

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Caldwell ¹ W528 Elizabeth Caldwell
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State of North Carolina, Lincoln County: Inferior Court October 1832

On this 30th day of October AD 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the honorable the Court of Pleas & quarter sessions of Lincoln County now sitting, Samuel Caldwell, a resident of said County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina aged Seventy three years, 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, that he was born in the County of Orange in said State of North Carolina (as he was informed & believes) on the 10th day of February AD 1759 (& I hath a record in my Bible of his age) and removed from thence to the County of Tryon (now Lincoln) about the year 1772, and hath lived in said County in this same neighborhood until the present Time. That he entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer under the following named Officers, and served as herein after stated:

That in about the year 1775 or 1776 (the precise time he doth not remember) he served a Tour of about three months under the command of Captain John Gowen of the State of South Carolina as a Ranger against the Cherokee Indians – afterwards sometime in the year 1779 at the age of 20 years he voluntarily entered as a private soldier in to the Militia service of North Carolina in the revolutionary War under the Command of Captain William Cronikle [William Chronicle] then joined the Army of the United States commanded by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] at Purrysburg in the State of South Carolina sometime in the fall or winter of that year & returned home in March 1780 and was occasionally in the ranging Service in the Counties of Lincoln & Rutherford in said State of North Carolina, until shortly before the Battle of King's Mountain which was fought [October 7, 1780] with the Army under the Command of Colonel Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] near the line between North and South Carolina in the month of October 1780; he had joined the American Army under the command of Colonel's Campbell [William Campbell], Shelby [Isaac Shelby], Clarke [Elijah Clarke] & Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] in the company commanded by Captain Isaac White & was in the aforesaid Battle & continued in Service until the Battle of the Cowpens in the State of South Carolina which was fought with Colonel Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] about the 17th of January 1781. In which battle he was under the Command of Captain Montgomery in the American Army commanded by Genl Morgan [Col. Daniel Morgan] & afterwards followed the British Army to Guilford in North Carolina & remained in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Pickens [Andrew Pickens] & Major Dickson [Joseph Dickson] until sometime in March 1781, during which time he was in two Skirmishes with part of the British Army commanded by Cornwallis, one in Guilford [County] [March 15, 1781] & the other in Orange [County], North Carolina. The American Army in which he then served was commanded by General Nathaniel Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] – and the following Fall, he, as a Substitute for Clem Nance entered a troop of cavalry commanded by Captain Simmons [Richard Simmons] in Genl

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Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Brigade & went to Wilmington in North Carolina during which Tour he was in an engagement against the Tories at Raft Swamp [October 15 1781] near Wilmington & was out at that time about ten weeks before he returned home, his engagement as a Substitute for said Nance being for three months – he says that he is unable to state the precise time he was out on the different Tours of Service but is able to state confidently that they amounted to more than two years, he hath no documentary evidence to prove said Service, having never received any written discharge, but that there are Several persons yet living who can testify as to part of said service, the depositions of some of whom are hereunto annexed. 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 the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Said Samuel Caldwell further says that since giving the above he recollects that his company under Major Smith attacked the Brick house [November 15, 1781] near two miles from Wilmington two different days; and was in another skirmish with the Tories on the Raft Swamp besides the one stated before in which a man by the name of McAda [?] & a Whig from Guilford was killed. And he further served a three months tour in Rutherford County under Captain John Carruth against the Indians & Tories.

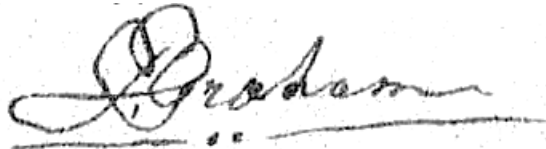
S/Samuel Caldwell



General Joseph Graham² in open court of Lincoln County makes oath in due form of Law that Captain Samuel Caldwell served as a horseman in the Militia for 10 weeks or upwards from sometime in January 1781 until sometime in March the same year at that time the British Army crossed the Catawba River until near the time of the Battle of Guilford Court House and that in the fall of the said year he served a tour of duty as a dragoon in Captain Simmons' Troop in a Legionary Corps commanded by Colonel Robert Smith of which Corps this deponent acted as Major & has a distinct Recollection of Caldwell being in the Battles at Raft Swamp and the Brick house near Wilmington & other minor skirmishes.

