

Private James R. Barnett
(War of 1812 Veteran Candidate for St. Paul's Episcopal Church Recognition)
St. Paul's Churchyard Inscription No. 28

IN MEMORY OF
JAMES H. BARNETT
A NATIVE OF BELFAST, IRELAND
AND A LATE MERCHANT OF THIS BOROUGH,
WHO DIED THE 30TH OF AUGUST, 1821,
AGED 23 YEARS.

His virtues had endeared him to a numerous
acquaintance, by whom he was highly
respected and esteemed.

ALSO
TO THE MEMORY
JAMES L. PIERCE
WHO DIED ON THE 7TH OF SEPT. 1821,
AGED 29 YEARS.

Subject Name: James Barnett⁽¹⁾ [Disambiguation: "James H. Barnett"⁽²⁾ and "James R. Barnett, Esq."⁽³⁾]

Subject Date of Birth: ca. 1798⁽²⁾

Subject Place of Birth: Ireland (Belfast)⁽²⁾

Subject Date of Death: Thursday, August 30, 1821⁽²⁾

Subject Place of Death: Residence of James "Picrey,"⁽³⁾ Borough of Norfolk

Subject Cause of Death: "...malignant fever"⁽³⁾

Subject Burial: Borough Churchyard, Inscription No. 28. (Triangle by Vestry Room.)

Subject Date of Marriage: Saturday, March 22, 1817⁽⁴⁾

Spouse Name: Martha Hunter, youngest daughter of James Hunter, Esq.,⁽⁵⁾ teller of the Farmer's Bank of Norfolk⁽⁴⁾

Spouse Date of Birth: ca. 1798⁽⁶⁾

Spouse Date of Death: Saturday, September 18, 1819^(6,7)

Spouse Place of Death: Residence of her father, James Hunter, Esq., where she received "endcare."⁽⁷⁾

Spouse Cause of Death: "...painful infliction of long-protracted illness."⁽⁷⁾

Spouse Burial: Borough Churchyard, Inscription No. 29. (Triangle by Vestry Room.)

¹ *Compiled Military Service Records for the Soldiers Who Served During the War of 1812*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration.

² Tombstone Inscription: No. 28.

³ *American Beacon*, August 31, 1821.

⁴ *American Beacon*, March 24, 1817.

⁵ Norfolk Directories 1801/1806, <http://www.usgwarchives.net/va/history/1801dir/1801dir1.html>: "Hunter, James, deputy marshal, 2 Chappel Street" and <http://www.usgwarchives.net/va/history/1806dir/1806.html>: "Hunter, James, dwelling, 3 Chappel Street."

⁶ Tombstone Inscription: No. 29.

⁷ *Norfolk and Portsmouth Herald*, Sept. 20, 1819.

Norfolk, Friday, August 31, 1821
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MARRIED—On Saturday evening, by the Rev. Mr. Low, Mr. JAMES BARNETT, of the firm of Lawson & Barnetts, Merchants, to Miss MARTHA HUNTER, youngest daughter of James Hunter, Esq. Teller of the Farmers' Bank, at this place.

OBITUARY.

We desire to mingle in the deep and general sorrow that pervades our town at the loss of two of its most worthy and respectable citizens—JOSEPH TIMBERLAKE, and JAMES R. BARNETT, Esq's.—the former the faithful and zealous Inspector of this Corporation, the latter an intelligent and highly respectable Merchant, (late of the firm of Lawson & Barnetts,) of this Borough. Both have fallen victims to the malignant fever.

Mr. Timberlake was in the flower of his age; united to society by the tender and endearing ties of husband and parent, and highly esteemed by a large circle of relatives and friends, who knew him from infancy to the maturity of manhood, and took a lively interest in all his concerns. Young, and ardent in the path of duty, upon the first appearance of the malignant disease which has terminated his earthly career, he devoted himself to the fulfilment of those measures prescribed by the law, or suggested by the Board of Health, to arrest its progress, with a zeal and assiduity no less honorable to his sympathies as a man, than to his exalted sense of official duty. But it has pleased Him, whose decrees are inscrutable, that his life should be the forfeiture, and may it prove a happy translation. He breathed his last on Wednesday night about 10 o'clock.

Mr. Barnett was a native of Belfast, (Ireland,) and had only attained his 23rd year: affable in his manners, sincere in his friendship, and possessing, in an eminent degree, the characteristic urbanity of his countrymen. He had, in a residence of a few years, much endeared himself to many in this society, who will long lament his loss—He died yesterday at 12 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. James Piercy.

PORT OF NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH.

"Norfolk and Portsmouth Herald"
 Monday, September 20, 1819

Died on Saturday Morning last, at the residence of her father, James Hunter, Esq. Mrs. MARTHA BARNETT, the youthful and amiable consort of Mr. James Barnett, Merchant, of this Borough. She sustained the painful infliction of a long protracted illness with placid resignation, and met with Christian composure the awful summons which has torn her from the bosom of a family to which she was endeared by the strongest ties of love and affection.

Inscription No. 28.

ERECTED BY JAMES BARNETT
 IN MEMORY OF HIS WIFE, MARTHA
 WHO DIED ON THE 18TH OF SEPT. 1819,
 AGED 21 YEARS.
 ALSO OF THEIR INFANT DAUGHTER
 JANE GIBSON
 WHO DIED ON THE 10TH OF JUNE, 1818.
 AGED 12 DAYS.

