

File: Robert_Barnett_pension_2nd_application.pdf

This file has the key documents for the second Civil War pension application by Robert Barnett, who applied for a pension as a dependent of his son Amos Barnett (1830-1864). Amos died as a soldier in the Civil War. This file does not have all the documents in the pension file, but does have the main documents that describe what happened and the documents most relevant for genealogy. The first pension application was denied in 1879. This second application was successful, due largely to the changes in pension laws.

Below are notes about the pages with key information.

This file and the notes below were compiled by Jim Kennedy June 6, 2023 from the full pension file.

| Pages | Date of document | |
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| 2-3 | 26 Dec 1885 | Jonathan Gains said "old man Barnett and wife are very needy." |
| 4-5 | 26 Dec 1885 | Silas Dickson said Robert Barnett and wife are very needy. |
| 6-7 | 26 Apr 1886, | James Barnett age 41 [son of Robert's brother James Barnett] said Robert Barnett was dependent upon son Amos for support. |
| 8-10 | 12 July 1890, | Robert's lawyer renewed pension application given Robert's current enfeeblement of memory and the revised pension law in June, 1890. |
| 11-12 | 27 June 1891, | John B. Hildreth and W.F Galaway said that Robert Barnett is old and decrepit and destitute and has no means of support. |
| 13 | 13 Oct 1891, | Treasure Department records showed that Robert Barnett was paid \$100 on 23 Nov 1866, \$89.75 and \$100 on 29 Aug 1870 and 23 Oct 1867. |
| 14 | 3 Dec 1891 | Robert Barnett said his son Amos was born March 6 1826 or 1827 on the best of his knowledge. Also said he is 84 years old, but affidavit header says 85. [Previous records showed Amos was born March 6, 1830] |
| 15 | 17 Dec 1891 | 2nd Pension application approved. |
| 16 | 23 January 1895 | Robert Barnett has been dropped from pension rolls because of death. Last paid \$12 on 4 Oct 1894. |
| 17 | 23 January 1895 | Robert got \$12 per month starting July 15, 1890. Dropped from rolls Jan 23, 1895. No death date given. |

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF Illinois
COUNTY OF Vermillion } ss.

In the matter of Donation Claim 284264 of Robert Barnett
Father of Amos Barnett Co. D. 23 reg. Ill. Infantry

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for aforesaid
County and State, Jonathan James aged 56 years, a
citizen of the Town of Indianola, County of Vermillion, State of
Illinois

, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being
duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

I have known Robert Barnett for about thirty years he owned about one hundred acres of land at the time his Amos Barnett went to the army. Amos was the only son that was big enough to help to make a living this land was worth about eight to ten dollars per acre at that time the old man Barnett and wife are very needy at this time and does not own any land at all. The reason I know these facts is because I was a near neighbor of his

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

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CASE OF

*Prison Claim of
Robert Barnett*

FOR

*his son
Amos Barnett*

AFFIDAVIT OF

*Jonathan Gama
Indianola*

FILED BY

B. F. COOK, ATTORNEY,
DANVILLE, ILL.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case, and am not concerned in its prosecution, and that my post office address is *Indianola Vermilion County Illinois*

Signature of Affiant,

Jonathan Gains

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides.

Witness my hand and official seal this *26th* day of *December*, 188*5*

Sign here,

*Wenderson Goodson
Justice of the Peace*

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF Illinois
COUNTY OF Vermilion } ss.

In the matter of Pension claim 237254 of Robert Barnett
Father of Amos Barnett Co. D. 25 reg. Ills Infantry

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for aforesaid
County and State, Silas Dickson aged 33 years, a
citizen of the Town of Indianola, County of Vermilion, State of
Illinois

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being
duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

I have known
Robert Barnett for forty years he
owned about one hundred acres of land
at the time his son Amos Barnett went
to the army; Amos was the only son he had
that was big enough to help to make a
living this land was worth about 10 dollars
per acre at that time Robert Barnett and
wife are very needy at this time and do
not own any land the reason that
I know these facts is because I was a neighbor
to him

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I further declare that I have no interest in said case, and am not concerned in its prosecution, and that my post office address is Indianola Vermilion County Illinois

Signature of Affiant, Silas Dickson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides.