Sworn to and subscribed his third day of October 1832.

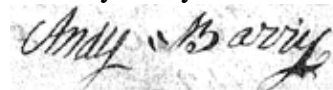
S/ J Graham



Captain Andrew Barry³ being sworn in open court deposes that he was in the Battle of Kings Mountain in Company with Captain Samuel Caldwell on the 7th day of October in the year 1780 and with him in that tour and on to Guilford a campaign after the Battle of Cowpens when the British crossed the Catawba River then under command of Major Joseph Dickson & General Andrew Pickens.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ Andy Barry



Test: S/ Vardry McBee, clerk of said court

² [Joseph Graham S6937](#)

³ [Andrew Barry R569](#)

first question put to the deponent by the Court:

1. Where & in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born the 10th of February 1757 in North Carolina, Orange County.

2. Have you any record of your age?

Answer: I have it at home in my Bible.

3. Where did you live when called into service & where did you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live?

Answer: Called into service in North Carolina Lincoln County & lived there ever since.

S/ Samuel Caldwell

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: This day came personally James Glenn before me Larkin Stowe an acting Justice of the Peace for said County & after being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith – That he is acquainted with Captain Samuel Caldwell of Lincoln County North Carolina & that he knew him to be a Soldier of the Revolution – that he was at the Battle of Kings Mountain in October 1780 under Major Chronicle Colonel Campbell & others and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed this 17th of August A.D. 1832.

S/ Jas. Glenn⁴



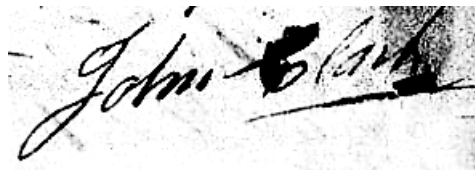
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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: This day came personally John Clark before me Larkin Stowe an acting Justice of the peace in and for the said County & after being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith as follows viz.

That he is acquainted with Captain Samuel Caldwell of Lincoln County North Carolina & that he knew him to be a Soldier of the Revolution in the year 1781 – that he was in the service under Major Joseph Dickson General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] & General Green in a Battalion of Mounted Militia in Rowan & Guilford Counties being with him in two Battles viz. one at Clapps Mill [March 5, 1781] & the other at the Alamance – Haw River where Colonel Piles [Doctor John Pyle, Pyle's Defeat, February 25, 1781] was defeated. The above service commenced in January of said year & continued 2 or 3 months. And further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed this 17th of August A.D. 1832

S/ John Clark⁵



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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions January Term 1833

On this 23rd day of January A.D. 1833 personally appeared Court before the Judges of the County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions held for said County of Lincoln now sitting Captain Samuel Caldwell a resident of the said County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina aged Seventy Three

⁴ [James Glenn S21768](#)

⁵ [John Clark R1999](#)

