

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Padgett W2331

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State of North Carolina } On this tenth day of September 1832  
Rutherford County } Personally appear in open Court before the Justices of the Court  
now sitting it Being a Court of Record John Padgett a Resident of the united States in the County  
of Rutherford and State of North Carolina aged 70 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 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 That he Entered the Service of the United States as a  
Volunteer under the following named officers and served in the different Companies as herein  
stated (viz) In June 1780 I Entered the service of the united states as a volunteer under the  
Command of Capt Bostick [Absalom Bostick, pension application R1039] in Rowan County  
North Carolina for the Term of three Months. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel  
Ledbetter. we were stationed at Salisbury for a few days and Then ordered to join General  
[Horatio] Gates near Camden [SC] we were under the Command of General [Griffith] Rutherford  
until we found the main Army near the Waxhaws, was in the Battle that Terminated in Gates  
defeat near Camden [16 Aug 1780] I was one of the number that was dispersed in that action  
was met in a short time by some of my officers at the hanging Rock and was directed to proceed  
to Charlotte N Carolina at that place was met by a number of the dispersed Army and  
proceeded on to Salisbury and ended that Term of service at The Moravin [sic: Moravian] Towns  
in No Carolina soon after I Entered another Term as a volunteer under the Command of Captain  
Meridith. I was then living in Surry County N Carolina my Parents having moved to that place  
was under the Command of Colonel Lenoir as well as I can Remember was one of the Guard that  
Guarded the prisoners that was taken at the Battle of Kings Mountain [7 Oct 1780] after they  
were Brought to the Moraven Town, where I was stationed was prevented from being in that  
Battle by Reason of my not having a Horse to Ride on with the Riflemen my Term of Service was  
three Months and Ended without my being in any Engagement. my next Term of Service was  
among the Horse and was in that service in the whole five Months Serving at Times under  
different officer Commenc'd under Capt Dyer Colonel Armstrong Commanded the Corpse of  
Horse And part of the Time under the Command of General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]  
While he was in North Carolina I belonged to a Company of Mounted Riflemen, or light troops  
who were almost constantly Employ'd in pursuit of Tories in Parties and in preventing  
communication between the British and Citizens was Frequently in Skirmishing Engagements  
too Tedious to mention but will state a few at one Time was sent to attack the out post of the  
Enemy near Hillsborough at which time they stood three fires before we succeeded in driving  
them to their main Encampment at another Time three days before the Guilford Battle [Battle of  
Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] we were sent to storm the out post of the Enemy near  
what was called the little alamance the object for which this Effort was made was if possible to  
bring the Enemy to an Engagement But the Company got Entangled among the Enemy and  
produc'd a failure some of the party geting kill'd in the attempt. was not in the main Guilford  
fight having at that Time been ordered on other service as was usual after the Guilford fight  
proceeded on towards the fork of the Yadkin and had a brush with the Tories near the mouth of  
Rocky River and Ended that Term of Service in that direction  
my next and last Term of Service commenced under the Command of Captain Smith Colonel  
Smith Commanding the Corps. I was then a volunteer also and enter'd the service I believe in  
August 1781 was in the service at that time three Months among the Horse, finding my own  
Horse at This Time as above he Enter'd the service in Surry County N Carolina This was call'd  
the Raft Swamp Expedition was marched to Willmington [sic: Wilmington] and was in an action  
near that place at what was call'd the Brick House [15 Nov 1781] we were also at this time  
frequently in skirmishing engagements from this place a party of us was sent on towards  
Georgetown [SC] (I being of the number) to scour the Country and Subdue the Tories and in this  
Expedition we were frequently Engaged with small parties and suffer'd much in consequence of  
the nature of the service and Country when we return'd from this Expedition we Rec'd news of

the Capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] and was Immediately discharged which discharge I now have and have annexed a copy to this statement

my discharge for my last term of service is in the following words

North Carolina } Camp't at Shaws John Padgett is  
Brunswick County } discharg'd by order of Colonel Smith

he having served out his Tour in my troop as a good  
and faithful Soldier

November the 17<sup>th</sup> 1781 Minor Smith Capt

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 whatsoever

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [subscription missing]

Where and in what year was you Born. Answer from the best Information I have I was born in the year 1763

have you any Record of your age. Answer I have not but I Recollect to have heard my parents say I was in my 14 year when the Declaration of Independence was Declared and from that I have kept my age. question Where was you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live) Answer) I was living in Rowan County N Carolina from that place my parents moved to Surry County N.C. some time after the War I with Family moved to Chester District S Carolina we Remained there several years from that place I moved to Rutherford County N.Carolina where I have Resided for the last Thirty years)

question. How were you called into service were you Drafted did you Volunteer or were you a substitute

Answer my first service was under Capt Bostick for three months Col Ledbetter commanded second Tower three months service Capt Meredith Commanded by Col'n Lenoir Third Tower in the Horse service Two Months under Captain Dyer This Tower was under the Command of Col'n John Armstrong Next Tower under the same Officers served only one Month Next Tower was under the Captain for Two Months same Col'n Next Tower was under Captain Minor Smith for three months and the command of Col'n Smith I was under General Gates was under Gen'l Green also Gen'l. Rutherford

NOTE: On 2 May 1853 Elizabeth Padgett, 84, applied for a pension stating that she married John Padgett in Jan 1806, and he died 23 Oct 1837. The file contains a bond signed on 21 Jan 1809 by John Padgett for his marriage to Betsy Cockerham. Her application for bounty land dated 2 Jun 1855 gives her age as 87. One of the witnesses was Lewis Padgett. Other documents mention an M. C. Padgett, refer to the "four or five" children of John and Elizabeth Padgett, and state that she died about 1856.