

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Caldwell S1648

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State of Tennessee Franklin County: SS

On this 26 day of November, personally appeared before the court of pleas and quarter sessions for the County of Franklin William Caldwell a resident of said County and State, aged 77 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was drafted and entered the service of the United States for one month under Captain Walker [Alexander Walker] & Lieutenant Knox [John Knox] in the District of Chester and State of South Carolina, and continued in the service for nine weeks: that shortly after this term of service expired, in the month of May 1780, he volunteered and again entered the service of the United States, in Chester district South Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain John McCluer [John McClure], Lieutenant Hugh McCluer [Hugh McClure], and belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Edward Lacy [Edward Lacey], Major ___ McGriff [probably Patrick McGriff]: Shortly after he entered the service, his Regiment was marched to Rocky Mount on the Catawba River when they had an engagement [July 30, 1780] with the British: From Rocky Mount they crossed the River and were marched to the hanging rock where they had another engagement [August 6, 1780], with the British, who were there severely flogged. From the hanging rock they were marched to the Waxhaws, and remained there about eight days & were then marched to the fish dam ford on Broad River where they had another engagement [November 7, 1780] with the British, in this last engagement General Sumter was wounded¹, and General Henderson [William Henderson] took the command; and he continued in the service until the close of the war. Affiant resided in Chester district in the State of South Carolina when he entered the service; that he was in several other skirmishes with the British & Tories, but does not deem it important to detail them. He continued with the Army until it was disbanded he then belonging to provision guard at McCord's [ferry] on the Congaree River in South Carolina in the fall of 1781.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ E. Russell, Clerk

S/ Wm Caldwell, X his mark

¹ General Thomas Sumter was wounded at the battle of Blackstocks November 20 1780.

<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/blackstocks.htm> and

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

by S/ W. B. Wagner, D. C.

Where and in what State were you born?

Answer. I was born in the Waxhaw settlement in the State of South Carolina in the year 1755.

2. Have you any record of your age, if so, where is it?

Answer. I have no record of my age.

3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, & where do you now live?

Answer. When I entered the service of the United States I was living in Fairfield district South Carolina and continued to reside there until about 13 years ago, when I removed to Franklin County Tennessee where I now live.

4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute?

Answer. I was drafted for 2 months and shortly after the expiration of this term, I volunteered & entered the Army during the war.

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services.

Answer. I knew General Sumter, General Henderson, Major Adair, & Colonel Lacey; but I cannot now recollect the number of the regiments with whom I served. The particulars of my service are as above stated.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service: and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

Ans. I never received any discharge. When the Army was disbanded we were mustered out of service & told to return home

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, & who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. I refer to the Reverend Joseph Smith, William Lasater, Esquire and Benjamin Hasty.

S/ Wm Caldwell, X his mark

[Joseph Smith, William Lasater & Benjamin Hasty gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Franklin County: County Court August Sessions 1832

The amended declaration of William Caldwell a citizen of said County & State – an applicant for a pension, under the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

This Affiant states – that it was in the latter part of November or first of December 1778 when he entered the service on his first tour of duty – & it was in the month of January when he was discharged. He cannot state the day of the month when he entered upon said tour – nor the day he was discharged. He performed this tour as stated in his former declaration & was in service nine weeks. He served in the company commanded by Captain Walker in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Winn & General Richardson [Richard Richardson] was the commanding general. That when they were first called into service they marched from Chester to within four or five miles of Charleston. It was at McCord's ferry on the Congaree River that the Regiment assembled when Winn took the command of the Regiment & Richardson of the whole party or Army. This was a few days before Christmas. After the Army marched to near Charleston as above stated they remained there about two weeks, & were then marched to __ on the Savannah River where affiant & the Army remained till he completed his first tour of duty as

stated in his first declaration. Affiant was in no battle during this tour. He was a private during this tour & he served nine weeks. Affiant was in camp or marching during this tour & was not in garrison. He served with an embodied Corps as above stated, & called into service as affiant supposes by orders from the Governor of South Carolina & during this tour affiant was engaged in no civil pursuit.

Affiant further states that it was in the latter part of May [word overwritten and smudged so as to be illegible but is likely the word "probably"] the last of the month as well as he recollects he entered upon his 2nd tour of duty as stated in his original & annexed declaration. This affiant cannot state the day of the month he is certain that it was not later than the 1st June 1780 that he entered upon this tour, & that he remained in the service constantly from that time until the latter part of November 1781 when he was discharged. Affiant cannot state the day of the month he was discharged – but he is certain it was after the 20th of November 1781 that he was discharged. Affiant is also positive in this that he served eighteen months in the performance of this last tour of duty. Affiant was in the different battles stated in his former declaration. Affiant was in the company & Regiment therein stated & was with General Sumter from the time he volunteered till General Sumter was wounded which affiant believes was in the fall of 1780 & after that affiant was under the command of General Henderson. Affiant was a private during the whole of this last tour. It was at McCord's ferry on the Congaree affiant was discharged. Affiant further states that he was in the field & not in garrison during the whole of this tour & was not engaged during that time in any civil pursuit. Affiant further states that he resided in Camden district South Carolina when he entered the service & it continued to be called Camden district till after the revolution. That said district was afterwards divided & one of the divisions was called Chester & another was called Fairfield. Affiant at first was supposed to belong to Chester district – but when the line came to be accurately seen he fell into Fairfield – but affiant lived at the same place when he first entered the service that he lived at when he was discharged & continued to live at the same place till he removed to Tennessee. This explains an apparent inconsistency in affiant's original declaration.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court the 26th day of August 1833

S/ E. Russell, Clerk

S/ William Caldwell, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to William Caldwell
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 993

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Wm Caldwell his Account of 120 days Militia Duty

Amounting to £17.2.10 ¼ Sterling

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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Duty done in Colonel Leasey's [Edward Lacey's] Brigade in the State of South Carolina

For 50 days duty in Captain McCluer's Company

At another time 26 Days in said Company

under Captain Knox 42 Days (hundred 20 days at 20/ [20 shillings per day]

£120

£17.2.10 ¼

Personally appeared before me William Caldwell and made oath that the above account is Just and true

S/ Jas. Knox, JP

[p 9: Printed form of Indent No. 178 Book I dated September 6th 1784 delivered to William Caldwell for £17.2.10 ¼]