

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension File for Perrin Cardwell, Virginia Militia, W346 (widow Elizabeth). Mr. Cardwell was a resident of Knox County Tennessee when he applied for his pension.

Transcribed and annotated by Roy Randolph, February 6, 2012.

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading. A bracketed question mark [?] indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Not all the material in the Pension File is included in the transcription.]

State of Tennessee, Knox County S. S.

On this 25th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before me, Samuel Powell, one of the Circuit Judges of law & equity in and for the said state of Tennessee and for the first Judicial Circuit in the Circuit Court now sitting, Perrin Cardwell, a resident of the county and state aforesaid in the said county and state aged 68 years last July 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 7th 1832: That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He resided in Powhatan County, Virginia. In the last of February in the year 1781 while living at said place he was called into service under an order or call from the governor in case of an emergency by which call or order he thinks the [sic, probably that] one half of the county was called into service and he went as one among the rest under Capt Edward Munford in Col William Mayo[']s [Mayo's] Virginia Regiment. Rendezvoused at Manchester in Chesterfield County Va. There we joined Col Robert Goode's Regiment who took command of both Regiments by the order of Genl Lafayette[e] as he was informed, we then marched down James River to the cross Roads at the wire Bottom Church [sic, so spelled throughout. I believe this is the Ware Bottom Church]. Continued there until the battle at Petersburg [April 25, 1781?] between Baron Steuben and the british [sic, British, spelled with a lower case "b" throughout. I correct the punctuation to a capital "B"] then we marched to Chesterfield court house thence back to Col Cary's. He was on guard when the British appeared in sight of Cary's Mills. We were ordered to retreat and done so. Retreated beyond the river road to Rock Springs in the wood. The next day Marched to a place called Chitwoods [Chetwoods?] and took up camp till night we were then called on Parade and told by Col. Goode that there was a British picket guard three miles from Manchester and all that would volunteer and go and help to take that guard should be cleared of three tours of duty. 72 turned out and volunteered and this applicant was one of that number under the command of Adjutant Thomas Hubbard and Lieut. James Taylor [Taylor]. We marched all night about sunrise next morning marched through Manchester down to the river [James River]. The British had burnt the warehouses which contained a quantity of tobacco and had marched down the river road before we got there; thence back to the main army and pursued the British with our whole force the next day to Ware Bottom Church. We lay there a week or ten days. Were then attacked by the British and had to retreat into the woods and by that means got clear of our pursuers when [the] enemy turned back we pursued them till we understood they had taken water and left that part of the country. We then returned to the said Ware Bottom Church, remained there till the British came on us again. We then retreated toward Chesterfield Courthouse and then into the

woods. The British then turned back and we then pursued them till we came to the said Ware Bottom Church. Lay there till we got word the British had taken water and gone to Cedar [City?] Point. We lay there till about the middle of May we were then and there honorably but verbally discharged by the said Col Goode. Served at this time two months and a half.

Again while living at the same place in said Powhatan County Va. immediately after he returned home from the aforesaid tour he was drafted in the latter part of May 1781 for three months under Capt. Edward Munford Rendezvoused at Powhatan Courthouse had no Col. We then marched through Chesterfield [crossed?] the river at Richmond thence through Henrico County to the Meadow Bridges there we joined General Lafayette's Army and was put under the command of Genl. Robert Lawson & Col. John Holcome [Holcombe?] Maj. Philip Holcome [Holcombe?]. Marched to Baler Cox's to headquarters. Lay there about three weeks thence to Bottom's Bridge. Lay there [about?] two days thence to Richmond. Camped at a place called the Spout[?] Spring thence to Ground Squirrel Bridge thence across the Chickahominy Swamp and camped in an old field for some time thence to New Castle thence up the river above Newcastle into the woods lay there some time and was reinforced by troops from Maryland and other places thence down the river by New Castle to Park's Springs lay there some time which made it the latter end of August. Capt. Munford then got a discharge for himself and all his men and he gave us verbal discharges by telling us we might go home. He served at this time three months.

