

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of George Caldwell S3141 VA  
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The State of Tennessee } Circuit Court February Term  
 Blount County } Ss. thereof A.D. 1833.

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Saml Powel Judge of the second Judicial Circuit in and for the State of Tennessee now holding the Circuit for the County of Blount in said Circuit now sitting George Caldwell a resident of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee aforesaid aged 72 years and 11 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 June the seventh A.D. 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as as herein after stated.

That he was born in Prince Edward County, State of Virginia on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1760 and was drafted in the County of Bedford, State aforesaid on the [blank] day of [blank] 1778 and was mustered into service and discharged in two or 3 weeks by Capt Buller. The above Term of which I was drafted was for 18 months but was discharged in a short time without serving the campain.

Then on the [blank] day of August 1780 applicant volunteed on Cripple Creek Montgomery County Va. and was mustered into service for three months under the command of Capt Isaac Campbell regiment of Col Campbells [William Campbell's] and march to the Maravean [sic: Moravian] Towns in the State of North Carolina and remained there for a short time until we were ordered out on Scouting parties to surpress the tories – and after we had been rainging thru for some time when we had permission to go home – where we remained as a Scouting party at home until the three months for which the applicant had volunteed expired; when we received written discharg from our Captain Campbell

Then on the [blank] day of 1781 I volunteed and was mustered into service under the command of Capt James Newell, regiment of Col William Preston and were marched over to North Carolina and kept Scouting through the Country after a Company of Brittish until we overtaken them in about 16 miles of Haw River, where they kept on to some place unknown to applicant and were reinforced and came back upon us in camp and run us about 30 miles when we halted on the ready fork of Haw River [sic: Reedy Fork at Wetzels Mill in Guilford County on 6 Mar 1781] and put ourselves in Battle array when we were defeated. we then retreated in confusion and came the same night to the army of Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], where I was ordered with some others to guard some of our wounded to the Moravean Towns and done so. Applicant from that place went home. This term of service was also for three months and expired; for this term I recd no written discharge – then immediately after applicant returned home he was ingaged in Scouting through the Country to Surpress the Tories in the state of virginia under the command of Capt Campbell and contin'd to do until near the end of the war Applicant was in actual service from the time he was first called upon to the last, for about two years.

Applicant lost his discharges and also the record of his age. Applicant has resided in this County, to wit, the County of Blount and State of Tennessee for about forty seven years. He has no documentary evidence whereby he can in any manner authenticate the same – nor is there any living witness that can testify to the same within the knowledge of the applicant. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State, or Angency of any State in the United States. George hisXmark Caldwell

The State of Tennessee ss  
 Blount County On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three personally appeared, before William Tool one of the Acting Justices of the peace

and a member of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions of Blount County George Caldwell a resident of the said County and State aged 73 since the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February last, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following amendatory declaration (in amendment of one made on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 1833. in the Circuit Court of Blount County and returned from the War Department for amendments No. 24694) in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

This, the amendment, of the declaration of George Caldwell made on the 8<sup>th</sup> Feby 1833 and No. 24694 in the office of pension claims, shows that he was born on the 15 day of Feby 1760 in Prince Edward County Va. From whence he removed to the County of Bedford State of Virginia where he was residing when called into service

First a draft for 18 months but was discharged in 3 weeks – this was in the month of June 1778.

Then on the day of August 1780 in Montgomery County, & state aforesaid volunteer for three months, and served the time faithfully under Captain Isaac Campbell in the regiment of Col Campbell. served &c as stated in his original Declaration – see &c Re’d. a written discharge from Capt. Campbell Third tour. He volunteered under the command of Capt James Newell in the regiment of Col. William Preston and was mustered into service by them in the winter or Spring of 1781 for three months & served faithfully and fully the term but rec’d no written discharge see orig. Declaration as to the nature of the service &c.

