

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Micajah Callaway (Calloway) W6646 Franky Callaway VA
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State of Indiana } Sct. Washington Circuit Court September Term 1832 —
Washington County }

On this 29th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of said Court now sitting, it being a Court of record, Micajah Callaway a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged about 74 years, who being 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: that he entered the service as a Volunteer in Bottertourt [sic: Botetourt] County Virginia, by joining a company under Captain Henry Paulding of the Virginia militia, this was in the month of April 1777. the company consisted of about one hundred men – Immediately after joining said company, he marched with said company under said Paulding to Boonsborough [sic: Boonesborough] Kentucky, and served in said company under the said Paulding about 9 months. he then volunteered under Col. Boon [sic: Daniel Boone] and in February 1778 [8 Feb 1778] he was stationed at the Blue Licks [in present Nicholas County] with others making salt and whilst there he was taken with twenty six others, Col Boone among the number by a company of Shawnee Indians of upwards of one hundred, and conveyed as a prisoner with the others to the little Miami – James Callaway [pension application W9771], Jesse Cooper, Nat Bullock [Nathaniel Bullock], John Holly [S9588], William Brooks and Sam'l Brooks [Samuel Brooks] were among the number of prisoners. – he remained a prisoner with the said tribe of Indians from that time for five years and five months, during which time he moved with said tribe to different places in Ohio. After the tribe was driven from little Miami by a party from Kentucky, it took its station on Mad River, and remained there about one year, then moved up the Big Miami about 20 miles, remained some time, then moved to a small stream emptying into Miami, and from that place the tribe was driven, by a party under Gen'l. George Rogers Clark seven of the Indians being there taken prisoners, the Queen of the nation being among the number (her name Lamatumqui) the tribe then took their station on St. Mary's remained there about three months. he was then employed as an Interpreter on behalf of said tribe, to go to the falls of the Ohio [at present Louisville] to treat on the subject of exchange of prisoners – Seven Indians went with him to that place, for that purpose, the exchange took place after he had been there about 7 days Gen'l. Clark being there at that time, by whose assistance this declarant was released at that time – he was in some other places with said tribe during the time he was a prisoner which are not now particularly recollected but he is positive that he was a prisoner as he has stated for about 5 years and 5 months during which time his suffering from stripes, hunger cold and the privations incident to a prisoners life among Savages are indescribable – After his release he was variously employed in the service of his country in defending the frontiers against Indians. he was a Spy for Gen. [Anthony] Wayne 4 months, and was employed as interpreter in making a treaty at Limestone [at present Maysville KY, 1787] for the exchange of prisoners, and also at the mouth of Big Miami he acted a Interpreter for Gen'l. [Arthur] Sinclair and Gen'l. [Richard] Butler – that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State –

He is acquainted in his present neighborhood with John Kingsbury, Joseph Green, Beebee Booth, Eli W Malott[?], Gen'l. John Depann, Col. Jonathan Lyon, John Curry and Ebenezer Patrick, who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

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NOTES:

On 6 July 1853 Franky Callaway applied for a pension stating that she married Micajah Callaway in Garrard County KY in 1804, and he died 11 April 1849. On 10 Nov 1853 the year of marriage was corrected to 1805, and the file includes a copy of a bond signed by Micajah Callaway and James Davis for the marriage of Callaway to Francis Hawkins dated 3 April 1805. On 30 March 1855 Franky Callaway applied for bounty land, giving her age as 80 years and the date of marriage as April 1804. Franky Callaway was said to be 87 in a document dated 20 May 1859 and witnessed by Noble D. Callaway and John H. Callaway, the latter elsewhere identified as the son of Micajah Callaway.

For further information see *Tomahawks and Treaties: Micajah Callaway and the Struggle for the Ohio River Valley* by Rex Callaway