

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Tagert (Taggert) W4081 Nancy Tagert f135NC
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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

On this 27th day of June A.D. 1843 – personally appeared before me John Sloan one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Mecklenburg County Nancy Tagert a resident of the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina aged Seventy one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838 – entitled “An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:” That she is the widow of James Tagert who was a Lieutenant in a company of North Carolina Militia during the war of the revolution, which was commanded by Captain William Alexander. The field officers were General William Polk, Colonel Thomas Polk and Colonel Robert Erwin he marched with his company through part of North Carolina and South Carolina and was in the service at the time Charleston was taken by the enemy – he was in the battle at Ramsour's Mill North Carolina [June 20, 1780] and at the battle of Cowans Ford [February 1, 1781] under General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] of – he was also in a little skirmish with the British and Tories near Charlotte NC. She further declares that she is unable to prove the amount of service rendered by her husband the said James Tagert – he served three months at one time and was out divers other times – which will appear by reference to the depositions accompany this declaration and marked A & B – She further declares that her said husband was in possession of all his discharges and papers relative to his service in the Revolution and that the time of his death these passed into the hands of his administrator Joseph Blackwood who also shortly afterwards died and the papers of James Tagert relative to his services in the aforesaid were lost or misplaced. She further declares that she was married to the said James Tagert on the 18th day of December 1792 in Mecklenburg County N. C. that her husband the aforesaid James Tagert died on the 22nd of September A.D. 1815 – that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service – but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time aforesaid.

Sworn & subscribed on the day and year above written before me.

S/ John Sloan, Chairman C. C. C.

S/ Nancy Tagert, X her mark

[p 15, marriage bond issue in Mecklenburg County North Carolina on Dec. 17, 1792 for James Tagert to marry Agnes Brown; James Brown as the co-bondsman with James Tagert.]

[p 80—following document is heavily edited for spelling, grammar and punctuation.] “A”
State of North Carolina, Lincoln County: April 24th, 1843

We the undersigned Justices of the Peace came to the house of Robert Brown to take the

Deposition of said Robert Brown Relative to what he knows of James Tagert being a soldier in the Service of the Revolutionary War with Great Britain and the said Robert Brown Deposeth as Follows, to wit: Question the first: do you know whether James Tagert was a Soldier in the Revolution War and Whether he was a Volunteer or whether he was Drafted[?] Answer: I do know that he was in Service at the time that Charleston was taken by the British and that he was a Volunteer. 2 Question: do you know what length of time he served [?] Answer I do not know how long he Served but I do know that he served one three months tour then was out on another tour but I don't know how long. 3 Question: do you know in what Company his Served [?] Answer: I do not know. 4 Question: do you know through what part of the United States he marched in the Discharge of his Duty [?] Answer: he marched through North and South Carolina. 5 Question: do you know who was the field officers under whom he served [?] Answer: I know General William Polk and Colonel Thomas Polk and Colonel Robert Erwin was. 6 Question: do you know what was the officers of his Company [?] Answer: I do not know. 7 Question: do you know whether he was in any Engagement or not [?] Answer: I know that [he] was in a Company with Scouting Party and came across 44 of the British and Tories and two Baggage Wagons and killed 20 and took 12 Prisoners and that he was in the Battle at Cowan's Ford in Mecklenburg County when General Davidson fell obstructing the Passage of the British at said Ford and that he marched to the Battle at Ramsour's Mill in Lincoln County North Carolina.

8 Question: Do you know when his service Ended [?] Answer: Near the Close of the War. 9 Question: do you know when James Tagert and Nancy Tagert was married [?] Answer in the year 1792 in the latter part of that year. 10 Question: you know the age of Nancy Tagert [?] Answer – she was Born in the year 1772 . 11 Question: when did she become a Citizen in Mecklenburg County [?] Answer: in the year 1776. 12 Question: Where was she Born [?] Answer she was Born in Chester [?] County in Pennsylvania. 13 Question: by whom was the marriage ceremony preformed [?] Answer by William Wilson Esq..

The above Sworn to and Subscribed to in the Presence of we the undersigned Justices of the Peace for the County of Lincoln and State of North Carolina.

Test:

S/ Robert Brown, X his mark

S/ David Crause, JP

S/ Georg Murry [could be Munry], JP

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County: September the 2nd 1842

We the Undersigned Justices of the peace came to the house of Michael McLeary¹ relative to what he knew of James Taggart being a soldier in the Service of the Revolutionary War vs Great Britain = and the said McLeary Deposeth as follows – Viz.

Question first: Do you know whether James Taggart was a soldier in the revolutionary war and whether he was a volunteer or drafted [?] Answer: I do not know whether he was a volunteer or not but I do know that he was in the Service for I served under him as Lieutenant.

Question 2nd Was there any particular Occurrence during your service under Lieutenant Tagert[?] Answer: there was I was one of fourteen men who volunteered with Lieutenant James Tagert who attacked two wagons & their guard 2 miles from Charlotte in within half a mile of the British out post and we succeeded in capturing the two wagons which were loaded with Stores for the British then in Charlotte under Lord Cornwallis and we captured I think 12 prisoners who were of the guard and killed two.

Question 3rd Do you know what length of time he served [?] -- Answer I cannot recollect

1 [Michael McLeary S8886](#)

the length of time he served but I think he served a great while.

