

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Colwell (Caldwell) R1590 Elizabeth fn38NC
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State of North Carolina Sampson County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November Term 1845

On this the 17th day of November 1845 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the said County of Sampson Richard Caldwell a resident of the aforesaid County and State aged 59 years who being 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 July 7th 1838 for the benefit of certain widows.

That he is the son of John Caldwell deceased of the said County and State, who served in the United States in the war of the Revolution as an enlisted soldier for three years. The declarant states on his said oath that his father the said John Caldwell served out the said enlistment faithfully and was honorably discharged.

That the said discharge was placed in the hands of Patrick Murphy of the said County for the purpose of getting a Pension who states that he is not certain where it is. That he thinks that he sent the said discharge Congress to the Honorable James J McKay and that perhaps it may be on file in the Pension Office.

The declarant further states that the said John Caldwell was married to Elizabeth Spell on the 14th of January 1783.

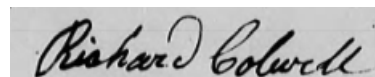
That his father the said John Caldwell died the 28th of October 1829, leaving surviving him, Elizabeth Caldwell (his widow) who died on the 24th day of August 1838 leaving surviving her five children to wit the declarant Richard Caldwell, Mary who intermarried with Zacheus Mathis, Catharine who intermarried with Stephen Herring, Margaret Caldwell and John Caldwell only surviving heirs of the said John and Elizabeth Caldwell and all of lawful age.

In support of the said marriage the declarant here with sends his father's original Family Record and that the said record he believes is in his Father's own hand-writing.

Sworn to and subscribed on the 17th day of November 1845 in open Court.

Test: S/ W. McKay, Clk.

S/ Richard Colwell



State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that John Colwell a private Soldier in Captain Tartanson's¹ Company of the eighth Regiment, entered the service on the 12th day of March 1777 for the term of three years and that he drew a Warrant for bounty land for fifty one months service in May 1784.

Given under my hand this 29th of November 1845

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[fn p. 6: family record]

John Colwell and Sarah His wife was born Oct.[illegible] ye 11th day A. D. [illegible] 1769

William Colwell born December 3rd 1757

John Colwell Was Mary'd to Elisabeth his wife on January the 14th 1783

Martha Colwell Daughter to John Colwell and Elisabeth his wife was born January 28 1784 and Departed this Lif 6th October [illegible] aged 3 [illegible]

John Colwell was marryed to Eliz^h Spell Tuesday the 14th Jany 1783

Martha Barnes Colwell daughter of John & E. Colwell was born 28th January 1784 and Died the 6th of October 1784

Richard Colwell was born 28th Sept. 1786

Mary Colwell was born 14 April 1789

William Colwell was born 16th Jany. 1792 Died 2nd ~~Sept 1799~~ 13 May 1800

Sarah Colwell born 22nd March 1795 Died 2nd Sept. 1799

Eliz^h Colwell born 21st March 1798

Nancy Colwell born 17th June 1801

Caty Colwell born 24th May 1804

Peggy Colwell was born 14th March 1807

John Colwell was born Friday the 26th Feby. 1813

[Notes in the file indicate that this claim was rejected because there was no proof offered that the widow was the wife of the John Colwell referred to in the certificate of the Secretary of State as having served in the Continental line in North Carolina.]

¹ Francis Tarrtanson or Tartanson