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Pension Application of John Bagby W2997

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State of Kentucky Barren County Sct

On the 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court for Barren County John Bagby aged 71 years the 25th day of last May, who being first duely sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated

He enlisted in the fall of 1778, in the Regiment of guards, which guarded Burgoyne's troops [Gen. John Burgoyne's army, surrendered at Saratoga 17 Oct 1777 and brought to Albemarle County in Jan 1779], in the Virginia State troops, in the Capacity of a Sergeant in the Company of Cap. Robert Barret [sic: Robert Barrett] & served under the following officers; Cap. Barret, who resigned in about 15 months, Lieutenant Anderson Thompson who resigned in about the same time, Ensign Sam'l. O. Pettis [Samuel O. Pettis], afterwards promoted to the Lieutenancy, & Jesse Pollet made ensign in his place, Col. Francis Taylor Col. of the Regiment of guards, William Fontaine Lieutenant Col, Major John Roberts; He was stationed in Ambermarle [sic] County to guard Burgoyne's troops, & occasionally when the British Came into the Capes, marched farther into the interior for the sake of provisions & to get out of the way of the enemy.

At the time he entered the service he lived in Louisa County Virginia. He enlisted in the Regiment of guards to serve during the stay of the prisoners, but served two years & four or five months; he was in no battles. He served only with the Regiment of guards & was not acquainted with any Regular companies or Regiments. He knew the following Regular officers in the Regiment of guards Cap. [Ambrose] Madison, Cap. Garland Burnley, Cap. Ben. Timberlake [Benjamin Timberlake], Col Taylor, L. Col. Fontaine Major John Roberts, Cap. Pollet, Cap Rice, Cap. [Edward] Herndon, & Cap. [James] Burton & others. He was discharged in April 1781 by Col. Taylor. His Discharge is now lost, not expecting to have any further use for it. He has now no Documentary evidence of his service &c but submits to the War Department the Affidavit of his service by James Foster. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or Annuity & Declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any state

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid

[signed] John Bagby

NOTE: On 14 Sep 1839 Matilda Bagby, aged 66 years on 19 Nov 1838, applied for a pension stating that she married John Bagby in Amherst County VA on 20 Dec 1792, and he died 17 Nov 1834. Her statement was certified by Sylvanus M. Bagby, a Baptist minister. The file contains a family record written in *A New Version of the Psalms of David*, certified by Sylvanus M. Bagby, and transcribed below. On 30 Mar 1855 Matilda Bagby applied for bounty land, stating that her name before marriage was Matilda Davis.

[El]lvira Bagby Daug[page torn] Bagby & Matilda his wife was Born the 4th Day of nov'r. 1793

Landon Bagby son of John & Matilda Bagby was Born the 30th day of Dec'r. 1795

Roderick Bagby Son of John and Matilda Bagby was born the 10th day of August 1798

[?] Bagby daughter [some illegible words] Bagby was Born the 3^d Day of April 1801

Richard Bagby son of John & Matilda Bagby was Born the 28th[?] day December 1802

Nancy Bagby Daughter of John & Matilda Bagby was born the [?] of June 1805

William Bagby son of John and Matilda Bagby was born the 3^d of June 1808

John Bagby & Matilda his wife married 20th Dec'r. 1792

Theodocia Morris Bagby daughter of John & Matilda Bagby was born 9th July 1810

Charles Davis Bagby son of John & Matilda Bagby was Born the 18th November 1813