Again while living in said Powhatan County Va. in about five days after he returned home from the tour last aforesaid he was drafted for a three months tour in the militia (which was in the first of September 1781) under Capt. Robert Hughs [Hughes] and Leiut. W^m Pare and Ensign Henery Stratten [Stratton?]. Rendezvoused at Powhatan Courthouse marched through Chesterfield across the Appomattox River at Petersburg thence through Prince George and Surry Counties through Cabin Point to Swan's Point then crossed James River above old James Town a short distance above the town thence to James Town Church. Camped there which was a few days after the battle the wounded was still in the church thence to Williams burgh [Williamsburg] there joined Genl. Lafayette's Army about two miles above the town. Was put under the command of Genl. Robert Lawson who was a Brigade Genl. & Col. Beverly Randolph. Lay there two or three weeks. While there Maj. Wood Jones was detached with a company of soldiers to the lines of the British at York Town. This applicant was among that company. While we were on the lines of the enemy Genl. Washington with his troops joined the army at Williamsburg. Maj. Jones was ordered back to the main army at Williamsburg and was ordered to stoop two miles below Williamsburg. He obeyed the order and camped there till the next day and when the American and British troops marched by we fell in the rear and marched as a rear guard till we got within two miles of York Town, there we had our camp till the siege was over. The British formed on the left, the American Regulars on the right and the Militia in the center during the siege he was in the whole siege. Helped to take Cornwallis and was then appointed to guard the prisoners to Winchester barrack[s]. He had been sick for some time before the last[?] of the siege but still done duty and after he started with the prisoners he was put upon the sick report[?] and could not proceed to Winchester that was about the first of November. He remained sick and unable to work as do duty till the first of March 1782. He got no written discharge. He served out his full time of three months at this time and if the government considers him in service till he was able to do duty as labor which he leaves

for the sound decision of the Honorable Secretary of War he served in the last four five months which makes in the whole ten and a half months service.

He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his actual service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any state. Sworn and subscribed in open court. Perrin Cardwell (signature)



[David Fleming, a clergyman, and James Browning gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee, Knox County

Personally appeared before me, Joseph A. Mabry, an acting Justice in the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said county, Perrin Cardwell, a resident of the said county and state in the said county and state who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration for a pension which declaration was made in the Circuit Court for said county and bears date August 25th 1832 and was numbered in the War Department No. 5984 and sent back for amendment. He was born in Cumberland County Virginia in that part that is now Powhatan [Powhatan County was formed in May 1777 with land from the eastern portion of Cumberland County] on the 12th day July 1764. He has a record of his age at home in a book of his family record as kept as a family record book. He is known in his present neighborhood to Samuel Crawford, Joseph Jackson, Luke Hanks, James McCampbell, Isaac McCampbell, John Clayborn, and Solomon McCampbell Genl. John Cocke [Cooke?] all of whom he believes would testify that they believe him to be a man of veracity and that they believe he served as a soldier of the Revolution. Sworn and subscribed before me, J. A. Mabry, this 4th day of April 1833. Perrin Cardwell (signature)

[Note: The following was added by Will Graves 10/24/14]

[p 21: On March 30, 1855 in Knox County Tennessee, Elizabeth Cardwell, aged 85 (about) made application for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Perrin Caldwell, a deceased revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Amelia County Virginia September 4, 1784; that they were married by one Mr. Bromskill, a clergyman; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Worsnam [sic, Elizabeth Worsham?]; that her husband died December 2nd, 1854; that she remains his widow. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 15: On April 2nd, 1855 in Knox County Tennessee, Elizabeth Cardwell, about 84 years of age, gave testimony that she is the widow of Perrin Caldwell, a pensioner of the United States under the 1832 act at the rate of \$28 33 per annum; that her husband died in Knox County Tennessee December 25, 1854; that she married him in Amelia County Virginia

September 4, 1784; that they were married by one __ Bromskile; that her maiden name was E. Worsnam. She signed her declaration with her mark.]

[p 51: Copy of a marriage bond dated August 27, 1785 issued in Amelia County Virginia to Perrin Cardwell and William Fleming conditioned on the marriage of Perrin Caldwell and Betsy Worsham.]

[Note: The only children of the veteran and his wife referred to in the documents in this file are Thomas G Cardwell born in 1794 and Daniel Cardwell born about 1789; said Daniel died in 1857 survived by a son Perrin H Cardwell who was born April 17, 1820.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos. G. Cardwell". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Perrin H. Cardwell". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right. A small bracket-like mark is visible at the end of the signature.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 to half months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]