Witness my hand and official seal this 26th day of December, 1883

Sign here, Wenderson Goodwin
Justice of the Peace

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No. 1130
GENERAL AFFIDAVIT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK
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CASE OF
Penance claim of
Robert Barnett

FOR
his son
Amos Barnett

AFFIDAVIT OF
Silas Dickson
Indianola Ills

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF

Illinois

COUNTY OF

Vermilion

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In the matter of

*Pension claim of Father of Amos
Barnett Co D. 25-2lls. Vol. Infantry*

Personally came before me, a

Justice of the Peace

in and for aforesaid

County and State,

James Barnett

aged

71

years, a

citizen of the Town of

Indianola

County of

Vermilion

State of

Illinois

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being
duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

*I have been well acquainted
with the claimant for more than thirty years past and
was also well acquainted with his son Amos Barnett
Co. D. 25. reg Ills Vol and know of my own personal
knowledge that in 1864 the said claimant was dependant
upon his said son for his support that at said date and
prior thereto the said Robert Barnett was so affected with
venereal veins of his legs that he was unable to earn
any support for himself whereas that he had no income
from any source excepting what was derived from about
sixty acres of land which was wet and low and the
rest of his land was low and wet at that I think
he owned about one hundred acres of land and it
low and wet was worth a bout 4 or 8 dollars per
acre and the improvements very meager and said
claimant did not have competent support out side of
his son contributions R Barnett was worth about
one thousand dollars at that time*

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No. 257257

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

Robert Barnett

FOR

Pension Claim No. 257257 for his son Amos Barnett Co. D. 25 Ills

AFFIDAVIT OF,

James Barnett
Indianola

FILED BY

B. F. COOK, ATTORNEY,

DANVILLE, ILL.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case, and am not concerned in its prosecution, and that my post office address is

Indianola Ills

Signature of Affiant,

James Barnett

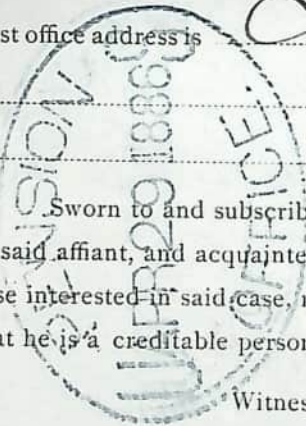
Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides.

Witness my hand and official seal this 26th day of April, 1886

Sign here,

Blenderson Goodron
Justice of the Peace

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Declaration for Invalid Pension

State of Illinois

County of Vermilion Tss

On this 12th day of July 1890 -
personally appeared before me a
Justice of the Peace within and for
the County and State aforesaid
Robert Barnett, ^{of the town of Indianola}
resident of the town of Indianola
County of Vermilion and State of
Illinois, who being duly sworn accor-
ding to law, declares that he is
the father of Amos Barnett, who
enlisted under the name of Amos
Barnett at Dallas Tex. on the
17th day of August 1861 in Co D
25th Regt Ill's Inf. as Corporal in
the war of the Rebellion, who died at
Andersonville September 14th 1864 from
effects of scurvy and starvation induced
by prison life; that said son left
neither wife, nor child under sixteen
years of age surviving; that declarant
was married to the mother of said son
at a date now on file in Pension
office in declarants claim No. 234,254.
That at the time the original application
was made data as to marriage and
death of wife were there given, which
will appear on file in the Department of Pensions

as said claim; that now on account of
enfranchisement of members the declaration is
unable to furnish; that he is without
other means of support than his own manual
labor or the contribution of others not legally
bound for his support; that he has
applied for a Pension, that the number
of his application being 234,257. that
he makes this declaration for the purpose
of being placed on the pension rolls
of the United States under provisions
act June 27, 1890. He hereby appoints
D. A. Baird of Indiana, State of
Illinois, County of Vermilion, his true
and lawful attorney to prosecute his
claim; that his past office address
is Indiana, County of Vermilion,
State of Illinois

Robert ^{his} Barnett
mark

Attest Henry D. Newell
John Kripe

Also personally appeared
Henry D. Newell and John Kripe
residents of Indiana, County of
Vermilion, State of Illinois, persons
whom I certify to be respectable and
entitled to credit and who being by
me duly sworn say they were present
and saw Robert Barnett the
claimant make his mark to the foregoing
declaration; that they know ~~and~~

reason to believe, from the appearance
of said claimant and acquaintance with
him of - 33 - years - 50 - years
respectively; that he is the identical
person he represents himself to be and
that they have no interest in the
prosecution of his claim.

