

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Bodenhamer R982

Agnes

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State of North Carolina Davidson County

On this the 17th day of April 1846 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Agnes Bodenheimer, a resident of the said County of Davidson – formerly of the County of Rowan before Davidson was taken from the County of Rowan, aged eighty-three years, who being first sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the Acts of Congress passed July 7th 1838, marched to the 3rd 1843 and June the 17th 1844 – the first entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows: that she is a widow of Peter Bodenhamer who was a private soldier in the Army of the revolution that her said husband the said Peter Bodenhamer departed this life in the month of January 1831 – that this declarant has never married since the death of her said husband but has continued his widow ever since – that she and the said Peter were married by John Monroe Esquire a Justice of the peace in and for Rowan County in the month of January 1793 – that the said Peter Bodenhamer was a soldier in the American revolution – that at the time he entered the service he was a citizen of the County of Rowan – that from the best of her information and belief her husband entered the militia of North Carolina as a volunteer which was in the year 1780 – that he served three months under Captain Billingsley & other three months under Captain Lopp in the early part of 1780 – this declarant further states that from the best of her knowledge recollection and belief her said husband served as much as 12 months in the revolutionary Army, that from the great length of time intervening since the revolution – the loss of memory & death she is unable to state under what officers her husband served but she verily believes he was called out at several times during the year 1780 & 1781, that owing to the fact that the County of Rowan and the neighboring counties were infested by numerous & strong banns of Tories, the sphere of action of her said husband was confined to the neighboring Counties. That on one occasion her husband was ordered to March towards South Carolina but the order was countermanded upon the news of the battle of Kings Mountain being received by the Army – this declarant further states that she has no documentary evidence of the service in the Army of her said husband. That the paper hereto attached marked A is the record of her family & pains truly the date of the marriage of this declarant – that the same has always been in the possession of her family for upwards of 40

years. She further declares that she was married to the said Peter Bodenhamer on the 19th day of January 1793, that her husband the said Peter Bodenhamer died on the 2nd day of January 1831: that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

S/ Agnes Bodenhamer

[fn p. 10: Jacob S Bodenhamer age 47 gave a supporting affidavit in support of the application made by his mother Agnes Bodenhamer; that John Bodenhamer was his oldest brother and is now dead.]

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State of North Carolina Davidson County

Be it known that on this the 17th day of April 1846 personally appeared before me William Raper an acting justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Jacob Idol¹ a resident of Stokes County aged eighty-six years who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he was a soldier in the War the Revolution and as such is now drawing a pension – that he was a Corporal under Captain Billingsley of the North Carolina militia – though from the deficiency of the declaration, he stands on the pension list as a private – that he was well acquainted with Peter Bodenhamer whose widow Agnes Bodenhamer is now applying for a pension for the revolutionary services of the said Peter Bodenheimer. That the said Peter Bodenhamer was a neighbor of this affiant and they both volunteered under Captain Billingsley for the term of three months – that they were in no action – that their services were principally to oppose the Tories and to aid the Whigs in the revolution – that they ordered to March towards the South & were on their march thither when they received information of the battle of Kings Mountain when they marched no further South – that a short time after the news of the battle of Kings Mountain – the three months for which this affiant & said Peter Bodenhamer had volunteered had elapsed & the said Peter having served his said three months returned home this affiant further states that during the greater part of the said three months service the said Peter Bodenhamer this affiant was Corporal under Captain Billingsley & the said Peter was a private under him.

S/ Jacob Idol, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Davidson County: Be it known that on this the 19th day of April 1846 personally appeared before may William Raper an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County Jacob Bodenhammer a resident of said County formerly of Rowan County aged seventy-five years who being first sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he is the brother of Peter Bodenhamer who was a private soldier in the Army of the revolution & whose widow Agnes Bodenhamer is now applying for a pension for the revolutionary services of her late husband the said Peter Bodenhamer who departed this life in the month of January 1831 leaving the said Agnes his widow – who has not married any person since the death of her said husband but yet continues his widow. This affiant further states that he was married in the year 1791 – & that two years thereafter his brother the said Peter was married to Agnes Spurgin – that this affiant was present at the marriage of the said Peter with said Agnes – that the ceremony of said marriage was performed by John Monroe Esquire – who was at that time and acting Justice of

¹ [Jacob Idol W7859](#)

the peace for the County of Rowan and as such duly authorized to solemnize the rites of matrimony.

