

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Caldwell S8163

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The State of South Carolina Newberry District: to wit

On this twenty-fourth day of April in the year of our Lord 1834, personally appeared in open court before B J Earle Esq. Presiding Judge of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas now sitting James Caldwell a resident in Anderson District in the said State, aged Seventy-six years who being 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 7th 1832.

That he was born on the ___ day of October A.D. 1757 within three miles of Ballymany [Ballymena or Ballymoney] in the County Antrim in Ireland, that he has no record of his age now in his possession, there was a record of it in his father's possession but it was lost or destroyed during the Revolutionary war in North America when he was young, about thirteen or fourteen years old his father removed to what was then called Orangeburg in South Carolina, and brought him with the rest of his father's family along; this place (where they settled) is now called Lexington District in the State of South Carolina, where declarant was living when he went into the service of the United States.

That he went into the service of the United States in the militia (having been drafted) in the latter part of the December in the year A.D. 1778 under Capt. John Kinsler [John Kerisler] in Col. Charles Hicksley's [Charles Heatley's] Regiment, and served one month: this service was rendered in and near where the village of Orangeburg now stands, and at that time it was deemed very important to protect that section of country from the ravages & depredations of McGirk [Daniel McGirt] and the Tories. The names of some of the Whig officers during this tour of duty were Capt. Clayton, Lieut. Clayton, Major Thomas Sab [Thomas Sabb], Capt. Beams & Adjutant William Fitzpatrick and Capt. James Carmicael [James Carmichael]: He entered the service of the United States again in the militia under Capt. George Drehr [Godfrey Dreher] in 1779 in Col. Thompson's [William Russell Thomson's] Regiment, and was engaged in a tour of four months which he served.

In May 1780 he again went into service under the command of Capt. Jonathan Owen [Jonathan Owens] in Col. William Thomson's Regiment, and served one month, in this term of service he was marched to Orangeburg, and afterwards to the Four Holes, this service was in the militia, & in the State aforesaid. The names of some of the officers in this tour were Capt. Tateman [perhaps Daniel Tateman], Lieut. Coulson, Major Hart, Capt. Boykin & Lieut. Boykin.

Afterwards in July 1780 he served one month as a private in the militia under Capt. Gabriel Friday [Capt. Gabriel A. Fridign], the principal part of this time was employed in guarding prisoners of the enemy at Orangeburg South Carolina, and taking care of a magazine, which was shortly afterwards removed from that place.

In September 1780 he again was called out in the militia and served one month as a

private under the said Capt. Gabriel Friday, the Col. William Thomson mentioned above was the Col. that commanded the Regiment in the last tour of service. All the aforesaid services were rendered during the Revolutionary War.

This declarant served eight months as above stated and was called into the service on all the different tours above mentioned by draft. Besides these services the declarant served several days & sometimes as much as a week at a time as a scout under, occasionally, Capt. Drehr, Capt. Owens, & other officers, these incoherent services are not included in the tours above stated.

He never received any written discharge from the service.

He resided in orange Burgh as it was then called & which is now called Lexington until about 1782 or 1783 when he removed to Newberry County, Ninety Six district, & what is now called Newberry District, within two miles of where Newberry Village now stands and after living there about two years he removed to a plantation about five miles above the said village where he resided until the year 1828 when he removed to Anderson District South Carolina, where he now resides.

He can prove his services by Joseph Caldwell whose affidavit is herewith submitted: he also refers to the Rev. William Harmon & for his character & the reputation that he is a revolutionary soldier.

He has no documentary evidence of his services. He also refers to John Caldwell Esq. for his character & the reputation that he is a revolutionary Soldier. 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 the agency of any State.

S/ James Caldwell, X his mark

[William Harmon, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[John Caldwell Esq. gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

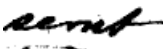
The State of South Carolina Newberry district

Personally appeared in open court Joseph Caldwell who being duly sworn says that he is well acquainted with James Caldwell¹ that he believes him to be seventy-six years of age, that he lived with James Caldwell during the Revolutionary war, & well remembers when he went on the first tour of service in the Revolutionary war under Capt. Kinsler and he was gone one month; this deponent further says that he went into the service with the said James Caldwell in the second company under Capt. Drehr & that this deponent was with him & knows he performed the four months service as is stated in his declaration, deponent was also in the service as stated under Capt. Owen, with the said James Caldwell who served as his declaration states one month under Capt. Owen, deponent also was with the said James Caldwell under Capt. Friday & he knows that the declarant served the two months under said Capt. Friday as is stated in the declaration. This deponent was then seven months in the service with the said James Caldwell & knows he renders them as stated, in the militia, and that he was called out by draft: he knows also that declarant rendered other services as a [indecipherable word]² not included in the seven months (when they were together) or the month he served before: this deponent further swears that the said James Caldwell is a man of good character.
Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jos. Caldwell, X his mark

