

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Paul Castlebury (Castleberry) <sup>1</sup> W27664 Nancy Castleberry f119GA  
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State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Court of Common pleas &c now sitting Paul Castlebury a resident of the district aforesaid age 71 years & 6 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 7, 1832.

He entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in 177\_ [last digit blank in original] under Captain James Danby & Colonel Clark [Elijah Clarke] & remained for two months & was discharged verbally a short time before, that he would be drafted to serve a tour against the Creek Indians under Captain Howard & Colonel Dunn & was stationed at Autry's Fort where they remained for two months -- & he was discharged. He was again drafted & served under Captain Danby & Col. Clark & was stationed at the Cabord [sic, Cupboard?] Bridge on the Savannah River where they remained for two months & was discharged. He was again drafted under Captain Danby – Lieutenant Blount & Colonel Twiggs [John Twiggs] – they marched through Georgia to Midway – where they had a battle with the enemy – after serving about three months & was discharged. He then drafted under Captain Danby & Colonel Clarke & was stationed at Washington Georgia guarding the frontiers against the Creek Indians – they served two months this tour & was dismissed. He was again drafted & was stationed on Chioko [?] or Kiokos [?] Creek in Georgia under Captain Danby – they were again guarding the frontiers – he remained stationed at that place for three months & was discharged. He again entered the Army as a Substitute under Captain Danby & marched on a Scouting Expedition against the Creek Indians & served for two months after which he was discharged. He again volunteered under Captain Beacham & Colonel Clark & General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] & was stationed near Savannah & was at the battle at Savannah – and was in several light engagements near that place, he remained there & on that tour between three & four months – when he was regularly discharged – he left his discharge with his father & he understands it was lost or mislaid by him – he never had any written discharge except the above, he has no documentary evidence of his services. He was born on the first of March 1761 on Tar River in Virginia, his parents while he was very young removed to Orange County N. C. & from that place to Newberry District South Carolina & from that place to Richmond County Georgia where he lived when at home until after the Siege at Savannah when he removed to Spartanburg District South Carolina where he now resides. He refers to the Reverend Joshua Richards & George Roebuck to prove his services & his character as a man of veracity &c.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to in open Court.

S/ Paul Castlebury, P His mark

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt67529-160-55

S/ Jno M. O'Neill, Presiding Judge

[Joshua Richards, a clergyman, and George Roebuck gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 13: On August 25, 1855 in Spartanburg district South Carolina, Nancy Castleberry [sic] a resident of Spartanburg District, age 49, filed for the widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Paul Castleberry, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$62 per annum; that she married him on February 15, 1825; that he died June 16, 1841; that after his death she married a man named Waldrop [also spelled "Waldrip"] "who it appeared had a wife living, and on that report coming into the neighborhood deserted her the third day after marriage." Her maiden name was Gillespie. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 20: On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1855 the widow applied for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier. In this document she states the same facts as our in her application for her pension as set forth above. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 22: On May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1866 in Spartanburg district South Carolina Tabitha Stephens, 40, Winney Marler, 33, Melinda Pearson, 31 and Rosa Stephens, 29 all residents of Spartanburg district South Carolina gave testimony that they are the children and heirs at law of Nancy Castleberry deceased who was a pensioner of the United States; that their mother resided with Rosa Stephens from January 1, 1861 up to the date of her death on November 20, 1865; that Tabitha Stephens is a widow with 4 children under 8 years of age; that Melinda Pearson is a widow with 6 children all under 13 years of age and that Rosa Stephens is a widow with 3 children all under 9 years of age; they each state that they are hard-pressed to provide for their children and hope that their mother's pension might be reinstated for their benefit. They each signed the document with her mark.]

[Note: in addition to the children named in the May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1866 filing , Sarah M Castleberry is shown as having married a man by the name of Pace and in 1857 she was living in Greenville District South Carolina and in 1866 was living in either Pickens County, South Carolina or in Henderson County North Carolina ; that Tabitha Castleberry married William Stevens who was conscripted into the Confederate Army and is said to have died at the hospital in Charleston in August 1863; that Melinda Castleberry married Charles Pearson who is conscripted into the Confederate Army in February 1864 and reportedly died July, 1864 in Virginia from measles; that Nancy Ann Castleberry married a man named King; that Rosa Castleberry married Jackson Stevens who was conscripted into the Confederate Army in July 1863 and died of fever in Richmond in July 1864; Julia A. Castleberry married a man named Smith and in 1866 was believed to be living, if alive, in St. Clair County Alabama. In addition, there is much correspondence of possible genealogical interest in this file.]

[p 12: Appears to be an abstract of the family record appearing on pages 9 and 10 in this file but the digital images as posted are too faint to read, at least to read all of the entries on it. The abstract reads as follows:

Sarah M Castleberry was born the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 1825

Tabitha Castleberry was born April 5<sup>th</sup> 1826

James A Castleberry was born December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1827

Elizabeth J A Castleberry was born October 7<sup>th</sup> 1829

Winney Castleberry was born the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1832

Malinda Castleberry was born the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 1834

Nancy Ann Castleberry was born the 25 day of February 1836

Rosey Castleberry was born the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 1837]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 19 months in the Georgia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]