

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Caldwell S35823

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State of Kentucky

Hardin County and circuit Sct}

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1819 before me John P Oldham Circuit Judge in and for the fifth Judicial district of the State of Kentucky and sole Judge of the Hardin Circuit Court in said district personally appeared William Caldwell aged sixty years resident in the County of Nelson in said Circuit who being by me first duly sworn, did on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war" That he the said William Caldwell enlisted & served three years in the Revolutionary war as a regular soldier in the Company of Captain Nathan Read [Nathan Reid; company raised in Henry County] in the fourteenth Virginia Regiment until the regiment was reduced to the tenth Virginia Regiment [14 Sep 1778] a short time after which he was discharged – that he entered the regular service in the company of sd Reid in sd 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment in december 1776 and and continued in the service until the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1780. that he fought in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] – Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] & Germantown [4 Oct 1777] – that his discharge was sent on to Richmond and lost and that he is in reduced circumstances and depends on his daily labour for his subsistence that he does not own one acre of land and no personal property that he has never been allowed any pension under any law of the United States and that there is no evidence in his power of his said services (except Wm. T Smith who lives in Green County Kentucky) of his services – Sworn to and declared before me the day and date aforesaid

Green County Dec'r. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1818

This may sertefy that William Caldwell Ser'vd. three years in the Revelation war the gratest part of the time in Capt. Nathen Reads Compeny in the fourteenth Virginia Reigment untill the Reigments were reduc'd to Ten Reigments. A short time before was discharg'd. William T Smith  
And I the said William Caldwell has not Rec'ed any land for my service in the said Warr and I havenot one acor of land any whare and I am now above sixty years of age and I have no other way to live but by my labour and I find my strenth fails verry mutch And my Prayer is for what is Right  
William Caldwell

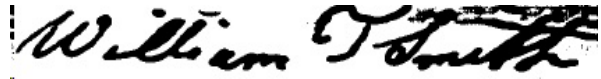
District of Kentucky Nelson Circuit Sct.

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for said County of Nelson personally appeared in court William Caldwell aged 62 years resident in Nelson County in said district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows that he enlisted in the State of Virginia in the year 1777 in the Company Commanded by Camp't. Nathan Reed and served his time out and was honourable discharged, And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, towit, that he has a wife about 50 years of age and two horses worth fifty dollars and no more property of any kind William Caldwell

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Kentucky [illegible] County to wit

This day [31 Aug 1824] William T. Smith personally appeared before me James Allen a Justice of the peace for the [several undeciphered words] and made oath that [several illegible words] in Virginia in the year 1776 for three years in Capt [undeciphered] Meachaux [sic: Joseph Michaux VAS882] company and after some time in [undeciphered] Capt. Nathan Read commanded [undeciphered word] in the fourteenth Virginia Regiment on the continental establishment Commanded by Col Charles Lewis [VAS901] [undeciphered word] some time after being [undeciphered word] by Lewis he was commanded by Col William Davies and that he the said William T. Smith states that he served under the same Capt in [undeciphered word] for the term of three years with the said William Caldwell and that they both served out their term for which they Enlisted and were regularly Discharged from said service

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William T. Smith". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

State of Kentucky Hardin County to wit

This day [30 Nov 1824] William Caldwell personally appeared before me George Dale a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he is the William Caldwell who William T. Smith has reference to in the above affidavit given by him and that he the said William Caldwell and William T. Smith did perform the military service stated there [part missing from online image] expiration of the said term of three years

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William Caldwell". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.