[Facts in file: Veteran died October 28, 1847 survived by children but their names are not given

¹ [Joseph Caldwell \(Coldwell\) R1595](#)

²  private? sergeant (abbreviated)?

in the documents in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the South Carolina militia.]

[Another version]

Pension Application of James Caldwell, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll 448, Application #S8163

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

Newberry District, SC, 24th day of April 1834, James Caldwell, a resident of Anderson District, SC, aged 76 years:

Born: October __ [blank in original] 1757 within three miles of Ballgmany, in the County of Antrim in Ireland; no record of his age; moved with father to Orangeburg in SC at age 13 or 14

“That when he was young, about thirteen or fourteen years old, his father removed to what was then called Orangeburg in SC, and brought with him the rest of his father’s family along. This place (where they settled) is now called Lexington District in the state of South Carolina, whence declarant was living when he went into the service of the United States, in the militia (having been drafted) in the latter part of December in the year 1778 under Captain John Kinsler in Colonel Charles Hicksley’s regiment, and served one month. This service was rendered in and near where the village of Orangeburg now stands, and at that time it was deemed very important to protect that section of country from the ravages and depredations of McGerk [sic, Daniel McGirt] and the Tories. The names of some of the Whig officers during this tour of duty were Captain Clayton, Lieutenant Clayton, Major Thomas Sab? Lab?, Captain Beams and Adjutant William Fitzpatrick and Captain James Carmichael.”

“He entered the service of the United States again in the militia under Captain George Dreher [sic, Godfrey Dreher?] in Nov. 1779, in Colonel Thompson’s regiment and was engaged in a tour of four months, which he served.”

“In May 1780, he again went into the service under the command of Jonathan Owen in Colonel William Thompson’s regiment, and served one month. In this term of service he was marched to Orangeburg and afterwards to the Four Holes. This service was in the militia, and in the state aforesaid. The names of some of the officers in this tour were Captain Tateman, Lieutenant Coulsen [or Crulson], Major Hant, Captain Boykin and Lieutenant Boykin.”

“Afterwards, in July 1780, he served one month as a private in the militia under Captain Gabriel Friday. The principal part of this time was employed in guarding prisoners of the enemy near Orangeburg, SC and taking care of a magazine, which was shortly afterwards removed from that place.”

“In September 1780, he again was called out in the militia and served one month as a private under the said Captain Gabriel Friday, the Colonel William Thompson mentioned above, and the colonel that commanded the regiment in the two last tours of service...”

“This declarant served eight months as above stated, and was called into the service on all the different tours above mentioned by draft. Besides these services, this declarant served several days and sometimes as much as a week at a time as a scout under, occasionally, Captain Dreher, Captain Owens, and other officers. These incoherent services are not included in the tours above

described.”

“He resided in Orangeburg as it was then called, and which is now called Lexington, until about 1782 or 1783, when he removed to Newberry County, Ninety Six District and is what is now called Newberry District, within ten miles of where Newberry Village now stands, and after living there about two years, he removed to a plantation about five miles above the said village, where he resided until the year 1828, when he removed to Anderson District, SC, where he now resides. He can prove his service by Joseph Caldwell, whose affidavit is herewith submitted...”

Newberry District, SC:

“Personally appeared, Joseph Caldwell...That he lived with James Caldwell during the Revolutionary War and remembers when he went on the first tour of service in the Revolutionary War under Captain Kinsler, and he was gone one month. This deponent further says that he went into the service with the said James Caldwell in the same company under Captain Dreher and that this deponent was with him and knows he performed the four months service as is stated in this declaration. Deponent was also in the service as stated under Captain Owen with the said James Caldwell who served as his declaration states, one month under Captain Owen. Deponent also was with the said James Caldwell under Captain Friday and he knows that the declarant served the two months under said Captain Friday as is stated in the declaration...”

