

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Caldwell (Coldwell) W4150 Sarah

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County

Be it known that in order to obtain the benefit of the Acts of Congress of June 1832 before us John J Shuford, Nathaniel Edwards, Alexander Ward Acting Justices of the peace in & for the County aforesaid personally appeared James Coldwell an inhabitant of said County and after being before us duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration, namely, that early in the year of 1781 and as he the deponent now believes in the month of February he was called out in the defense of his Country as a drafted militia man for the term of three months. That he joined a company commanded by Captain John Ware [John Weir] attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel William Graham joined to a division under the command of General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] who was killed [February 1, 1781 at Cowan's Ford]¹ at the time the British Army under the command of Corn Wallis [sic, Cornwallis] crossing the Catawba River, that he continued to serve in the before mentioned Company through sometimes on detached parties watching the approach of the British Army in attempting to pass the Catawba River. The said company to which the said deponent belonged under the command of Captain Ware aforesaid fortified themselves in an Island on the Catawba River at the tucky suge forge [sic, Tuckaseegee Ford]. After the British Army had passed on through the Country, there were different detachments formed to suppress an insurrection of the people called Tories. Captain Ware's Company then forming part of the detachment which passed on to Charlotte Mecklenburg Court house and thence on to Rocky River which he the deponent, obtained a discharge from said Army having fulfilled the term for which he was engaged. That in the fall in the same year A.D. 1781 as well as he the deponent now thinks in the month of [word written over and difficult to distinguish whether it was intended to be December or September] he was called out has drafted Militia man for the term of three months. That he joined a company commanded by Captain William Moore which was incorporated with an Army under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] which marched in opposition to the British Army at Wilmington North Carolina.² An insurrection of people called Tories in the adjacent Country he the deponent having fulfilled the term of three months for which he was engaged obtained a discharge from the Army then lying at Swans ferry on the Cape Fear River near Wilmington,

Q. Where did you reside when called out on the tours before mentioned. – A. I resided near where I do at present in the County then called Tryon, since Lincoln County

Q. What is your age, have you a record thereof

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cowans_ford.html

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_evacuation_of_wilmington.html

A. I have no record of my age that I can have recourse to by the best information of which I am possessed I consider myself to be about 84 years of age. The deponent further says that his name is not on the pension list roll of the agency of any state and he relinquishes all claim to a pension except what may be allowed him in the present application. Sworn to and subscribed before us this 9th Day of February A.D. 1837

S/ J. J. Shuford, J. P.

S/ James Caldwell, X his mark

S/ J. Nath. Edwards, JP

S/ Alexander Ward, JP

[p 9: On October the 11th, 1853 in Catawba County North Carolina, Mrs. Sarah Caldwell, 70, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of James Caldwell, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$24 per annum; that she married him January 1, 1828; that he died July 3, 1837.]

[p 11, On October 6, 1853 in Catawba County North Carolina, David Barringer & Miles Abernathy testified that they knew James Caldwell and Sarah Short (widow) prior to their marriage and thereafter and that they lived together as man and wife after their marriage up to the time of the death of James Caldwell.]

[p 14: On April 3 1855 in Catawba County North Carolina, Sarah Caldwell, 73, filed a claim for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of James Caldwell, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Lincoln County on January 1, 1825; that they were married by E. Connor, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Sarah Short (widow) and that her husband died July 3, 1837.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March fourth, 1821, for six months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]