

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Bagent S37747

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Virginia, County of Frederick, Superior Court of Law to wit:

On this third day of May 1824 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County of Frederick John Bagent resident in the said County, aged sixty three years the 10th day of August next who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st of May 1820: that the said John Bagent enlisted at Winchester in the year 1777 in the Company of Capt. Gilkinson [probably Gilkerson] which was there stationed to guard some prisoners that had been taken at Trenton [26 Dec 1776] that he continued in the said Company at Winchester until some time in the year 1778 when he marched in the said company in charge of the prisoners, chiefly those taken with Gen'l Burgoyne [sic: see endnote], who had been sent to Winchester in the meantime, to Philadelphia where he was discharged; that he then returned to Winchester in Virginia, and in the latter part of the year 1778 he enlisted in the company commanded by Capt. Baylor Hill of the first Regiment of Light Dragoons under the command of Colo. [Theodorick] bland in the service of the United States for three years, that he served in the said Regiment until the 18th day of November 1781 when he was discharged at Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] in Virginia as appears by a copy of his discharge signed by T. Belfield [probably John Belfield] Maj'r. 1st Reg't. of L't. Dragoons, the original having been lodged in Richmond when he received a patent for the land to which he was entitled for his services. And that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service but the affidavit of Dan'l. Miller [Daniel Miller, pension application W18512]. that he was in several skirmishes viz: at Monks Corner [sic: Moncks Corner SC, 14 Apr 1780], at Hot Water [6 mi NW of Williamsburg VA, 26 Jun 1781], and at the river Santee [Leneud's Ferry SC, 6 May 1780], that he was in a battle at Jamestown [Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] and at the taking of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]; that he was taken a prisoner at Santee in May 1780 and continued a prisoner until March 1781 when he was exchanged. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st. of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the following Schedule. viz. "One bay horse 14 years old; One Brown mare twelve years old; 2 Cows and 2 young young cattle; 2 sheep and one lamb; 1 sow and 6 pigs; 3 Shoats; one walnut chest; two tables; 1 Axe and 3 Hoes; one corner Cupboard; one barshare plough; 1 shovel plough; one Old Desk; 1 Old Waggon without a body; 4 old chairs; one Handsaw; 1 auger; 1 Iron pot; 1 Iron kettle; 1 Old 24 Hour Clock; 1 spinning wheel; 1 check aul; 3 par waggon Geers; 1 washing tub and pail; 1 Old broad Axe; some delftware; one Hogshed and some old barrels, and three old blind bridles; besides wearing apparel and bedding." And I owe two hundred dollars and upwards. I am by trade a shoemaker, but am almost blind. I have no family but my wife who is sixty two years of age & entirely helpless

John Bagent

Frederick County to wit:

Daniel Miller this day appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, and made oath according to Law that he knew John Bagent while he belonged to Colo. Blands Regiment of Light Dragoons, that he was present when the said John Bagent enlisted at Winchester in the year 1778

and that they marched together to South Carolina, and that he knows that the said Bagent was taken Prisoner at Santee, but he cannot recollect the time that Bagent was discharged. Given under my hand the 3^d day of May 1824

NOTES:

Burgoyne's army surrendered at Saratoga NY on 17 Oct 1777 but was not brought to Virginia until Jan 1779. They were lodged at Albemarle Barracks until Feb 1781, when they were taken to Winchester Barracks, and in the following June they were marched to Pennsylvania.

In a letter dated 2 July 1824 the agent who prepared Bagent's application explained that when asked why he had not applied earlier, Bagent replied, "that not having been in such low circumstances as absolutely to require it, he was unwilling to apply for a pension while he could do without it."