Pension Application of John Callahan R1604
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The State of Ohio } SS
County of Guernsey } On this twenty sixth day of March [1833] personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said County James Callahan a resident of Adams Township in the County of Guernsey and State of Ohio, aged Seventy two 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year ---- with Capt David Dudley and served in the fifth regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers, Colonel Presly Thorn, Major James Qualls, Captain David Dudley, Lieutenant Phillip Red Ensign Thomas Arvens first Serjant Thomas Red, That he enlisted as aforesaid and served for the Term of three years as a private, but from old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear either to the day month or year in which he entered or left the service. that he resided in Spotsylvania County in the state of virginia when he entered the service as aforesaid that immediately after his said enlistment he marched with said Regiment to Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] where he remained as nearly as recollected about six months. he then marched to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] where the regiment had a skirmish with the Brittish in which the regiment was defeated that he was in the skirmish and that about fifteen men out of the regiment were killed in the skirmish. from Williamsburgh he marched to Osborn [sic: Osborne's] on the James River, between Richmond and Williamsburgh and remained there two or three months, from thence they marched to a place called Cabben Point [sic: Cabin Point in Surry County], about thirty miles from Osborn also on the James River, remained at Cabbin Point about two or three months from then he marched to Hillsborough and got there about the time of General Gates defeat [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], from thence returned to Hanover, did not remain long there but soon marched up to Fredericksburgh, soon after to Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] Court House remained there two or three months, then marched back to Fredericksburgh and remained there until his said term of enlistment expired when he was discharged – which discharge he lost more than thirty years since
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or an annuity except the present, & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

James hisXmark Callahan

NOTE: Callahan's claim was rejected because there is no record of the officers he named. There was, however, a Maj. James Quarles in the 2nd Regiment of Virginia State Troops. A letter in the file dated 31 Oct 1841 refers to a brother-in-law of James Callahan named Moses Hinney living in Lexington KY.