

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Badget S6593

VA

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State of Virginia Louisa County (to wit)

On this 14th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County of Louisa now sitting: Thomas Badget a resident of said County and State 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 June 7th 1832:

That he entered the service of the United States as a common soldier under the following named officers and served five tours of military duty as herein stated. He served his first tour of duty with the militia for two months in December and January 1779–80 at Albemarle Barracks under Captain Benjamin Timberlake. Colo [Francis] Taylor commanded, in guarding the British troops captured under Gen. Burgoyne in 1777. His second tour of duty commenced the 10th day of June 1780 under Captain John Byars; Thos. Helton [Thomas Helton] Lieutenant; Anthony Winston ensign. That on this tour he marched from Anderson's Bridge Louisa County to Hillsborough North Carolina where he was trained for some time: from thence to Pedee [sic: Pee Dee] River, from thence to the neighbourhood of Camden [SC] where he joined [Gen. Horatio] Gates and fought the battle of Camden under General Gates [16 Aug 1780].

He never had a written discharge from the army in his life. He was discharged at Guilford Court House [NC] in November 1780 and returned about Christmas to his home in Louisa County Virginia He lived in Louisa when he entered the service and has lived there ever since. He was drafted every tour he performed except one, when he was a substitute for John Watson of Louisa. He recollects Gen. Edward Stevens who made great efforts to rally his broken troops at Camden; He also recollects Colo. George Stubblefield, Colo. [Joseph] Spencer and Faulkner [sic: Ralph Falkner]. He performed his third tour of duty for two months, under Captain James Watson, during this tour he was at Richmond under Gen. Lafayette and saw the warehouses burnt at Manchester [30 Apr 1781]. He recollects in the course of his service being under Colo Thomas Matthews [Thomas Mathews] and James Innis [sic: James Innes]. As a substitute for John Watson of Louisa, he served a fourth tour at Malvern Hills [15 mi SE of Richmond], Williamsburg, Holt's Forge &ca. under Captain Richard Phillips for two months. General [Thomas] Nelson commanded. He served a fifth tour of militia duty for three months at and before the siege of York Town [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. His Captains were Samuel O. Pettis George Lumsden and Stubbs Gen'l. [George] Weedon commanded on the Gloucester side of York River. He recollects also Colo. Holt Richardson [Holt Richeson] and Mercer. He has named all the officers he now recollects having served with. That he was born in the county of Louisa and has lived in Louisa all his life and now resides in said county. He has no register of his age. John Ward [pension application W1960], Nathaniel Snelson [W6135], and Joel Walton [S6327] were in service with him and have testified to his services. He does not know of any other persons living at this time who can testify as to his services: That in reference to his character he refers to Timothy T. Swift and Wm. Nelson his neighbours. He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

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Louisa County to wit:

Nathaniel Snelson and Joel Walton of said county this day made oath before me William Nelson a justice of the peace for said county, That they served with Thomas Badget in the year 1780 for six months in the same company of militia, in the Carolinas and at Camden and know that he performed that tour of military duty as it is described in the said Badget's declaration hereto annexed.

John Ward of said county and said Nathaniel Snelson also made oath in due form of Law before me

William Nelson a justice of the peace for said county that they served in the same militia company with the said Thomas Badget, in the third fourth and fifth tours of military duty as they are set forth in the said Badget's declaration hereto annexed; and that they know that his said declaration is true so far as it relates to those three tours of military duty. They also declare that from the information of others and from their own recollection of the occurrences of that period and from numberless conversations they have heretofore had with the said Thomas Badget that they verily believe he performed the first tour of military duty for two months at the Barracks in Albemarle, as it is set forth in the said Badgets declaration hereto annexed. I the said William Nelson, an acting justice of the peace in and for the County of Louisa do hereby further certify that the said John Ward, Nathaniel Snelson and Joel Walton have lived in my immediate neighbourhood for nineteen years last past, that they are eminently respectable men, and that full faith and credit ought to be given to their testimony above written; and that I have never heard their credibility impeached or doubted by any one. I further certify that Thomas Badget many years past, recounted to me his military adventures in the revolutionary war and that the account of them a set forth in his declaration hereto annexed, coincides (as far as my memory serves me) with his former narrative upon the same subject; In relation to his first tour of military duty in guarding the "convention troops" for two months at Albemarle Barracks, in the winter of 1779-80 he has more than once described to me the severity of the duty he performed, and his belief that Colo. Taylor his commander "had gone to the Devil long ago, for his cruelty to his soldiers." I tested the accuracy of his memory by comparing his account of the extreme coldness of the weather, and the great depth of the snow at that time with a volume of 600 pages of manuscript Annals of the Revolutionary War, now in my possession written at the time by a gentleman of highly cultivated mind and unimpeachable veracity, and have no hesitation in declaring that I verily believe, that he performed the said tour of duty as it is set forth in his declaration. Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of January 1833.

[signed] W. Nelson