Fourth Tour He volunteered under the command of Capt Campbell in August 1781 for no definite length of time, but as one of a Scouting Company to suppress the tories which infested the county in which he lived; there was no officer of higher grade than Captain; as Capt Campbell’s Company was stationed in Montgomery County by the Col Campbell where we remained in service lying frequently at Night with our Guns under our heads – until the next summer of [or] fall. He thinks it was in the fall. He however cannot swear positively to the length of the time in which he was constantly and incessantly engaged– but will make the following affidavit as prescribed by the war department– That George Caldwell before me William Toole one of the Justices of the peace for Blount County who being duly sworn deposeseth, that by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the length of the fourth and last term of his service but according to the best of his recollection not less than the period mentioned below & in the following grades: For nine months I served as a private under Captain Campbell for such service I claim pension.

Now it can readily be seen that he served in June 1778 21 days, that in the year 1780 in the beginning of that year he served 3 months – That in August of the same year, towit, 1781 he volunteered for no specific length of time and served 9 months making in all fifteen months and 21 days he served in the Revolutionary war as a private in the militia – for which he claims a pension As to the nature of the foregoing service & the names of the officers under whom he served he refers the department to his original Declaration. As to the period or periods of the war when he served, all he can say is that he has mentioned the year and the month in the year when he served, as well as he can recollect but as to the phrase “period or periods of the War, when he served” he cannot understand it, if it does not mean the year when he served in the war.

As to some of the persons in his neighborhood who can testify to his character as a man of veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution he can state George Ewing Esq’r William McKinney James Gillispy a member to the Legislature in this state, James Ewing Edward Mitchell Esq’r. Robert Hook & the Rev. William Fagg, who is at this time in South Carolina – Col Wm Wallace, Campbell Gillispy He removed from Montgomery County Va. to the State of Tennessee where he has resided for about 47 years  
George hisXmark Caldwell  
[Certified by Michael Smith and James Caldwell.]

The State of Tennessee } SS  
Blount County } Be known that on the ninth day of November, in the year of Our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, personally appeared before William Toole Esq’r one of the

acting Justices of the peace and member of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions in and for the County of Blount and State of Tennessee George Caldwell a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 73. years past who being first duly sworn according to Law doth, on his oath, make the following amendment to his amended and original Declaration made on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Feby 1833 and amended on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1833. and No'd. in the War office for pension claims 24694 in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress, passed June seventh A.D. 1833 [sic].

The second amendment of the aforesaid George showeth that he is advised and believes from the brief made out in his case by the officers of the United States, that his papers &c were correct, and that also no exceptions are taken to his first service of 21 days; nor to his second tour of 3 months nor to his third tour of 3 months – but to his fourth and last tour of 9 months, and so far as the same relates there to, exceptions are taken, and objections exist which must be removed before a fair and impartial investigation can be had. He is still under the impression, which was formed by mature deliberation thereon from circumstances, although long gone by, yet “haunt the greenest spot on memory’s waste” that his statement in the affidavit of his first amendment is correct; that he was engaged in service as a private by Capt Campbells Company of [one or two illegible words] men to surpress Tories and prevent their invasion of, depredations in the Country for about nine months altho, he may, nevertheless, be mistaken, which if he is may be attributed to the failure of memory and infirmity of person and not to any wilful intent to defraud the treasury of his blood bought country [illegible word] of her Dollars.

He hereby prays the department to take into their most gracious consideration his case a third time & if in their opinion he is not entitled to a pension for more than twelve months in all, for his whole time of service in the war of the revolution to allow him that. He is confident that as pensions have been, and still are allowing to Revolutionary soldiers as he was one himself he is certainly, (as the department has insinuated) entitled to something and is willing if the department cannot allow him pay for all his service, to relinquish that exceptionable part and claim only for twelve months – and hereby makes the relinquishment of all but twelve months for which he claims pension – and prays the department to grant him the same accordingly.

George hisXmark Caldwell

NOTE: On 18 Jan 1834 Caldwell received a pension for one year of service.