

Patriot James Barber

James Barber was born in 1761 in Winchester, Virginia. He was the Patriot ancestor of Thomas Paul Mayerle.

At the age of 18, James Barber was drafted into the Virginia Militia in 1779 for 3 months, the typical length of time for a draftee. His primary duty was to guard deserters from the Continental Army and Militia. When his 3-month obligation was completed, he was discharged.

Two years later in June of 1781, James was again drafted for 3 months and assembled in Richmond, Virginia. During this time, he was selected as 1 of 10 men as a light infantry scout. The companies in Richmond were sent to Yorktown, Virginia. On the way, Private James Barber's term of service expired. Three weeks later English General Cornwallis was defeated at Yorktown.

After his discharge and Cornwallis' defeat, James married Mary Rowland and moved to Ohio. There he served for a period in the Ohio Rangers.

James Barber died in Bath, Ohio in 1842 at the age of 81.

The information above comes from James Barber's American Revolution pension application in May of 1840 at the age of 78.