

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Cantwell R1668

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State of Tennessee } On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of Aprile 1833 personally appeared before me Lewis Mitchell  
Hawkins County } one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County of Hawkins and State of  
Tennisee duly commishioned by the Governor and qualified agreeable to law John Cantwell Seig'n. a  
resident of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee aged eighty eight or eighty nine years who  
being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following decliration in order to obtain  
the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of The united states under the following named Officers and served as  
herein stated

I entered the service of the united States under Capt. Flud [Flood?] in Orangeburg district in the State of  
south carolina in the month of March 1775 and marched to ninetysix town [Ninety Six] in the same state  
to quell the tories that was rising in that neighbourhood – from ninetysix he states he returned home and  
Immediately joined the light hourse as a volenteer under Capt. John Coatarear [sic: John Coulturier] and  
continued under him untill the 1776 in June. I returned home. He states he was Implioied during his  
service as a lighthores in marching from place to place to keep down the tories in the state of South  
Carolina and he state he was under the command; when stationed by Colo Tompson [sic: William  
Thomson] and when the tories ware about to Imbody he would send companies to silence them in  
different parts of the country.

He states when he was discharged he lef the state of South carolina and moved In to the state of  
Virginia in Laudan [sic: Loudoun] County where he states he vollenteered himself in the service a gain  
under Capt. Simon Hancock whoes Company was Commanded by Colo. Clapam [sic: Josias Clapham]  
and march to Nolens ferry [sic: Nolands Ferry] on Potomac River. He states His Colo then sent himself  
and George Mason His Lieutanant and Capt. Hancock into the contry for the purpose of pressing [i.e.  
impressing] clothing. He states he entered this tour of service in the state of Virginia Lawdan County in  
the year 1777 the first of October and returned in the first of the year 1778 in January. mooved then into  
Faquire [sic: Fauquier County] where he states he lived and was called in to service a gain as a vollenteer  
under Capt. Daniel Flowers and marched in the first of september 1781 in to the county of Stafford and  
there lay about three weeks he states as well as he can recollect waiting for Orders and during his stay  
there Cornwallis give up at York [19 Oct 1781] and he received orders to return home and never was out  
any more. making an aggregate of eighteen monts.

He states he continued to live in Faquire County State of Virginia untill the year 1790 when he  
removed to the state of South carolina in to Spartinburg [sic: Spartanburg] district and from thence he  
removed in to the state of Tennessee in Hawkins County where I now live. He states that he knows of no  
person whoes testimony he can procure who can testify of his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim what ever to a pention or annuity except the present and  
declares that his name is not on the pention role of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed The day and year aforesaid                      John hisXmark Canwell

Questions proposed to John Cantwell an applicant for a pention under the act of Congress pased 7<sup>th</sup> June  
1832.

1 Where, and in what year ware you born

I was born in the state of Meriland in Baltimore County in what year I do not recollect

2 Have you any record of your age

I have not

3 where ware you liveing when called into service3

I lived at different places and in Orangeburg District in south carolina Once in Virginia state Louden County and also in Faquire County in said state

4 How ware you called into service

I vollenteered my service each and every time I went out

5 State the names of some of the regular Officers who ware in Command when you served Such Continental and Militia Regiments as you recollect and the general circumstances of your service Colo. Paton [probably Peyton or Patton], Major A Bungon, Colo Churchwell [sic: Armistead Churchill] Major John Chinn [sic: John Thomas Chunn] Colo Clapam.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of Persons to whom you are kn own in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your carracter for verasity and there belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution John Holland, John Green, Eli Green, Joel Green

State of Tennessee } This day being the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1833 Personally appeared John Cantwell before me  
Hawkins County } Lewis Mitchell an acting Justice for said County and made Oath that he has no  
docamentry evidence of his service and he knows of no one that he can prove his service by but sayes he  
served the first tower under Capt. Flud and Capt. Cotrain first under Capt Flud as a private and under  
Capt. Cotrain as a horseman being gone six months next served under Capt. Hancock as well as I  
recollect three months as a private and under Capt. Flowers three weeks in all nineteen months and three  
weeks for which service I claim a pention

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above writen John hisXmark Cantwell

I certify in Consequence of great bodily Infimity John Cantwell the above applicant is unable to go before  
a court or a Judge of a Court to make the foregoing decleration being intirely cripled by the rheumatick  
pains given under my hand 7<sup>th</sup> June 1833 Lewis Mitchell JP

#### NOTES:

On 26 Nov 1833 John Cantwell alleged that Lewis Mitchell had refused to give him his pension certificate unless Cantwell gave him a bond for \$50. Cantwell stated that before drawing up his pension application Mitchell had said he would charge nothing, then afterwards said he would charge \$25, which Cantwell agreed to. On this document Cantwell appears to have signed his full name.

On 29 Sep 1843 Jane Cantwell, 73, applied for a pension stating that she married John Cantwell on 10 Dec 1791, and he died 20 Sep 1836. The file contains a family record certified by William Barnett Cantwell of Hawkins County as having been taken from his father's family Bible, transcribed below. The entries in brackets are missing from the original record but are in a copy in the file. The original record was judged at the Pension Office to have been recorded too recently to serve as evidence of the date of marriage, and the claim of Jane Cantwell was consequently rejected. On 2 Feb 1853 John Cantwell of Hancock County TN assigned power of attorney to obtain the pension thought due to his deceased mother, Jane Cantwell.

Names & ages as follows

John Cantwell was born June the 24<sup>th</sup> 1745

& was marred to Jane Barnett December 10<sup>the</sup> 1791

Jane Cantwell was Born December 10<sup>the</sup> 1770

the Names & ages of ther named children to wit namely

Edward Cantwell was Born the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1792

[Thos. Cantwell was born 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 1794

Susannah Cantwell, born 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 1796

John Cantwell Jr born 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1798

Patsy Cantwell, born 17<sup>th</sup> Nov'r 1800

Nancy Cantwell, born 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 1802]

Jane Cantwell Jr was born 25<sup>th</sup>e November 1804

James Cantwell was Born the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1807

Wm Barnett Cantwell was born 25<sup>th</sup>e December 1809

David Cantwell was [born 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1811]