South Carolina Audited Accounts ³ relating to James Caldwell	AA30
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 989	
Transcribed by Will Graves	4/4/19

[Note: I believe the following documents relate to the above veteran but that is not 100% certain]

[p 10]

[illegible] No. 79 1 March 86 [1786]
The time of Service when Commenced & ended must be particularize and Colonel Thomson must approve the Account

S/ E. L.

James Colwell [sic] his Account for Pay as Sergeant in Captain Thomson's Regiment 138 days at 12/6 [12 Shillings 6 Pence] per day

Charged [old South Carolina] Currency	£84.16
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add more	1.9
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	£86.5
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Amount Stg. [Sterling]	£12.6.5
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NB: no time mentioned when the above Service was performed

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Passed E. D.

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The Public of South Carolina 1783

To James Colwell

Dr.

³ 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.

to 138 Days actual Duty at 12/6 per day

£84.16.0

State of South Carolina Orangeburg District} Personally appeared before me Joseph Colwell and being duly sworn saith that the above account of his Brother's James Colwell's is Just and true and that he never received any satisfaction for the same and that the above Duty was done in Colonel Tomson's [sic] Regiment of militia

S/ Joseph Collwell, X his mark

Sworn to before me this 14 of June 1784

S/ George Strother

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I do Certify that the Within Duty was Done

S/ Jonathan Owen Capt.

I do Certify

[text too faint to discern] was done from

[text too faint to discern]

[text too faint to discern] August 178?

S/ W. R. Thomson

Lt. Col. Com'd

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Received one March 86 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 1038Y

S/ James Caldwell, A. His Mark

[p 13: Printed form of Indent No. 1038 Book Y dated March 1, 1786 issued to James Colwell.]

[p 14: Reverse of the above Indent]

Received 31 July 1786 from the Commissioners of the Treasury, 10 Pounds 10/in part of the within by Discount in purchase of 450 acres of land granted to George McDonald

S/ James Caldwell, A his Mark

Received 27th February 1787 from the Commissioners of the Treasury full Satisfaction for the within Indent Principal & Interest by Discount in the purchase of Land
S/ James Caldwell, A his Mark

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To the Legislature of South Carolina

The Petition of James Caldwell respectfully shows that he is now seventy-five years of age and resides in the District of Anderson – That he lived near Saluda in what now belongs to Lexington District during the War of the Revolution. That he was a Soldier during the struggle on the side of Independence and now ask of the State a Pension on account of those services in his age and necessities –

His first service was under Captain John Kinsler [John Kerisler] in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Hekly [Charles Heatley] on a tour of one month the year before the fall of Charleston. [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780].

His Second tour was under Captain Godfrey Fryer [Godfrey Dreher] in the same Regiment though at that time commanded by Major Hart and Colonel William Thompson [William Russell Thomson].

His third tour was under Captain Jonathan Owens and again under the command of Captain Friday [Gabriel A. Fridign] besides various scouting parties to which he had been attached though his principal service on this last Tours was in the neighborhood of Orangeburg having been stationed there for some time in guarding the magazine at that place–

He owns a small tract of sixty-three acres of Land worth about two dollars an acre or probably a little more – one horse worth about seventy-five dollars – two cows and calves and some other cattle six head in all. Small stock of Hogs 8 or 9 head – some household & kitchen furniture and plantation pools adapted to his condition in life –

Sworn to & subscribed 8th day of October 1832

Before

S/ E. S. Norris, PJ [sic]

S/ James Caldwell, X his mark

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South Carolina Anderson District } Joseph Caldwell being duly sworn declares on oath that he is the brother of the Petitioner James Caldwell – That he knows of his rendering the Services set forth in his Petition having served with him under Captain Godfrey Fryer Captain Owens and Captain Friday and that he was a friend to American Independence through the Struggle.

Sworn to and subscribed 8th day of October 1832

before

S/ E. S. Norris JP

S/ Joseph Caldwell, O his Mark

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South Carolina Newberry District } John Caldwell being duly sworn did say on oath that he is the brother of the petitioner James Caldwell that he knows of his rendering the Services set forth in his petition and that he was a friend to American Independence through the Struggle.

Sworn to and subscribed the 23rd day of October 1832

Before

S/ A. Betion [?], JP

S/ John Caldwell, X his mark

[Note: the committee on pensions to which the petition was referred recommended that the prayer be rejected. The reason for the rejection is not stated]