

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

Pension Application of John Caldwell S16344

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State of Indiana }

Vigo County }

On this 7th day of May AD 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Vigo Circuit of Indiana now sitting John Calwell a resident of Vigo County Indiana aged 78 years and 4 months 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 the 7th day of June A.D. 1832

He says that he entered the Service of the United States in the latter part of the Summer of the year 1777 under the following named officers Thomas Florina or Thomas Florany [sic: Thomas Flourmoy] Lieutenant Thomas Moore Ensign John Allen and the following were the field officers under whome he served Colonel [Charles] Scott & General [Thomas] Nelson he says that he cannot remember the precise day or month in which he entered the service but knows it was in the latter part of the Summer of the year 1777 nor does he remember the day or month on which he was discharged but believes his term of Service was three months he says that he was residing in prince Edwards [sic: Prince Edward] county in the state of virginia at the time when he entered the service and he says that he was a volunteer the first and second divisions of virginia militia having been called out it was found that there was not a sufficient number of men to complete the two divisions when volunteers were called for and he volunteered in the first division

he says that he was first marched to Richmond from thence to williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] which was at that time the seat of government and that he was stationed at a place called "the College Camp" [at William and Mary College] from thence he was marched two miles to charge of the magazine and then to little york on york River about twelve miles from Williamsburgh where he remained untill he was discharged and he says by reason of his age he cannot remember the perticulars of this his first term of Service he does however remember that while he was stationed at little york that he saw Hows fleet on its return from Elk head on its way to Pheledelphia [see endnote]

he says that in the year 1780 he was drafted and again marched to Richmond where after remaining for a considerable time he was imployed to drive a publick waggon from Richmond to Roanoak [sic: Roanoke] River (Taylors Ferry) at which place he was again discharged wich discharge is herewith sent marked A. and he says the said discharge is the only documem in his possession which would go to prove his services and he further says that he knows of no person who's testimoney he can procure who can testify to his services except the persons whose affidavits are here with sent

he says that he was born in Prince Edwards county Virginia in the year 1755 he says that he has a record of his sage at home which was taken from a record kept by his father in his Bible

he says that in 1782 he was again drafted to march against the Chickmages [sic: Chickamauga] Indians (a branch of the Cherokee nation) but the perticulars of this campane has intirely escaped from his mind he believes this last term of service was during three months

he says that since the revolution he has resided in Augusta County Virginia for some time from which place he removed to the state of north carolina now called Tennessee [sic: Tennessee, since 1796] in the county of Sullivan of said State he resided about one year then he removed to washington county in same State where he resided about one year when he returned to Sullivan county where he again resided four or five years when he removed to Blunt [sic: Blount] county in the State of Tennessee where he resided untill November AD 1831 when he removed to Vigo County Indiana where he now resides he says that there is no clergyman residing in the county with whome he is well acquainted or who is well acquainted with him but he says the following named persons are well acquainted with him and

know that he is reputed to have been a Revolutionary Soldier.

William Durham Joseph Macom Alison Cruse Alexander Ezelton William Ray and he would name a great number more of his neighbours but conceives it unnecessary as the above named persons are all men of noteriety

And he hereby relinquishes 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.

PS. and the said John Calwell further says that there was no return made of his services during his 2nd term as the amount of pay was so small and so difficult to obtain that the captan said he would not make a return but offered to pay the amount out of his own poket which was refused

[signed] John Caldwell

[Samuel McClure (pension application S33079) stated that he had served with Caldwell at Richmond in the late summer of 1780 when Caldwell was in the militia company of Capt. Francis Long.]

This may Certify that Jno. Calwell has Engaged to drive a public Waggon to Taylor's Ferry on Roan Oak River, and then he is Intitled to his discharge,

Given under my hand at Richmond Town this 24th day of Nov'r. 1780

J. Porter A.Q.M. [Assistant Quarter Master]

for Stephen Southall D Q M. Gen'l [Deputy Quarter Master General]

Roanoak River December 3th 1780

I Do hearby Cartify that Mr Jn Calwell have a clear Discharge fom his tower of Duty Given under my hand James Owen W [wagon] Master

NOTE: On 25 Aug 1777 the British army commanded by William Howe landed at Head of Elk, now Elkton MD, in preparation for the capture of Philadelphia.