

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Bagwell W10386

Mary Bagwell

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The State of Alabama, Fayette County: County Ct. January Term 1834

On this 20th day of January 1834 personally appeared in open Court before Walter Harkins Judge of the County Court of Fayette County Alabama Frederick Bagwell a resident of said County aged about 72 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 substitute in the place of his father Daniel Bagwell who was drafted in Wake County in the State of North Carolina some time in the month of January or February 1779, under the command of Captain Torrance [? could be Manlove Tarrant] who was commanded by Colonel Farmer [perhaps Thomas Farmer] and General Butler [John Butler] and marched from Wake County to Hillsboro and thence to Salisbury thence to Charlotte thence to Augusta, Georgia thence down Savannah River in Georgia nearly opposite to Savannah and then crossed the River into South Carolina thence to Stono River and was there taken from under the command of Captain Torrance and put under Captain Reynolds [Dudley Reynolds] in the light infantry and was in the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] and whilst I was at Stono I was returned back into Captain Tarrants' company and was discharged by Captain Tarrants sometime in July or August 1779. I again entered the service of the United States as a substitute in the place of Jesse Richards who was drafted in Wake County some time about April 1780 under the command of Captain Lewis Blecher [Louis Bledsoe?] who was commanded by Colonel Lightly and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and marched from Wake Court House to Hillsboro, Salisbury and Charlotte and thence we started to Cameltown [sic, Camden?], but met with the enemy on the way and got defeated which was called Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], the Company which I belonged to was then broken a great part of them with my Captain went home I started home but met with Captain Hillsman on Pedee River and stayed with him until Captain Blecher went home and returned with his company. I then joined his company again and marched to Hillsboro where I was discharged by Captain Blecher sometime in October 1780. I again entered the service of the United States as a substitute for Thomas Bunch who was drafted in Wake County North Carolina some time in April 1781 under the command of Captain Lewis Blecher who was commanded by Colonel Fifer [probably either Caleb Phifer or John Phifer] and marched from Wake County North Carolina to Hillsboro thence to Salisbury thence to Cross Creek thence back to Hillsboro as a guard over some British & Tory prisoners and put them in Jail at Hillsboro where I was discharged some time in October 1781 by Captain Blecher. I again entered the service as a substitute for Arthur Pope who was drafted in Johnson [sic Johnston] County North Carolina before our reached home and took his place near Smithfield under Captain John Giles who was commanded by Colonel Moore [probably James Moore] and General Caswell [Richard Caswell] and marched thence to Kingston [sic, Kinston] thence to Wilmington thence to Cross Creek thence to Smithfield where I was discharged some time in March or April 1782 by Captain Giles. And immediately after I arrived at

home in Wake County, there was a draft for one to be taken from every eighteen men I cleared [?]¹ the class and entered the service under Captain Jones [Tignal Jones] who was commanded by Colonel Ooton or Wooton [probably Thomas Wooten], I do not recollect which name and General Parsons and marched from Wake County to Hillsboro and thence to Salisbury where I was taken sick and lay in the Hospital until I hired a man by the name of Bunn to take my place and was discharged by Captain Jones about August 1782 which discharges are all lost or mislaid so they cannot be found making in all of my tours of duty more than two years service but it has been so long ago that I cannot recollect the precise length of each term of engagement but I know I was almost continually in service from the spring of 1779 until I was discharged from the hospital. 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 and I have no documentary evidence and I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service and that there are no clergyman in my vicinity whom I can get to certify to my declaration therefore I refer to the annexed certificate of John Smith and George Collins.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Attest

S/ Frederick Bagwell, B his mark

S/ Jas. B. Morton, Clk

[John Smith and George Collins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Alabama, Fayette County