Question fourth: In what Campaign was his Service rendered [?] Answer: he belonged to the North Carolina Militia. Question fifth: Through what part of the United States did he march in the discharge of his duties [?] Answer: through no other part of my own knowledge Except North Carolina. Question sixth: Who were the field officers under whom he served [?] Answer he served under General Davidson who fell in the engagement at Cowan's Ford on the Catawba River in Mecklenburg County North Carolina as to the field officers I do not recollect. Question seventh: Who were the officers in his Company [?] Answer I do not recollect. Question eighth: What battle was he engaged in [?] Answer: I do not know of my own knowledge whether he was in any battle but I think he marched with General Rutherford to the Battle at Ramsour's Mills in Lincoln County NC. Question ninth: Under whom and at what time did he join the Army[?] Answer I do not know under whom nor at what time he joined the Army. Questioned 10th: When did his time of service Expire [?] Answer I do not recollect.

The above sworn to and Subscribed to in the presence of we the undersigned Justices of the peace in and for the County of Mecklenburg County North Carolina.

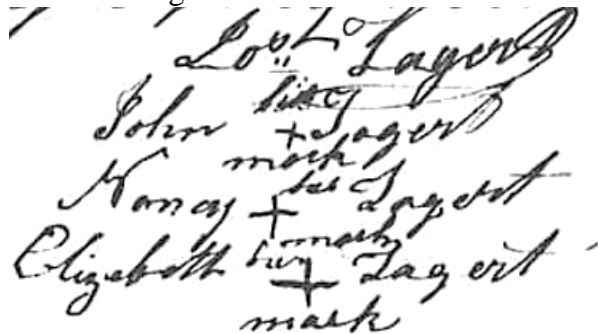
Test: S/ Andrew Greer, JP

S/ Michael McLeary

S/ Wm Boyle, JP

[p 105: NC Comptroller's office account of amounts paid James Tagert for military services during the Revolution.]

[p 3: Power of attorney dated December 31, 1851 executed in Mecklenburg County North Carolina by the children of Captain James and Nancy Taggart, namely: Joseph, John, Nancy and Elizabeth Tagert



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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

On this 2nd day of January 1852, personally appeared Joseph Tagert a Resident of said County aged 58 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 provision made by the act of Congress entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows passed 7th July 1838 – March the 3rd 1843, and 17th June 1844. – That this declarant the aforesaid Joseph Tagert] sic] in behalf of himself and the surviving children of Captain James & Nancy Tagert late of Mecklenburg County deceased States that the said James Tagert was an officer and soldier in the Army of the revolution as he has always understood and still believes and as such he served the United States from the commencement of hostilities until the close of the war and was Generally in service during the period but to give the particular's declarant cannot in detail but will as far as he has heard from recollection from his father and other soldiers of the revolution to wit That his Father

the said James Tagert entered the service of his Country as a volunteer in 1775 Colonel Polk's Regiment Captain ___ General Richardson and served some time over three months in the Western part of South Carolina commonly called the Snow campaign.

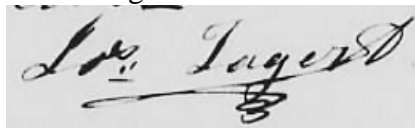
His next service was in the Indian campaign against the Cherokees on the Western part of North and South Carolina for three months in which they had several skirmishes with the enemy, and on one occasion his said Father and several other soldiers cut from the thigh of [an] Indian killed by William Hutchison some 4 or 5 strops one of which his father dressed for a razor strop which is still in possession of Declarant. He next served a tour of 3 months at Stono and City of Charleston in South Carolina before the reduction of Charleston as a Lieutenant and after the fall of Charleston joined the forces of General Sumter then in Mecklenburg County and with him fought the battles of Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780] and Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780] after which period he was almost constantly in service as a Captain and Lieutenant until the close of the war and was in the Battles of Stono [June 20, 1780], Rocky Mount, Hanging Rock, Cowan's Ford on Catawba where General Davidson was killed, Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and a fight near Charlotte where his father the said James Tagert with ten men under his command waylaid and killed eleven of the advance guard of the British, took the most of their horses and made their escape in sight of the British Army.

Declarant further says his Father the said James Tagert kept the bayonet and sword he carried in the Revolution which was in the family for many years after his said Father's death until through neglect they were eaten up by the rust and that his father ever after bore the name of Captain.

Declarant further says that his Father was living in Mecklenburg County North Carolina before the Revolution which continued to be his home to the time of his death leaving his wife Nancy a widow and would refer the department to the time of his said Father's death as well as his marriage to his said mother which is admitted to Edmund F Broum 31st December 1846 and that his mother the above named Nancy Tagert Departed this life in Mecklenburg County the 16th day of August 1845 not having intermarried after the death of her said husband. Declarant further says that he has no documentary evidence or commissions to sustain his said mother's claim and that he believes his father's commissions and other papers were destroyed by the Executor of his said father's estate and that he knows of no person now living by whom his father's services can be proved and would referred the Department to the proof now on file in this case.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written

S/ Jos. Tagert

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jos. Tagert", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran's widow was granted a pension at the rate of \$50 per annum for her husband service as a private & Lieutenant in the North Carolina militia.]