Henry D. Tewer
John Knipe

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
the 17th day of July A.D. 1890 and
I hereby certify that the contents of
the above declaration so were fully
made known and explained to the
applicant and witnesses, before swearing
and that I have no interest, direct
or indirect in the prosecution of
this claim.

John N. Newkirk
Justice of the Peace
Certificate of Com. of Justice on file
in Pension Office.

State of Illinois, W.C. Fulton County Clerk in
Union County, and for said County and State
hereby certify that John N. Newkirk
is a qualified Justice of the Peace in
and for said County and State
W.C. Fulton
County Clerk

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Vt, County of Windsor, ss:

In the matter of the Pension Claim of
Robt Barnett no 234.25-4 -

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for aforesaid County
and State, John B Hildreth, aged 49 years
and W F Galway, aged 29 years
citizen of the Town of _____, County of _____, State of _____
Post-Office address.

_____, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who,
being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

That we are acquainted with the
claimant Robt Barnett, the claimant
and know he has no means of
support; that he is now old
and decrepit and at present destitute
of support and dependent upon
his friends for his living. We
therefore believe that such is
sufficient for a special action
in his behalf and as neighbors
we appeal to the Hon Commissioner
of Pensions for the immediate
action on his case.

We further believe that the
above surroundings & conditions
of the claimant entitle him
according to the Pension laws
to a special consideration.

We further declare that we have no interest in said case, and are not con-
cerned in its prosecution.

1 _____ }
2 _____ } John B. Hildreth
W F Galway
Signature of Affiants.

NOTE.—In the execution of papers and evidence, whenever a person or witness signs by mark, (t) two persons who
can write must attest the signature by signing their names opposite.
The official before whom papers are executed is not a competent witness to a mark.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant ; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant , and acquainted h with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant are personally known to me; that They are credible persons and so reputed in the community in which they reside.



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Witness my hand and official seal this 27th day of June 1891

Sign here

Michael Fisher
Notary Public

NOTE.—Should this be sworn to before any other officer than a CLERK OF COURT, then the proper CLERK OF COURT must add his certificate of character on the back hereof, and not on a separate slip of paper.

State of _____, County of _____, ss:

I, _____, Clerk of the County Court in and for afore-said County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit, was at the time of so doing a _____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office this _____ day of _____ 189

Clerk of the _____



If a Notary Public (or Justice of the Peace) will put his signature and seal impress (if he has one) on a sheet of paper, and a Clerk of Court will certify that they are genuine, stating when his commission was dated and when it will expire, he can execute papers to be used in ONE DEPARTMENT ONLY during his term of office without authentication by Clerk of Court. Such Certificate for each Department where many authentications are required will save much expense. Several papers executed before one Notary Public or Justice of the Peace on the same date need County Clerk's Certificate on one only if all are to be used in one case. Write an affidavit just as you would write a letter, stating all the facts, circumstances, dates and places as near as you can remember, and if of your own personal knowledge and observation, and state how you know what you say to be true.

RECORD DIV.
JUL 3 1891
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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

Robert Barnett

FOR

Amos Barnett
D 25 Ill.

AFFIDAVIT OF

John B 26 Caldwell
W. J. Galaway

FILED BY

D. A. Baird

[Signature]

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No. 234.25-1 Faith Org.

Treasury Department,

SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., Oct. 13, 1891.

RESPECTFULLY RETURNED TO THE HON. COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

The records of this office show that in the case

of Amos B Barnettlate private, Co. D, 25 RegimentIllinois Volunteers, arrears of payto include Sept. 12, 1864, and \$100.00Bounty, act of July 22, 1861, wereallowed to Robert B Barnett, fatherby Treasury Certificate No. 264177issued Nov. 23, 1866.Amos Barnett, father, was alsoallowed \$8975 Commutation of ra-tions, and also allowed \$100.00 Bounty, act ofJuly 28, 1866, by Treasury CertificatesNo. 569761 ³⁵⁵²⁶³, issued Aug 29, 1870,and Oct. 23, 1867.Both claims were allowed on satisfactory evi-dence of the relationship of theclaimant to the soldier, thelatter's celibacy, and thedeath of soldier's mother.J. A. Patterson,

Auditor.

PENS. CLAIM

No. 234254
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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF
COUNTY OF

Illinois
Warrick

ss.