This affiant further states that his said brother Peter Bodenhamer was born in the year 1757 & came to North Carolina in the year 1774 and settled in the then County of Rowan – now Davidson – that the said Peter Bodenhamer– served as a private in the Revolution in the militia of North Carolina to the best of this affiant's knowledge and belief under Captain James Billingsley at some time previous to the arrival of General Gates with the southern Army into North Carolina – that the said Peter – at several times during the year 1780 – served in the North Carolina militia – as a volunteer as this affiant believes that the militia with which he acted was employed much of their time against the Tories who were pretty numerous in some of parts of the Country & in some neighborhoods on Abbotts Creek & this affiant well recollects that when the said Peter was about home he had frequently to lie out and conceal himself from the Tories & he further recollects that on one occasion the said Peter was taken prisoner by the Tories but by timely assistance from friends he rescued himself he further states that the said Peter was drafted in the summer of 1780 and was afterwards in General Gates Army previous to his defeat – he also recollects that the said Peter was in the militia in the year 1781, that his sphere of action was principally confined to the neighboring Counties against the numerous bands of Tories then infesting the country.

Sworn and subscribed before me
S/ Wm Raper, JP

S/ Jacob Bodenheimer, Senior

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State of North Carolina Davidson County

Be it known that on this the 17th day of April A.D. 1846 personally appeared before me William Raper an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Solomon Davis a resident citizen of said County formerly of Rowan County – aged seventy-six years who being first sworn according to law deposed and saith that he was a neighbor of Peter Bodenhamer at the time of the American Revolution and was well acquainted with said Peter whose widow Agnes Bodenhamer is now applying for a pension for the Revolutionary services of the said Peter – this affiant further states that his father the late William Davis of Rowan County was a soldier in the American Revolution & serve some time in the American Cause – that he lived within a few miles of Peter Bodenhamer– that he frequently saw the said Peter at his father's house during the revolution armed and equipped as a soldier – that according to his best information recollection and belief Peter Bodenhamer served in the militia for the term of 3 months in the winter and spring previous to the battle of Guilford – this affiant further states that to the best of his information and belief the said Peter served the said 3 months under Captain Lopp of said Rowan County – this affiant further states that his father the said William Davis was taken prisoner just before the battle of Guilford by the Tories & was there prisoner at the time of that battle – and that this affiant learned from his father and other persons that the said Peter Bodenhamer was taken prisoner on the same day by the Tories – this affiant further states that he was present at the marriage of Peter Bodenhamer and Agnes Spurgin – that the ceremony was performed by John Monroe Esquire who was at that time an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said Rowan County and as such duly authorized to solemnize the rites of matrimony that said marriage took place at the house of the mother of said Agnes then in the County of Rowan now (since the division of said County) Davidson – this affiant further states that he was married in the year 1796 – and that Peter Bodenhamer was married for some time before this affiant – how

long he is unable to say.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year 1st above written.

S/ Wm Raper, JP

S/ Sol Davis

[fn pp. 2-3: looks like family register of some sort—in very poor condition and few entries are legible. What I think I can make out follows:

"Agnes Spurgin was born the 7 [?] Day 1768 [?] and was Mared [married] 18 Day of [illegible] to Peter Bodenham[*text missing*]

[*text missing*] son of Peter Bodenhamer and Agnes his Wife was born the 25 Day of [illegible]

Jean Bodenhamer was born 15th [?] Day of January 17[illegible] in the year of our lord

Sarah Bodenhamer was born October 23 day in the year of our lord 1790

John Bodenhamer....]