

Pension Application for John Badger or Bagger

S.15301

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. State of Vermont,
Franklin County, SS.

On this 26th day of September 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Probate, now sitting, John Bagger, a resident of Highgate in the county of Franklin, and State of Vermont, age 74 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 act of Congress, passed 7th 1832.

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

In the month of May 1776, at Asford County of Windham in the State of Connecticut he enlisted for one year as a private in the Company commanded by Capt Daniel Allen 1st Lieut Morgan, 2d Lieut Batlam in the Regt commanded by Col. Andrew Ware; marched from Ashford to Brooklyn Ct and there joined his company and from thence to Norwich—there took shipping for N.York [New York] and there stayed a few days, and then removed to the English neighborhood on the West side of the Hudson, there stoped [stopped] about one month; and from thence to West Chester and from thence to White Plains, from thence to North Castle and from thence to Peekskill there crossed the North River and marched to Chatham New Jersey he was there by his Capt selected to take charge of a sick soldier belonging to his the said Baggers Company by the name of John Parks; the Regt to which he belonged was ordered to march (he thinks) in the month of November, and left him the said Bagger, to take care of s'd Parks.

The Regt marched (as he was informed) to Trenton where they were soon engaged with the British stationed at that place, he again joined the Regt at a place called old Whippeny in the Jerseys, where he remained till the 14th day of May 1777, when he was discharged, but but [sic] received no written discharge.

2d Again in the month of May 1778, he enlisted for four months at Ashford Ct and marched form thence to New London, stationed at Fort Griswold employed a part of the time on fatigue completing s'd Fort and doing garison [garrison] duty and guarding on the shore until his time expired; the company to which he belonged was commanded by Capt Dana, does not recollect the names of the other officers under whom he served, no Col Commanded at the Fort during his campaign, served his time out and dismissed, received no written discharge.

3d Again in the month of May 1781, at Roxbury Mass, he enlisted for six months, under Capt Gage marched form thence and joined his company ta the North River above West Point, and there with a number of others was employed in cutting wood for the purpose of making coal, about two months, and then marched to West Point where he remained till his six months expired and was dismissed. The applicant states that Col. Tupper and Furnell and Adt Tupper was at West Point but does not know whither he belonged to Tupper's Refg or not, being on fatigue a part of the time, recollects that one Lieut Smith had charge of the fatigue party.

The applicant further states that he was dismissed soon; after the news arrived in camp of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis which he thinks was about the last of October or first of November 1781.

The applicant says he was born in Ashford in the State of Connecticut in the year 1759. Has no record of his age, but understands he was recorded in s'd Ashford. Was a resident of Ashford when he entered the service, that he resided in s'd town till after the close fothe Revolutionary War, removed from thence to Windsor Vermont from thence to Bennington Vt from thence to St. Armands S.C., and from thence to Alburgh and from thence to Highgate Vt. Call'd into service as before stated.

Has given the names of all the officers with whom he was acquainted while in service which he can now recollect.

He received no written discharge at the close of either of his campaigns.

He is acquainted with the following named gentlemen residing in Alburgh afs'd (where he is more particularly acquainted having recently removed from s'd Alburgh) viz, Wm. L. Sowles Esqr, Lewis Sowles, Hon John M.Sowles, who can state from their acquaintance with him their belief of his having been a soldier of the Revolution, and also testify to his character for veracity.

He is not acquainted with any Clergyman who can testify respecting his service.

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.
(Signed) John Badger

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Stephen S. Brown Judge.