years who being 1st 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. That he was born in the County of Orange in said State of North Carolina (as he has been informed & believes) on the 10th day of February A.D. 1759 & hath a record of his age in his Bible, he removed from thence to the County of Tryon (now Lincoln) about the year 1772, and have resided in the same County & same neighborhood until the present time; that he entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer Soldier & served under the following named Officers, as herein after stated, – That he about the year 1776 served a Tour of about three months under the command of Captain John Gowen of the State of South Carolina as a Ranger against the Cherokee Indians – sometime in the year 1779 at the age of twenty years he voluntarily entered as a private Soldier into the Militia Service of North Carolina in the Revolutionary War under the Command of Captain William Chronicle & joined the Army of the United States commanded by General Lincoln at Purrysburg in the State of South Carolina sometime in the fall or winter of that year & returned home in March 1780 & was generally out in the ranging Service in the Counties of Lincoln & Rutherford in the State of North Carolina until the Battle of King's Mountain which was fought with the Army under the command of Colonel Ferguson near the line between North & South Carolina in the month of October 1780 – he this affiant having joined the American Army under the command of Colonels Campbell, Shelby, Clarke & Cleveland in the company commanded by Captain Isaac White & was in the aforesaid Battle, and continued in the Service until the Battle of the Cowpens which was fought in the State of South Carolina with Colonel Tarleton about 17 January 1781 in which battle he was under the command of Captain Montgomery in the American Army commanded by General Morgan & afterwards followed the British Army to Guilford in North Carolina & remained in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Pickens & Major Dickson until sometime in March 1781 during which Tour he was in two skirmishes with part of the British Army commanded by Cornwallis, viz. one in the County of Guilford & the other in Orange North Carolina. The American Army in which he had served was commanded by General Nathanael Greene. That this service (to wit) from the June he entered the Army in the latter part of the year 1779 until March 1781 as above stated he is confident amounted to at least one year & three months. In the fall of 1781 he as a substitute for Clem Nance entered the Service in the troop of Cavalry commanded by Captain Simmons in General Rutherford's Brigade & went to Wilmington in North Carolina, during which Tour he was in several skirmishes with the British & Tories, Viz. one at the Raft Swamp near Wilmington & at the Brick house & other little engagements. The Tour in which he substituted for said Nance was for the Term of Three months – he says that from the length of time which half elapsed since the period above alluded to he is unable to state the precise length of the different Tours he served, but hath ever been impressed with the belief that the whole amounted to at least two years or more – he hath no documentary evidence to prove said Service having never received any written Discharge but that there are several persons yet living who can testify to part of said service & the Depositions of General Joseph Graham & Captain Andrew Barry which were forwarded with his Declaration made on 30 October 1832 proves part of said Service the benefit of which he prays may be allowed to him together with two others Viz. of John Clark & James Glenn who are residents of the District of York in the State of South Carolina & taken & sworn to before Larkin Stowe a Justice of the Peace for said County of Lincoln & who he could not get to attend the said Court to have their depositions taken there. The reasons why he did not cured the certificate of a clergyman before & at this time is because the clergyman who resides near him after only been a resident here but a few months & he does believe he could not conveniently either get him or any other to attend – he further states that he served a Tour of three months against the Tories & Indians in the County of Rutherford North Carolina under the command of Captain John Carruth but is unable to state the precise date of said Service.

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 State –

The following questions were put to this deponent by the Court Viz.

1st Where & in what year were you born?

Answer – I was born in the County of Orange in the State of North Carolina on 10 February 1759 –

2nd – Have you any record of your age?

Answer – I have it at home in my Bible.

3rd – Where did you live when called into service & where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live?

Answer – I was living in Lincoln County in the State of North Carolina where I have lived ever since & now live.

S/ Saml. Caldwell

[William J Wilson & Lawson Henderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 12: On June 11, 1853 in Gaston County North Carolina, Elizabeth Caldwell, a resident of said County, aged 74 years made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Caldwell, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she married her husband in October 1801; that her husband died December 25, 1839 and that she remains his widow. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 8: On December __1855 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina Elizabeth Caldwell, 87 a resident of Gaston County North Carolina filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Samuel Caldwell deceased; that she married him in Lincoln County North Carolina in 1801; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Gullick; and that her husband died in Gaston County in 1840. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Facts in file: the actual date of the marriage of the veteran to Elizabeth Gullick occurred October 6, 1801 in Lincoln County; the widow was still living in Gaston County North Carolina in October 1866; veteran's son the Honorable G W Caldwell of Charlotte North Carolina was superintendent of the Branch Meant located in Charlotte in 1854 no other children of the veteran are named in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]