

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Josias Callahan S31600 Elizabeth fn29NC
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State of Georgia Rabun County: On this 7th day of July 1834 personally appeared before the undersigned Judges of the Inferior or County Court of Rabun County in the State of Georgia Josias Callahan resident of Rabun County in the said State aged seventy-seven 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 an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, under Captain John Roberts in Surrey County [sic, Surry County] N. C. on the 15th of April 1779 and marched through Wilkes on their way to join General Sumter there was collected between two and 300 men they had marched about 100 miles when this Declarant with James Gumton and Daniel Holefield had got a little behind, when three Tories mounted & well armed rushed on them, & they being unarmed surrendered as prisoners rather than be put to death. They were taken on Green River and carried from one place to another till they got to Camden. They were kept there until the last of August when they were taken to a station on Lynches Creek 20 or 25 miles from Camden in a few days they together with William Lovel who was also a prisoner made their Escape, went up the Creek got clear & went home having been out until he made his escape 4 1/2 months, being sick he was a long time near a month getting home.

Afterwards in November or December 1779 he turned out volunteer under Captain Benjamin Humphreys for three months to go and guard the prisoners at Salisbury and he did go and served out his Tour and until the relief came which took the prisoners northward he was dismissed without a discharge but they went with the new guard to see them over the Yadkin [River] at the trading Ford, he then went home and remained there until the summer of the year 1781.

When orders came to the Governor to raise men for twelve months to go northward against Lord Cornwallis, he again volunteered (or enlisted without Bounty etc.) with John Martin as Captain of a company of Infantry. They rendezvoused at Surry Court House. There was collected about 40 or 50 who were to remain until other Counties raised their quota. While they were there General Greene fought the Enemy at Guilford, and before we were ordered to March, news of peace came and he was discharged having been out less than two months and a half in the service at this time. This applicant served & was impregoned [sic, imprisoned?] as a prisoner of war not less than 4 1/2 months – 4 months 15 days

served as guard at Salisbury not less than	3 months
Served at Surry C. H. not less than 2 1/2 months	<u>2 months 15 days</u>
Total Service not less than nine months	9 Months

all the time as a private.

He does not know a single witness who can prove any of his services being too poor & old to hunt if any be alive. –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares his name is not on the Roll, Pension Roll of any Agency of any state.

That to and the Interrogatories required to be propounded to applicants he makes the following answers.

Answer to 1st. He was born in Orange County near Hillsboro in the Year 1757 as he has always understood.

2nd. He has no record of his age.

3rd. He was living in Surry County North Carolina when he entered the service & until about 1783, when he moved into Henry County Virginia lived there two years, moved into Rockingham N. C. lived there two years, moved into Surry where he lived until he moved into Greenville SC in 1797 he lived there 30 years then moved to Rabun County where he now lives & has lived for the last seven years.

4th. He was first drafted, then volunteered, then volunteered (or enlisted without Bounty).

5th. He was with no Continental officer to his knowledge was with Colonel Armstrong, General Sumter.

6. He never got a regular discharge.

7. He would refer to all the County for his character for veracity. Benjamin Odell Esquire William Kelly Esquire member of the House of representatives in the Legislature HT Mozley [sic, Henry T. Moseley] the Senator of the County, Colonel Samuel Beck, Major Edward Coffee, Major Price and who now command the militia of the County are especially referred to –

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ Josias Callahan

[John L. Henley, a clergyman, and Henry T Moseley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 10: on July 16, 1857 in Rabun County Georgia, Elizabeth Callahan, 94, filed a claim stating she was the widow of Josias Callahan, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in the state of North Carolina in the year 1779; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Carnes (she can not remember the precise date of her marriage or the name of the person who performed the marriage); that her husband died at his residence in Rabun County on January 27, 1857; and that she is now his widow; and that she now applies for the bounty land to which she may be entitled to as his widow.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum, commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

[This file erroneously contains the Bounty Land Record Cards of Patrick Callahan, a private in the Pennsylvania line, Warrant Numbered 9156 granting him 100 acres dated March 11, 1791; and Samuel Callahan, a private in the Maryland line, Warrant Number 11070 granting him 100 acres dated February 7, 1790.]