Subject War of 1812 Service:

Stuart Lee Butler's "A Guide to Virginia Militia Units in the War of 1812" (See below, pgs 229-230.)

Selected War of 1812 Compiled Military Service Records⁽¹⁾ (Appended at bottom.)

Notes: A native of Belfast, Ireland, James R. Barnett served in the War of 1812 as a Private in Captain George W. Camp's Company of Light Infantry, 2nd Regiment (Sharpe's), 3rd Requisition of the Virginia Militia encamped at Norfolk and Craney Island at Norfolk from March 31 to September 9, 1813. He married Martha Hunter in 1817. A Norfolk merchant of the firm "Lawson & Barnett,"⁽⁸⁾ he died of the prevailing "malignant fever" at the age of 23 years on August 30, 1821.

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<i>Magnien at Fort Nelson. They were also stationed at Fort Barbour under Brig. Gen. Taylor's brigade and also at Plum Creek and Swann's Creek in September 1814.</i>	
COMPANIES:	
Capt. Henry W. Applewhite (Isle of Wight)	
Capt. Thomas Cocke (Surry)	
Capt. William H. Harrison (Prince George)	
Capt. Robert Jordan (Isle of Wight)	
Capt. Littleton Lanier (Sussex)	
Capt. Nicholas Massenburt (Sussex)	
Capt. Isaac Mitchell (Sussex)	
Lt. Smith Parham (Sussex)	
Capt. Rice B. Pierce (Southampton)	
2nd Virginia Regiment	
February 9 - August 14, 1813	
Lt. Col. William Sharp (Norfolk Borough)	
<i>Called out by General Orders issued by the Virginia Adjutant General on February 6, 1813, the regiment served at Norfolk in June and at Craney Island in August. Brigade orders dated February 11, 1813, assigned the unit to the Militia Brigade under General Taylor.</i>	
COMPANIES:	
Capt. John C. Cohoon, Jr. (Nansemond)	
Capt. Robert Courtney (King & Queen)	
Capt. Blackwell Foster (King William)	
Capt. Richard Graves (New Kent/Charles City)	
Capt. Spencer Gunn (Dinwiddie)	
Capt. Edward James (Princess Anne)	
Capt. Julian Magagnos (Norfolk Borough)	
Capt. Samuel Marshall (Isle of Wight)	

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Capt. Andrew McConnico/Lt. George W. Camp (Norfolk Borough)	
Capt. Ezekiel Powell/Lt. Thomas C. Sumner (Nansemond)	
Capt. Alexander Taylor (Petersburg Light Infantry)	
Capt. Edmund Taylor Riflemen (Richmond City)	
Capt. John Thompson (Norfolk)	

⁸ Norfolk Directory 1806, <http://www.usgwarchives.net/va/history/1806dir/1806.html>: "Lawson, Thomas, Pay-Master to 54 Regt., Plume Street."

James Barnett
Capt. George W. Camp's Company of Infantry, 2 Regiment, 3 Requisition of Virginia Militia.*

(WAR OF 1812.)

Company Muster Roll

Appears on for March 31 to May 20, 1813.
Roll dated Camp in Norfolk

Date of appointment or commencement of service, May 20, 1813.
Present or absent, Present

Remarks and alterations since last muster:

*This company was designated at various times as Capt. Andrew I. McCoullie's and Capt. George W. Camp's Company.

Handwritten signature and "Copyist" label.

James Barnett
Capt. George W. Camp's Company of Light Infantry, Requisition of Militia, 2 Reg't Virginia Militia.*

(WAR OF 1812.)

Company Muster Roll

Appears on for July 31 to Sept 9, 1813.
Roll dated the musterment in Norfolk

Date of appointment or enlistment, Sept 9, 1813.
To what time engaged or enlisted, Sept 9, 1813.
Present or absent, Present

Remarks and alterations since last muster:

*This company was designated at various times as Captain Andrew I. McCoullie's and Captain George W. Camp's Company.

Handwritten signature and "Copyist" label.

James Barnett
Capt. George W. Camp's Company of Light Infantry, Requisition of Militia, attached to the 2 Reg't, Virginia Militia.*

(WAR OF 1812.)

Muster Roll

Appears with the rank of Pl on a for May 20 to July 31, 1813.
Roll dated the musterment on

Green Island Aug 1, 1813.
Date of appointment or enlistment, May 20, 1813.
To what time engaged or enlisted, July 31, 1813.
Present or absent, Present

Remarks and alterations since last muster:

*This company was designated at various times as Capt. Andrew I. McCoullie's and Capt. George W. Camp's Company.

Handwritten signature and "Copyist" label.

James Barnett
Capt. George W. Camp's Company of Light Infantry, 2 Regiment, Virginia Militia.*

(WAR OF 1812.)

Company Pay Roll

Appears on for Aug + part of Sept, 1813.
Roll dated not dated, 1813.

Commencement of service or of this settlement, July 31, 1813.
Expiration of service or of this settlement, Sept 9, 1813.
Term of service charged, 1 months, 9 days.

Pay per month, 8 dollars, 0 cents.
Amount of pay, 10 dollars, 40 cents.

Remarks:

*This company was designated at various times as Capt. Andrew I. McCoullie's and Capt. George W. Camp's Company.

Handwritten signature and "Copyist" label.