

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Absalom Caudil (Candle, Caudle<sup>1</sup>) W10589

Elizabeth Caudil f44NC

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of North Carolina, Anson County: October Sessions 1832

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, now sitting, Absalom Candle, a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 73 years a Soldier of the Revolution who being 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 7, 1832.

I entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated-- that first – I enlisted in the County of Cumberland State of North Carolina (at Cross Creek, now Fayetteville) in November 1775 for twelve months under Captain Robert Roan [Robert Rowan] in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Clark – was marched to Wilmington same State from thence to Charleston South Carolina where we were stationed for some time – from whence I was marched to Savannah in the State of Georgia – thence to Sunbury [Sunbury] – thence in pursuit of the Indians to Altamaha and to St. Mary's Rivers where we Joined General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] of the State of Georgia Command of the Georgia Troops and were stationed at the Forts on the Oconee and Ocmulgee Rivers-- was marched back to the Altamaha – thence to Sunbury from thence marched back to Wilmington North Carolina where I was discharged by Colonel Clark in December 1776 – having served twelve months at least.

I became a Substitute for one John Ellwell in the Militia in the County of Bladen North Carolina under General Caswell [Richard Caswell] for the three months in the last of March 1780 the name of the Captain not recollected – was marched to South Carolina under General Caswell to Santee River – thence to near Georgetown South Carolina where we took up Guard for some time upon Santee River – until the news of the surrender [May 12, 1780] of Charleston by the American Army in May 1780 reached us – when we took the line of march near Camden South Carolina to Cumberland County North Carolina – where I was discharged by General Caswell in July 1780 having served the term of three months for which I substituted.

I entered in the light horse company under Captain Willis [John Willis] under whom I continued until the close of the War. I served at intervals in all to the best of my recollection three months – and was discharged at the announcement of peace, having served at least eighteen months in all during the three Tours to wit, twelve months in the Regular Army and six months in the Militia – and Cavalry. I have lost all my discharges. And declare that I have no documentary evidence of my Services. And I know of no person living by whom I can prove my services except by William Wood<sup>2</sup> whose deposition I have taken and which is here unto enclosed.

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my

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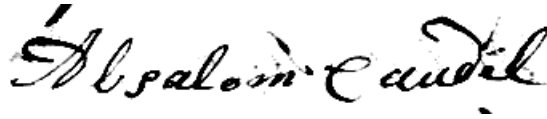
<sup>1</sup> Thanks to Lenny Famon Caudill II, A.I.A. who points out that "Candle" is a corruption of this man's name which was "Absalom Caudle." See, <http://www.pathwaytoascension.com/caudles/chap4.htm>

2 [William Wood \(Woods\) S7971](#)

name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Absalom Caudil



1 Question by the Court: When and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in the County of Halifax, The state of Virginia in the year 1759.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have no record thereof

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I was living in the County of Bladen State of North Carolina when enlisted into service – where I continued to live for a few years after the Revolutionary War – from whence I removed to the County of Anson – where I have continued to live ever since and where I now live.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: I enlisted in the first instance. I became a Substitute for one John Ellwell in the second instance – and in the third and last case, I was a volunteer in the light horse.

5<sup>th</sup> 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 service.

Answer: Colonel Thomas Clark a regular officer – General Caswell of the militia. I do not know whether McIntosh belonged to the regular service or not

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

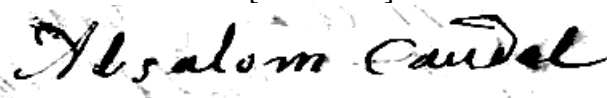
Answer: for my term in the Regular service I received my discharge from Colonel Clark – for my time as a Substitute for John Ellwell I received my discharge from General Caswell – for my time in the light horse I do not recollect from whom I received my discharge – all my discharges lost.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: the Rev. John Culpeper and James Benton all well acquainted with me.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Absalom Caudel [or Caudal]



[John Culpeper, a clergyman, and James Benton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful the <sup>11th October 1832</sup> Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting William Wood who being duly Sworn according to law – doth on his oath make the following Statements – to wit – I have a very distinct recollection of having seen Absalom Candel the above applicant a Soldier in Captain Roan's Company in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Continental Troops at Cross Creek & Rock fish in Cumberland County, State of North Carolina – and other places – as a regular and Continental Soldier.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S William Wood



[p 12: On January 13, 1847 in Anson County North Carolina, Jesse Caudel, 57, a resident of said County made application under the 1838 act for the pension due his ward, Elizabeth Caudel, widow of Absalom Caudel deceased, a revolutionary war pensioner; that the record sent to the pension office is a true record and was transcribed from an old Bible to the new one in 1813 by Richard Austin and remained in the possession of Absalom until his death on March 7, 1846; that Absalom's widow Elizabeth is still living and is still a widow.



[p 14: Certificate dated January 30, 1847 given by the clerk of court of Anson County North Carolina that he has thoroughly search the records in his office for evidence of the marriage of Absalom Caudle [sic] to Elizabeth Maness [could be Mauess] and found no such record; that records in his office do show that Jesse Caudle [sic] was appointed guardian to Elizabeth Caudle at the April sessions of the County Court in 1846.]

[p 20: On May 15, 1847, in separate affidavits, Richard Caudel and Nancy Nash gave testimony that they were acquainted with the Bible record submitted in support of this application. Both applicant signed their respective affidavits with their mark.]

[Note: I, Will Graves, did not find the Bible record referred to in this file. There is, however, a document dated Sept. 28, 1877 which appears to be transcript of that Bible record and reading as follows:

Absalom Caudle was born October 7, 1757

Elizabeth Maness was born May 7 1768.

The above couple was married March 22, 1787

Elendar Caudle Daughter of the aforesaid was born January 1788

Jesse Caudle Son of the aforesaid was born October 5, 1791

Rebecca Caudle Daughter of aforesaid was born March 3, 1794

William, Son of aforesaid was born April 1, 1796

Richard Son of aforesaid Was Born March 1, 1798

Absalom Son of aforesaid was born September 15, 1800

Sampson Son of aforesaid Was Born October 19, 1803

Jeff'n [Jefferson Caudle?] Son of aforesaid was born October 20, 1808

Elizabeth daughter of the aforesaid was born September 29, 1810

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Minnia Caudle was born March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1818

Margt. [Margaret] Caudle was born September 16, 1820

Nanna Caudle was born September 16, 1822

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$62.50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months, 15 of which was in the infantry and 3 of which in the dragoons. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]