In the matter of

the Pension Claim of Father of
Amos Barnett, No 234, 25th Co D 25th Regt Ills

Personally came before me, a

Notary Public

in and for aforesaid

County and State,

Robt Barnett Claimant

aged *85*

years, a

citizen of the Town of

Indiana

County of

Warrick

State of

Illinois

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being

duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

*That I am the claimant above named
That I furnished the department a certificate from
the County Clerk of Bourbon Co. Ky. setting
forth the date of my marriage - that
I am now unable to furnish the affidavits
of witnesses to the marriage on account of
their death - That I hereby furnish
you with evidence as to the legitimacy of
my son Amos Barnett -*

*That I am now eighty four years
of age and many have died who
could now certify as to my
marriage - That Amos Barnett
was born the 6th day of March 1826 or
1827 - to the best of my knowledge -
That to the best of my knowledge Silas Watson testified
to the birth of Amos Barnett & that such evidence is now on file.*

I further declare that I have no interest in said case, and am not concerned in its prosecution, and that my

postoffice address is

Indiana, Illinois, Warrick Co

J P Swarth
Henry P Talbot

Signature
of
Affiant.

Robert Barnett
mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides:

Witness my hand and official seal this *3rd* day of *December* 189*1*

Sign here,

Michael Fisher
Notary Public

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ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

318499
Chicago

WAR OF THE REBELLION.

DEPENDENT *Father's* PENSION.

Claimant, *Robert Barnett* ✓ Soldier, *Amos Barnett* ✓
 P. O., *Indianola* ✓ Rank, *Corpl.* ✓, Co. *D* ✓
 County, *Vermilion* ✓, State, *Ills* ✓ Regiment, *25 Ills. Vol. Inf* ✓
 Rate \$12 per month, commencing *Sept. 4 July 15*, 1890, date of filing application.

Pension to continue only during the existence of dependence.

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name, *D. H. Baird* ✓ Fee, \$ *10* ✓ Agent to pay.
 P. O., *Indianola, Ills.* ✓ Articles filed _____, 189__

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 JAN 23 1895

APPROVALS:

Submitted for *Adm.* *Dec. 14*, 1891, *L. D. Marcellus*, Examiner.
 Approved for *admission*, origin of *death in service* accepted,
 death resulted from _____
 due to _____
 which has been legally accepted.
 Claimant is _____
 without other means of support than the proceeds
 of *his* own manual labor or the contributions
 of others not legally bound for *his* support.
 _____, Medical Reviewer.
 _____, Medical Referee.
Dec. 17, 1891, _____, Legal Reviewer.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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| Enlisted <i>August 17</i> , 1861 ✓ | Invalid last paid to <i>no</i> , 18__ |
| Mustered _____, 18__ | Death of <i>Mother of sol, September</i> , 1830. <i>Sp. Ex. R. Repl. Ex. B. 7.</i> |
| Discharged _____, 18__ | Remarriage of mother _____, 18__ |
| Died <i>Sep. 14</i> , 1864 ✓ | claim fil. d under former laws <i>Nov 22</i> , 1877 ✓ |
| Declaration filed <i>Sep 1</i> , 1890 ✓ | Rejected <i>Dec 5</i> , 1879 ✓ |
| <i>Deceased</i> " " <i>July 15 (second)</i> , 1890 ✓ | |
| Invalid application filed <i>no</i> , 18__ ✓ | Cause <i>non-dependence</i> |

INCIDENTAL MATTER.

Att. signs by his mark - no me.

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H.C.

Act of June 27, 1890.

[3-405.]
(PENSIONER DROPPED.)

U. S. Pension Agency,

Chicago, Ill.

Jan'y 23, 1895.

Hon. Wm. Lochren

Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I hereby report that the name of Robert-Barnett father
Amos Co. D. 25th Ill. Inf who was a pensioner on the rolls
of this Agency, under Certificate No. 318,499, and who was last paid
at \$ 12 , to 4 Oct- , 18 94, has been dropped
because of death

Very respectfully,

Wm. Anderson

Pension Agent.

Act of June 27, 1890

(3-232.)

No. 318499

Robert Barnett

father of

Amos Barnett

Rank Corp.

Company D

Regiment 25th Ill. Vol. Inf.

Rate per Month, \$ 1.2

Commencing July 15, 1890

Ending

Chicago Agency.

Issued Dec. 22, 1891.

Mailed Dec 23, 1891.

Fee, \$ 10

Jan. 9/95 P.O. adv.
of death. no adv.
let. from F. W.
Advert. sent to
Wm. sent to
Advt. sent
F. W. Advt.
adv. that his let.
has been sent to and.
G. J.

DROPPED FROM ROLLS

JAN 23 1895

DEAD.