

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Valentine (Volentine) Callahan R20338

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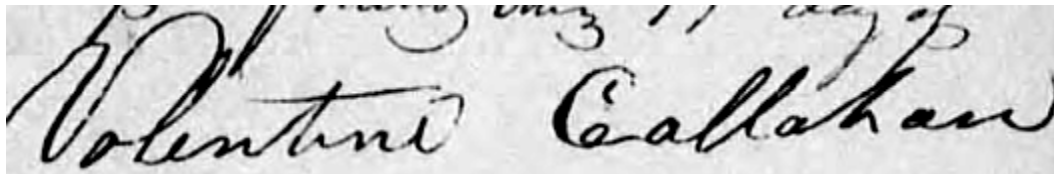
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State of Tennessee Fayette County: This day being the 18th day of July A.D. 1829 Valentine Callahan of the County & State aforesaid in the presence of the witnesses whose names are hereunto after annexed petitioning for the benefit of a pension agreeably to the laws of Congress in that case made to provide for the Soldiers of the Continental Army makes this his declaration as follows.

For the purpose of obtaining the amount of pay accruing to him as a soldier under the Act entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving officers & soldiers of the Revolution approved 15th May 1828" I Valentine Callahan of the County & State aforesaid do hereby declare that I was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution in the Continental line & served in the same nearly all the war through the States of North & South Carolina & Georgia under different commanding officers at different times, that he received a wound which in his old age seriously affects him, that he is now in the 76th year of his age, and reduced in his circumstances more so lattesley [sic, lately?] than before owing to some misfortune over which he had no control, that so long as his circumstances were easy he has never availed himself of said pension laws but now by age & necessity, and his helpless condition induces him to asked for that assistance which the government has provided for persons in his condition. Witness my hand this 17th day of July 1829 A.D.

S/ Valentine Callahan

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Valentine Callahan". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

Sworn to & subscribed before me an acting Justice of the peace for said County

S/ W. F. Hodge, JP

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Fayette County Tennessee January 25th 1830

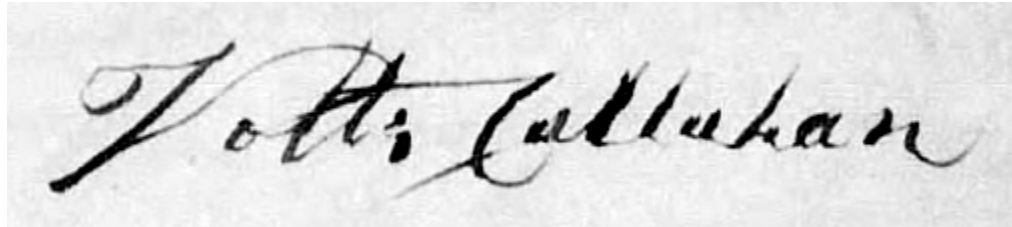
Honorable James K Polk

Sir Yours of the 26th ultimo has been received covering a note from the Honorable SD Ingham Secretary of the Treasury requesting information as to what Term I last

enlisted & in the quota of what state I last served –

The first requisition is for what time I last enlisted. In answer I may be permitted to say that I enlisted first for one year in the North Carolina line under Captain George Davidson and secondly and lastly for one year under Captain Falls in the month of March preceding the fall of Charlestown and Blewforde's defeat – Captain Falls was killed at the Battle of Ramsour's and I was discharged by Joseph Byers (Lieutenant) the April after said Battle as a reference to the muster rolls will show and the Colonel under whom I served was by the name of Bluford (or Buford) any other Information which may be required I will gladly afford so far as in my power. I am truly infirm & unable either to travel far or bear much expense in so doing If my bodily strength would permit – I am among the few gave the very few of the soldiers of the Revolution who fought for Independence and although but twice an enlisted soldier I was for seven years in actual service in defense of my country's rights either as a regular or militia man which is well known to many persons of my early acquaintance but few of time have lived to see the present day – If anything can be afforded for the benefit of a soldier in declining life it will be thankfully received but If the government thinks it is not deserving I will submit to their views without uttering a word against the best Interest of my happy country to whose happiness I have added my might by spending the days of my youth in her service while her independence has been achieved and our liberties secured. Long may it remain and happy may be the lot of this favored country is my earnest wish.

Very respectfully your obedient Servant
S/ Voltn Callahan

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Voltn Callahan". The ink is dark and the paper is light-colored. The signature is written in a fluid, connected style typical of the late 18th century.

[fn p. 13: this file erroneously contains the Bounty Land Record Card of one Anthony Callamor a private in the Massachusetts line, Warrant number 3908 awarding him 100 acres issued March 25, 1791.]