Before me William Thompson an acting Justice of the peace for said County personally appeared Frederick Bagwell who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, to wit, from the time I entered the service under Captain Tarrants and Colonel Farmer in the spring of 1779 until I was discharged was not less than six months, in my second tour of duty under Captain Blecher and Colonel Lightly from the time I entered the service in April 1780 until I was discharged was not less than five months, in my third tour of duty under Captain Blecher and Colonel Fifer from the time I entered the service in April 1781 until I was discharged in October 1781 was not less than five months, in my fourth tour of duty under Captain Giles and Colonel Moore from the time I entered the service about February 1782 until I was discharged was not less than three months, in my fifth tour of duty under Captain Jones and Col. Ooton or Wooton in 1782 until I was discharged from the hospital was not less than three months and for such services I claim a pension. Sworn to and subscribed this 20th day of May 1832.

S/ William Thompson, JP

S/ Frederick Bagwell, B his mark

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State of Alabama, Fayette County

Before me an acting Justice of the Peace for said County personally appeared Frederick Bagwell who being duly sworn deposed and saith that the reason why he served longer in his first tour of duty than was usual for the militia was that the militia were drafted for five months wishing their service, three months, after crossing the line of South Carolina and believing that it would require two months to go there and returned and after we were in readiness to go, we were kept back by our officers waiting for the Virginia troops to come on. The second tour with the militia were also drafted for five months for the same reason as above.

In my third tour of duty the militia were drafted for three months and near the expiration of said Term we volunteered our Services to guard some prisoners into Hillsboro Jail and remained there two

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months after the time for which the militia were drafted had expired – The fourth tour the militia were drafted for three months only which time I served.

The fifth tour of militia were drafted for 18 months, after I served three months I was taken sick and hired a substitute.

Sworn to and subscribed this sixth day of November 1834.

S/ B. W. Wilson, JP

S/ Frederick Bagwell, B his mark

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State of Alabama, Fayette County

Before me B. W. Wilson an acting Justice of the Peace for said County personally appeared Frederick Bagwell who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that according to the Certificate of the Secretary of State of North Carolina his name does not appear on the rolls of service but it being found in a book of settlements with the officers and soldiers of the revolution he is therefore willing for his time of service to be computed agreeable to the ratio of pay he received for said services and his pension regulated by the same, he further states that those tours of duty which he was unable to specify in his first declaration he is willing to relinquish (owing to his not being able to make proof of the same as required) provided said certificates of State does not give sufficient satisfaction to entitle him to pay for the same. Sworn to and subscribed this eighth day of June 1835.

S/ B. W. Wilson, JP

S/ Frederick Bagwell, B his mark

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State of Alabama, Fayette County

Before me William Thompson an acting Justice of the peace for said County personally appeared Frederick Bagwell who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that in the tour of which he hired a substitute he only claims three months service and owing to his not being able to make satisfactory proof of his having served longer than three months in his other tours of duty he is willing for them to be computed at three months each.

Sworn to and subscribed this 23rd day of July 1835.

S/ William Thompson, JP

S/ Frederick Bagwell, B his mark

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from a book of settlements of the accounts of the officers and Soldiers of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Frederick Bagwell a private Soldier of the said line was allowed the sum of 186 pounds 12 shillings and eight pence for his services (£186.12.8).

Given under my hand this 28th day of April 1835.

S/ W. Hill

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Raleigh 28th of April 1835

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 11th instant, was received this morning and I have carefully examined the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war for the name of Frederick Bagwell, but do not find it there, but signed it on the book of Settlements in this Office a shoe will see by the certificate here with sent.

My fees for searching and certificate is \$00.25/100.

Very respectfully your Obt. Servt.

S/ W. Hill

[p 14: Mary Bagwell, widow, filed for a pension on October 8, 1851 in Fayette County, Alabama. She says she married Frederick Bagwell 'about the year 1773 & that he departed this life in the County of Fayette on the 13th day of February A.D. 1851....' (later witnesses state he died on Feb. 13, 1850). She says she is 99 years old. She says she was married in NC. Her maiden name was Mary Hill.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private for 15 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]