

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Bagwell S21057

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State of South Carolina, Greenville District

On this the Tenth day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting William Bagwell a resident of Greenville District and State of South Carolina aged Seventy-two years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the seventh of June 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He entered the Service as a volunteer for six months in the State of North Carolina Halifax County under the command of Captain Coakler [John Cokely] and Lieutenant Hawkins and Colonel Thomas Eaton and General Ash [John Ashe] in the year 1780 marched to Elizabethtown North Carolina where he was Stationed for a short time went thence through South Carolina into the State of Georgia where he with his company had an engagement with the British at what is called Brier Creek [Briar Creek, March 3, 1779]] from which place we were forced to retreat and make our escape in his way the best way he could and Joined General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] on the South Carolina Side of Savannah River at head quarters, where he remained until the expiration of his Time of Service and was discharged by General Rutherford, he then returned to North Carolina, and in the same year he was drafted in Wake County North Carolina for three months and served under Captain Britain Harris the names of the other officers he does not recollect, marched to Willmantown [sic, Wilmington?] North Carolina and remained there the whole of his time, he was then discharged by General Bryant, he then returned home and after some length of time he does not remember how long he was again drafted for three months in the company under the command of Captain Horton [William Horton], who marched his company to Salisbury North Carolina and were stationed there as a Guard over the Tories when his time of Service had expired he was discharged by General Butler [John Butler] of North Carolina. He then returned to Wake County and remained for some time, he thinks till sometime in 1781 when he was again drafted in the company commanded (he believes) by Captain Harrison [Richard Harrison] and Colonel Little [sic, Archibald Lytle] and marched from thence into South Carolina to the place called the four mile house [sic, Ten Mile House?] near Charleston at which place he was stationed for a short time, he was then marched to the High Hills of Santee [River] where he was again Stationed and at which place he remained until his Time of Service at ended, and was discharged by (as well as he recollects) General Butler or General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], he is not certain which but he mostly thinks General Greene. He then returned to North Carolina he thinks in the Spring of the year 1782 or 1783. He does not now remember the day or month in which he entered the Service nor the day and month he left the same nor can he be positively certain which it was, 1782 or 1783 he was finally discharged but he knows it was one of these years. This claimant is certain that he was born in the year 1760 in Halifax County North Carolina the day or month he does not know having no record of his age that he lived a short time after the close of the Revolutionary War

in Wake County North Carolina and he then removed to Granville District in the State of South Carolina where he has resided ever since.

He is also satisfied that he served in all one year and three months. He also says that he has lost all of his discharges not knowing they ever would be of any Service to him.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn and Subscribed to the day and year aforesaid.

S J. McDaniel, C. C. P.

S/ William Bagwell, W his mark

[Nathan Berry, a clergyman, and Micajah Berry, a neighbor, give the standard certificate of reputation for veracity, age and belief in the neighborhood of his revolutionary services.]

South Carolina, Greenville District

By way of amendment to the above Declaration the Said William Bagwell Swears before me that he does not now recollect the names of any of the Regular Officers with whom he Served or was Stationed, nor can he recollect any of the Continental or Militia Regiments other than as already Stated: He also further Swears that [he] has no living witness by whom he can prove his Said Services at this late day; and gives the names of the following gentleman, to wit Ransom Cobb, Joseph McCullough, Colonel Henry G. Johnson and Major Micajah Berry all resident in Granville District and in his neighborhood by whom or any of them his character for truth can be established, as well as they believe of his said Services. Sworn & Subscribed to before me the 17th of December 1834.

S/ William Choice

Not. Pub. & J. Q.

S/ William Bagwell, X his mark

The State of South Carolina, Greenville District

Amended Declaration of William Bagwell late a private in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War.

Personally came William Bagwell before me the Subscribing Justice and being duly Sworn declares on Oath, by way of amendment to his Original Declaration for a Pension, that in the year 1780 the first time he was called into the Service of the United States, he was drafted for five months in Bute County in the State of North Carolina, and Served that time and one month more, owing to the non-arrival of the other Company that was to Supply the place of the one he was in, which was the cause of his Serving one month more than he was drafted for, and on the arrival of the Company he was discharged. That he Served these Six months in South Carolina, was in the Battle at Briar Creek, was stationed at Bacon's Bridge when he was discharged. That afterwards he was drafted in Wake County North Carolina for a three months tour, and Stationed at Salisbury North Carolina nearly the whole time and was regularly discharged. That he was drafted afterwards in the Said County of Wake for three months was marched to Wilmington North Carolina and Served out the whole time and was discharged, making previous to the latter end of 1781 twelve months actual Service, and that in the year of 1783 he was again drafted in Wake County for three months, and was in the Service of the United States when the news of Peace arrived and was discharged before he Served his term out, that during this tour he was Stationed on the River above Wilmington North Carolina, and was discharged in consequence of Peace having been made. That he was drafted into the North Carolina Militia every time he entered the Service, and Supposes by the authority of the State of North Carolina.

This deponent cannot say at this late date what portion of the last tour of three months he Served, but thinks about one half of the time. That he is fully Satisfied he Served in the whole, 13 months in the various tours he Served and refers to the evidence of Mr. John Bagwell already furnished for a portion thereof.

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this the 22nd day of September 1835.
S/ William Choice, Not. Pub. & J. Q.

S/ William Bagwell, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina service.]