

Lancaster 19 August 1834

Dear Sir/

Mr. William Barclay of Colerain Township in this county requests me to state to you my knowledge of his character.

I have for many years been well acquainted with him, & know him to be an honest & respectable man. I do not entertain the slightest doubt but what he served during the revolutionary war was in the manner he has stated in his application. Such has always been the tradition of the county; and from the goodness of his manners he has been considered a sort of revolutionary chronicle in his neighborhood.

If the deposition of Elizabeth Lisle should not be considered sufficient by the Department Mr. Barclay can obtain no other. All his companions in the service are dead. A most meritorious man who is now poor & old, & who has unquestionably served his country in the Revolutionary war will thus be excluded, whilst thousands who have not half the claims are now enjoying these pensions.

Yours very respectfully  
James Buchanan

J.L. Edwards Esq.

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