reduced him to entire Poverty – Your Petitioner further Sheweth that he has by Honest Exertions raised and supported a large Family. That at this time he is in quite Indigent Circumstances, & by the Ravages of age and disease rendered unable to make a Support for himself & small Family, which entirely consists of Females – Your Petitioner prays your Honorable Body to take his case into Consideration and grant such relief in the Premises as you in your Wisdom may deem meet or Place him on the Pension List and as in duty bound will ever Pray
November 2nd, 1821

S/ Nathan Barr

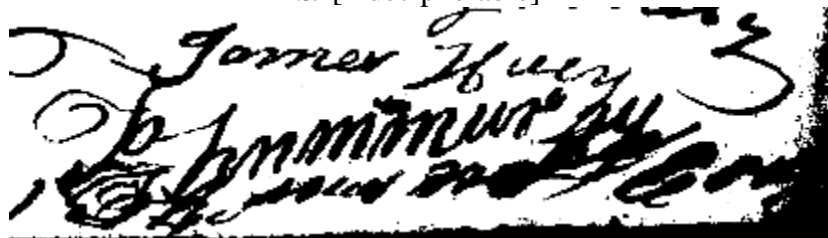
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We do hereby Certify that we have been Intimately acquainted with Nathan Barr Esquire from our Infancy he has always Supported an honest Industrious Character and at this time is an Exemplary Character and we do further Certify that we knew him in the Purrisburg Expedition under Captain Robert Montgomery and Colonel Joseph Kershaw.
Certified under our hands the 22nd day of November 1821

S/ James Huey⁹

S/ T [indecipherable]

S/ [indecipherable]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Huey". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background and is somewhat stylized and difficult to decipher.

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We do hereby Certify that we have been intimately acquainted with Nathan Bar Esquire from our Infancy, he has always supported and Honest & industrious Character and at this time is an Exemplary Christian we do further Certify that we knew him to be with the detachment under the

⁹ This MAY BE the same man as [James Huey S31148](#) although Huey does not claim to have been on what he calls the Purrisburg Expedition in his own claim for a pension.

Command of Captain James Adams in the Tour against the Indians until the war completely subsided.

November 22nd, 1821

S/ Allen Hood
S/ Wm Nisbett¹⁰

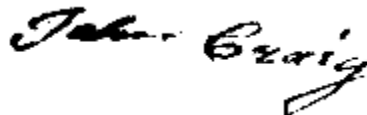
Handwritten signatures of Allen Hood and Wm Nisbett. The signature of Allen Hood is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right. Below it, the signature of Wm Nisbett is also in cursive.

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We do hereby Certify that we have been Intimately Acquainted with Nathan Barr Esquire from the Commencement of the American Revolutionary War – he has always Supported an honest and Industrious Character and at this time is an Exemplary Character and we do further Certify that we knew him to be under the Immediate Command of Captain Robert Montgomery at the Expedition at Stono.

Witness our hands this 22nd day of November 1821

S/ John Craig¹¹

Handwritten signature of John Craig in cursive script.

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of Nathan Barr, Report.

That after duly considering the Petition they are of opinion the prayer thereof ought to be agreed to, They therefore recommend he be placed on the Pension Roll

S/ Samuel Warren
Chairman

[Note: From documents in the file, it appears that the veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum and that the veteran died on February 11, 1824. It also appears that James Kirkpatrick acted as executor and Jane Barr acted as executrix of the estate of Nathan Barr.]

¹⁰ Probably the same man as [William Nisbet SC2](#)

¹¹ MAY Be the same man as [John Craig W22864](#)