## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Dagger S39412 VA
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At a Court held for the County of Botetourt in the state of Virginia the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818

Peter Dagger an inhabitant of this County and Citizen of this state, appeared before this Court, being a Court of Record, and made Oath, that he served as a soldier in the army of the United States, in the War of the revolution, that he inlisted in said service as an Orderly Sergeant in the year 1777 under Capt'n Jonathan Langdon [company raised in what became Shenandoah County], that he was attach'd to the 12<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colo. James Wood, & obtained a discharge as an Orderly Sergeant in the year 1780 from Colo. Richard Campbell of the Virg'a Line, which discharge has long since been lost, and that he (said Dagger) is now in such low circumstances as to need the assistance of his country for support, being disabled by a Log falling on him

Henry Bowyer [pension application W5859] made oath that he was a Lieut't. & Adjutant in the 12<sup>th</sup> Virg'a. Regiment in the Army of the Revolution – that he knew s'd. Peter Dagger to be an Orderly Sergeant in Capt'n. Langdons Company of s'd. Regem't. that he has reason to believe said Dagger served the term for which he was inlisted, to wit, three years.

John Allen made Oath that he is well acquainted with said Peter Dagger, that he is a poor man & in his opinion, needs the assistance of his Country for support

[The following is among the bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia:]

I do hereby Certify that Peter Dager enlisted as a Sergeant in the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment early in the year 1777, for three years, or during the war. I recollect him perfectly, and know that he continued in the Regiment until December 1779 or January 1780, when I was Detached from the Regiment. I am fully persuaded that he served at least three years, at the end of that term it was optional in him, (from the tenor of his enlistment) to serve longer, or to take his Discharge. He was esteemed a brave and meritorious soldier.

Given under my hand at Richmond this 23<sup>d</sup> December 1808.

[signed] James Wood. formerly Brig'r. Genrl, Continental army.