[The federal file does not contain an application for a pension. The following are the only documents providing evidence about Calvert’s service.]

Pension Office/ November 29, 1844

I hereby certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of the late Lieutenant Joseph Calvitt, who was an officer of the Virginia State Troops, and I find that his legal representatives obtained the benefits of the act of the 5th of July 1832, entitled “an act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia;” but that the payment did not commence at so early a date as the law directs. He left the service in April 1782, and from the 30th of that month up to the 3rd September 1783, from which last date payment has already been made, they are entitled to half-pay at the rate of One Hundred and Sixty Dollars per annum; and I further certify that the amount is payable to Francis A. Dickins, administrator of said Calvitt, deceased.

Approved/ secretary of War. Commissioner of Pensions

Washington 26 April 1849.

Sir [James L Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions], I believe that under the decision made in the case of J. N. Gault, a claimant, under the act of the 5th July 1832 has a right to receive the difference between half pay for life and commutation with interest. It consequently becomes my duty, as the administrator on the estate of Lieut. Joseph Calvet dec’d. of the Illinois Regiment to apply to you for that difference in his case. For evidence of the claim, the identity of the party and my authority to act I respectfully refer you to the papers on which you allowed a balance on his claim in Nov’r 1844.

Yours very respectfully/ Francis A Dickins adm’r. of Joseph Calvet dec’d.

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

Illinois Regiment

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Joseph Calvit Gentleman, greeting: Know you that from the special Trust and Confidence which is reposed in your Fidelity, Courage, Activity, and good Conduct, our Governour, with the advise of the Council of State, doth hereby constitute and appoint you the said Joseph Calvert a Lieutenant of a Company of Infantry in the Forces of this commonwealth. In testimony whereof these our Letters are made patent. Witness Thomas Jefferson, Esquire, our said Governour at Williamsburg on the first day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and eighty.

Signed/ Th Jefferson

Joseph Calvit } Received to be recorded 6th Oct 1814
To: }

Samuel Calvit et al }
money of the United States... [the rest, not transcribed, makes the following provision to Samuel Calvit, James Cowdon, and David Her:
“The tract of Land whereon and now live, situate about two miles below the petit Gulph [Petit Gulf] containing Five hundred acres be the same more or less, together with all the negroes and personal property, towit. Negro man Isham, negro woman Phillis, negro girl Susan and child, negro man Solomon, negro man Draper, negro woman Dinah & children, negro man Sam, negro woman Beck and negro man Jack, the stock of horses, mules, Horned Cattle, hogs, sheep, Goats, Household and Kitchen furniture & plantation utensils.” The deed was signed “Joseph Calvit.”]

State of Mississippi } [25 Sep 1830]
Adams County } Personally appeared before me the undersigned a notary Public in and for the County of Adams and State aforesaid, Margaret Williams, who being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposeth and sweareth to the following particulars and facts, (viz)
1. That she personally knew and was well acquainted with Lieutenant Joseph Calvit both before the close of the Revolutionary war and for a long time afterwards.
2. That said Joseph Calvit was for some time previous to the close of the Revolutionary war and up to its close, a commissioned Lieutenant or acting as such in the Illinois Cavalry of the Virginia Line under the command of General George Rogers Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark]; which said Cavalry, were stationed for a time at Kaskaskia in or at the Fort; and that said Lieut Joseph Calvit served as an officer as aforesaid until the war was over and peace declared.
3. That the said Lieut Joseph Calvit was lawfully married at the Iron Banks on the Mississippi [a short distance below Wickliffe KY] at the house of this deponent; this deponent being present and witnessing the ceremony
4. That said Lieut Joseph Calvit removed with his family some time after the close of the revolutionary war to the now state of Mississippi and that this deponent knew him up to the time of his death.
5. That this deponent was the wife & now is the widow of Capt John Williams [pension application W6511] who also served in the Virginia Line under the command of Gen’l. George Rogers Clarke, and that she & her husband also at an early period moved to the now state of Mississippi; and that she now is in or about seventy eight years old and that therefore she hath opportunity of personally knowing these facts, and doth know them of her own knowledge
6. That said Lieut Joseph Calvit had issue born to him by the marriage aforesaid a daughter Martha and a son John who are still living and others who this deponent is informed are dead.
7. That said Martha daughter as aforesaid of Lieut Joseph Calvit was married to Joshua G. Clarke, afterwards the Hon’bl. [illegible abbreviation] Chancellor of the state of Mississippi; and that said Martha is now the widow and relict of said chancellor Clarke.
8. That said Lieut. Joseph Calvit remained after his removal to the now state of Mississippi until the time of his death

I Anne Tabor the affiant in this case do declare affirm and make oath that at some time between the years seventeen hundred and seventy nine and seventeen hundred and eighty three I the said affiant knew Joseph Calvit the father of John Calvit and Martha Clarke to be a Captain Lieutenant among the Virginia Troops which were commanded by Gen’l George Rogers Clarke and of this fact I am fully convinced because I resided in my fathers family for several months at a military post where the said Joseph Calvit was stationed among the troops of the Virginia line wherefore I Anne Tabor the affiant in this case do again make oath declare affirm & swear that Joseph Calvit (the father of Jno Calvit & Martha Clarke) was a Captain Lieutenant among the troops under the command of Gen’l George Rogers Clarke at some time between the years seventeen hundred and seventy nine and seventeen hundred and eighty three. And I Anne Tabor do also declare affirm and make oath that the said Joseph Calvit descended the Mississippi & settled near Natchez while this country was in possession of the Spaniards some time about the year
seventeen hundred and eighty five and has to the best of my knowledge remained here ever since till his
death which occurred in August eighteen hundred and nineteen [6 Oct 1830]
Anne herXmark Tabor

Mississippi State } Claiborne County }

Personally appeared before Colney Stamp Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Claiborne and
State of Mississippi Thomas Coe who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God
deposeth and sweareth to the following facts and particulars. 1st That He the said Thomas Coe was well
acquainted with Joseph Calvit (the father of John Calvit & Martha Clarke & a Captain Lieutenant in the
Virginia State Line during the Revolutionary War) for several years before his death. 2nd That the said
Thomas Coe was present at the death and burial of the said Joseph Calvit and is certain that the said
Joseph Calvit died on some day between the twentieth and twenty fifth day of August in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen 3rd That the said Joseph Calvit left at his death a widow
Mrs Rundell who is now living and four children John Calvit, Martha Clark, James Calvit, and Thomas
Calvit of whom the two last viz. James Calvit and Thomas Calvit have died without issue or children of
their bodies who might represent their deceased parents. 4th That That Sidney Rundell John Calvit and
Martha Clarke are the only surviving legal heirs and Representatives of Joseph Calvit a Lieutenant in the
Virginia state Line during the Revolutionary War.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th of November 1830

NOTE: The federal file contains a letter dated 27 May 1850 referring to “the claim of Mrs Martha Clark
to commutation in right of the military service of Lieut Joseph Calvert.” The file also contains a long
letter dated 13 Dec 1938 with further information about Joseph Calvert or Calvit.