Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Bartholomew Gaddy W7494 Martha Gaddy VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 12 Oct 2014.

State of Virginia, Bedford County to witt,

on this 26th day of January 1839 personally appeared before me Balda McDaniel a Justice in and for said County Mrs. Martha Gaddy a citizen of said County aged 69 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, passed July 7th 1838, entitled, an act granting half pay, and pensions, to certain widows: That she is the widow of Bartholomew Gaddy who was a private in the Revolutionary war. That he entered into the service of the u states, from the county of Bedford the last day of August 1777 under the command of Cap Chas. Watkins [sic: Charles Gwatkin] for one year for the purpose of guarding our frontiers against the Indians – that he marched to fort Boon [sic: Boone Station in present KY] and continued into service there untill they were relieved by fresh troops upon the arrival of which, they returned home, and was discharged the 4th day of May 1778. That her husband the aforesaid Bartholomew Gaddy, was also at the Battle of Gilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], and at the Battle of York in 1781 [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. That she is of the opinion he served three months at each time. She further declares, that she was married to the said Gaddy about the 20th day of Oct. 1791 and they have lived together as man and wife, ever since, untill the death of her said husband – which she avers was on the 20th day of Sep'r. 1822. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of Jan'y. 1794 – that she was married to the said Gaddy, in said county, and at the time aforesaid, by the Rev'd. Jeremiah Hatcher as will more fully appear by the proof annexed – and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her husband, as aforesaid to the present time

Martha herXmark Gaddy

This is To Certify That Bar'w Gaddy Serv'd Under me as a Souldier in part of year 1777 and part of ye year 1778 at Kentucky Given Under my hand this 22th february 1797.

Chas Gwatkin [illegible abbreviation]

Bartholomew Gady a solger in my Compay of Militia from Bedford County have served his tower of Duty and Delverd up his his [sic] & therefore Discharged given discharge

wm. Giles [William Giles] Capt Camp 7 November 1781

Bedford County to witt.

on this 18 day of Jan'y. 1839 personally appeared before me Paschal Buford a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Mr. Jno Halley [John Holly, pension application S9588] a respectable citizen and resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say – That he is 77 years old. That he has been a Resident of this said county for more than 70 years. That Bartholomew Gaddy, Jno Prebble [John Pribble S5951], and himself entered into the service of the U states in the Revolutionary war, from said County together the last day of August 1777 for one year under the command of Capt Chas. Gwatkins, Lieut Jno Milam [John Milam] and Ensign Crews of the same company. That he the said Halley continued in the same service with the said Bartholomew Gaddy, and

Jno. Prebble untill the fourth day of May 1778. That they were called, and volunteered into service on the present occasion for the said one year, for the purpose of guarding the frontiers against the Indians. that they marched to fort Boon or Boonsborough [sic: Boonesborough], on or near the Kentucky River and remained there untill they were discharged on their return home the said fourth day of May 1778. That Capt Gwatkins company in which Bartholomew Gaddy, Jno. Prebble, and himself served, was discharged before their year was out, in consequence of fresh troops having arrived; their services being no longer needed at the Fort. That he the said Jno Halley further declares that he himself was at the battle of Gilford Courthouse N. Carolina in March 1781 – that he saw the said Gaddy the day after the Battle of said Gilford Courthouse, at the place of Rendevous – and he believes he was in the engagement. That he did not belong to the same command on that occasion, that said Gaddy did. That he thinks Gaddy belonged to [Charles] Lynch's Regiment – that he the said Halley only served one month on that occasion and returned home after said Battle having volunteered only to fight said battle – but that said Gaddy was in service at the time he served at Gilford and continued to serve after the the said Halley returned home. that the Bedford troops, on this occasion to which the said Gaddy belonged he thinks was called into service for three months, the troops generally on that occasion being called into service for that time – and further that the said Gaddy told him that he the said Gaddy was at the Battle of York in oct. 1781. That he told him several circumstances that took place, both at the Battle of York, and the battle of Gilford Courthouse – and that he verily believes he was at both places. And that we agree to the time the said Gaddy was married to his present Widow Marthy Gaddy, (whose maiden name was Martha Crews) he can say that he has known them as man and wife ever since the year 1792 – that they lived together as such ever since that time to the time of his the said Gaddy's death which he thinks was on or about the year 1821 or 2. That the said Marthy Gaddy has remained a widow ever since the death of her husband as aforesaid to the present time to the best of his knowledge and belief and that she is the identical person who is now claiming a pension at the hands of the Gen'l. Government as the widow of said Gaddy.

[John Pribble, 78, made a similar statement on 23 Jan 1839.] NOTES:

The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 18 Oct 1791 by Bartholomew Gaddy and John Taylor for the marriage of Gaddy to Martha Crews.

On 10 June 1843 Martha Gaddy was said to be 75, and on 13 June 1851 she was said to be 80. She was said to be 87 on an application for bounty land dated 26 May 1855. William Gaddy and William J. Crank certified that they were neighbors of Martha Gaddy.