

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Baggett S39159

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State of Tennessee }  
Montgomery County Sct }                      May 7<sup>th</sup> 1818

This day, before me Parry W Humphreys one of the Judges of the Circuit Court in & for the state aforesaid came James Baggett a Citizen residing in said County of Montgomery who being Duly Sworn to State & Declare the truth & nothing but the truth Declares & says, that he was a private Soldier in the army of the united states upon Continental [establishment] in the time of the revolutionary war - That he enlisted with Captain Samuel Wise [see note below] of the third Regiment of Rangers of the South Carolina line. he enlisted in Anson County in the State of North Carolina near to the line of South Carolina in the month of march preceeding the Siege of fort Moultrie [sic: Battle of Fort Sullivan, later called Fort Moultrie, 28 - 29 Jun 1776]. that he & the other recruits marched with Captain Wise from the place of enlistment Down to the ten mile house in the neighbourhood of the City of Chalston [sic: Charleston] in South Carolina where he joined or was associated with other Troops belonging to the third Regiment command by a Colo Thompson [sic: William "Danger" Thomson] they remained a short time at that encampment & were marched in to Sullivan Island, on which he remained during the Siege of Fort Moultrie by the British he was enlisted for fifteen months & after the British were repulsed at the fort his Captain was promoted & he was put under the comand of Captain Uriah Godwin [sic: Uriah Goodwin] At what time Capt. Godwin took command of the company he cannot distinctly remember - he was marched to the town of Savanna [sic: Savannah GA] where he was taken sick remained in the Hospital two or three weeks & was then taken in a boat to Augusta the march to Augusta was as he understood with the intention of proceeding against the Creek indians but the expedition against the Creeks was abandoned & he with others had a furlow for thirty days with orders to rejoin his company at the high hills of Santee [SC] which he did & continued in service untill the expiration of his term of service in different part of the States of Georgia & South Carolina & was discharged near Charlestown his discharge was in writing & was kept by him for may years but is now destroyed when & where destroyed he does not remember he says he was in many other Campains or expeditions during the war but was generally a volunteer in the militia but was not in the regular sevice except as before stated —

He is now in the 62<sup>nd</sup> year of his age has or claims 2 acres of land which he cultivates by his own labour for the support of himself his wife & his aged mother now upwars of 101 years of age perfectly helpless & his wife verry infirm his sons are grown & left him they are poor like their father & have to Labour for subsitance - & give me no aid his land is the principle part of his property it is worth but little & he believes his situation & circumstances require the aid of his country if it is though proper to allow him assistance                      James hisXmark Bagget  
[Peter Hubbard, pension application S31154, certified that he had served with Baggett.]

State of Tennessee

At a County Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions Continued & held for the County of Montgomery at the Court House in the Town of Clarksville on the third Monday in October Anno Domini 1820

Present

Sterling Neblett }  
Stephen Cocke } Esquires Justices of the Court of quorum  
Stephen Thomas }

Schedule of the property of James Baggett

to Wit Twenty acres of land, one mare & Colt, four head of Cattle, seven head of sheep, six head of common size hogs & eight pigs, one large iron kettle, one raw Cow hide and some few shelf or Cupboard articles, two dollars due me, & I am indebtet thirty five dollars                      James Baggett

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on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record (which have the power of fine & imprisonment) for the County of Montgomery James Baggett aged sixty four years, a farmer by occupation, and now in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support myself without the assistance of my Country, my wife Nancy by name aged about sixty two years no other family living with me, the said James Baggett is a resident of said County of Montgomery who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war; and hath heretofore been placed on the pension list of the United States & hath obtained a pension Certificate from the War department dated 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1819. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 & that I have not sine 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 the Act of Congress, entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval services of the United States in the revolutionary" war passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and 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 Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed (necessary clothing & bedding excepted) Sworn to declared & subscribed on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820 before the Court of pleas & quarter sessions for the County of Montgomery & State of Tennessee.

James Baggett

NOTES:

Other sources state that Samuel Wise was already Major at the Battle of Fort Sullivan. Thomson's troops were at the NE end of Sullivans Island to prevent the British from crossing Breach Inlet from Long Island (now Isle of Palms).

A Treasury Department document states that "Abraham Baggett & Josiah Baggett 2 of the 4 surviving children of James Baggett dec'd." were give the final pension payment up to 18 Sep 1833, the presumed date of James Baggett's death. A note in the file states that Nancy Baggett died 29 Jun 1838 and that she was known as the wife of James Baggett in 1793.