Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Badgett (Badget) S6559 Transcribed by Will Graves f21NC 8/12/07 rev'd 8/4/14

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State of North Carolina County of Caswell: Superior Court of Fall, Fall Term 1832

On this 5th day of November A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judge of the Superior Court of Law, now sitting in and for the County and State aforesaid, Peter Badget a resident of the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina aged Seventy Two years on the 23rd day of December last, 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 the 7th 1832 –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, to wit: Sometime about the last of October 1778, I entered the Militia service as a substitute in place of my father John Badget in the County of Granville North Carolina in the company of Captain Richard Taylor, for the term of four months. We were marched to Hillsborough in this State, and at that place we found a Regiment commanded by Colonel Saunders [James Saunders] a militia officer, we were ordered to march to Salisbury, having been called into the service to march to the relief of South Carolina and Georgia. Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle] a Continental officer and his Regiment marched in company with us though I believe the Regiment to which he commanded were not Regulars – when we arrived near Salisbury I was ordered to remain with William Badget, a private in the company in which I served, who had been taken sick and was unable to proceed with the Army, though we were directed to join the Army again, as soon as he recovered from his sickness, but he having continued in a very bad state of health, I remained to attend on him until about the middle of February following when I returned home, after having been out about three and a half months – I received no discharge in this tour except the order or furlough which I received from Captain Taylor to remain with William Badget who was sick. This order or furlough I afterwards gave to the Paymaster at Hillsboro, from whom I received pay for my services –

About the first of September 1780, I volunteered for three months in the County of Granville in this State in a Militia Company commanded by Captain Vass in which company I acted as Ensign, my commission for that appointment having been signed by Abner Nash at that time Governor of North Carolina. We marched to Hillsboro and were placed under the command of Colonel William Moore a militia officer; a number of other Militia troops were also there, which together with the Regiment of Colonel Moore, were commanded by General Butler [John Butler]. From Hillsboro we marched to Salisbury, and shortly after leaving that place, we joined Colonel Washington [William Washington] and his troop of horse; Colonel Lea [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] as well as I remember was also a long, and General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] who commanded a number of Militia, and after Joining them, the Regiment in which I served was placed under the command of General Davidson; General Butler having remained at Salisbury & part of our troops were ordered in pursuit of a large body of Tories, and having taken a number of them prisoners at Rugeley's Mills [December 4, 1780], they returned with them to our Army, which had remained behind, and with which I had continued. The prisoners taken were sent to Salisbury under a guard in which I served commanded by Colonel

Moore, and after remaining at Salisbury a short time, I was discharged sometime in December 1780, after having served a tour of three months or more. My discharge was signed by Colonel Moore, which I have lost or mislaid – About the first of February 1781, I volunteered in a Militia company for three months in the County of Granville in this State, the company being commanded by Captain Harrison [Richard Harrison]; and we joined several Militia companies commanded by Colonel Taylor at Harrisburg in Granville County, where we were placed under the command of General Butler, a few days afterwards we were joined by a [indecipherable word] of Militia commanded by General Eaton, we then marched to the High Rock on Haw River, and joined the Army commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene], we then marched in the direction of Guilford Court House, near which place I was in the Battle of Guilford on the 15th of March 1781 – We were afterwards marched to the old Iron Works in Rockingham County and after remaining there about a week, we marched to Ramsey's Mills on Deep River, from which place we marched to a place called Abbanathia [?]¹ in Wake County, where I received a discharge on the 10th day of May 1781, Signed by James Allison Ensign of the company in which I served, this discharge I have lost or mislaid –

About the first of September 1781, I volunteered for three months in the County of Granville in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Walker in which company I served as Ensign, during the tour of three months, acting under the same commission which I had received about the first of September 1780, and which was signed by Abner Nash then Governor of North Carolina – the Company in which I served was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Taylor [Joseph Taylor], we then marched to Cross Creek, where we met General Butler on his return from the lower part of this State. He had under his command several regiments of Militia, one of which was commanded by Colonel Moore and another by Colonel Owen; from Cross Creek we marched in the southern part of this State in pursuit of a body of Tories. In this tour General Butler and his troops were sometimes with the Regiment in which I served, and at other times they left us and acted separately. After marching over a large extent of Country, we went in the neighborhood of Wilmington, and after remaining there three or four weeks, I was discharged at a place called Rocky Point, about the first of December 1781. My discharge was signed by Colonel Owen, under whose command the company in which I served or a part of them were placed, Colonel Taylor who commanded our Regiment having returned home before the end of the tour, – In all of the above tours of service I was out something upwards of twelve months, six months of which time I served as an Ensign. The commission under which I acted has been lost or mislaid many years since –

I was born in the County of Granville, State of North Carolina on the 23^{rd} day of December 1759 – My age is recorded in the family Bible of my father now in the possession of William Badget of this County – I was living in Granville County in this State when first called into service, where I continued to live until 1793, when I removed to Person County in this State and lived there until the year 1818, when I removed to Caswell County in this State, where I have remained until this time. I am known to Henry Howard & Abner Mills being my neighbors – who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jeremiah Graves, C. S. C.

S/Peter Badgett

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State of North Carolina County of Caswell: Superior Court of Law, Fall Term 1832

Personally appeared in open Court on this 5th day of November A.D. 1832 William Badget² a resident of the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he lived with Peter Badget who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration when he was first called into service in the Revolutionary War. That about the last of October 1778, he entered the Militia Service with the said Peter Badget for a tour of five months in the County of Granville North Carolina, that in marching to the South this affiant was taken sick near Salisbury, and was unable to continue his march with the Army, that the said Peter Badget was directed by the Captain commanding the Company in which they served to remain with and take care of him during his sickness, that he continued sick until the middle of February following, or thereabouts, and was attended to during the greater part of his sickness by the said Peter Badget. – This affiant further states that in the Fall of 1780, that the said Peter Badget volunteered in a Militia Company in Granville County in which the said Peter Badget acted as Ensign; though this affiant was not in that tour of service, but having lived with the said Peter Badget at that time, he remembers to have seen the commissioned by which he was appointed Ensign, and believes that he served a tour of three months, as it was that time or longer before he returned home – This affiant further states, that about the first of February 1781, he volunteered for three months, with the said Peter Badget in the County of Granville in this State, in a company commanded by Captain Harrison, that they were at the Battle of Guilford together, and were afterwards discharged at the end of the tour of three months, at a place called Abbanathie in this State – This affiant further states, that about the first of September, the said Peter Badget, with whom he then lived, volunteered in a Militia company in the County of Granville in which company he served as an Ensign, and though this affiant was not in service himself at that time, he believes that the said Peter Badget served the tour for which he entered into the service, as he was out for three months: and more, as well as he now recollects.

S/ William Badgett

William Bargett

[Henry Howard & Abner Miles gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina militia.]

² William Badgett (Badget) S6552