Pension Application of John Caldwell S16344  
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State of Indiana }  
Vigo County }  
On this 7th day of May AD 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Vigo Circuit of Indiana  
now sitting John Calwell a resident of Vigo County Indiana aged 78 years and 4 months 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 the 7th day of June A.D. 1832

He says that he entered the Service of the United States in the latter part of the Summer of the year 1777  
under the following named officers  Thomas Florina or Thomas Florany [sic: Thomas Flournoy]  
Lieutenant Thomas Moore  Ensign John Allen and the following were the field officers under whome he  
served  Colonel [Charles] Scott & General [Thomas] Nelson  he says that he canot remember the precise  
day or month in which he entered the service but knows it was in the latter part of the Summer of the  
year 1777 nor does he remember the day or month on which he was discharged but believes his term of  
Service was three months  he says that he was residing in prince Edwards [sic: Prince Edward] county in  
the state of virginia at the time when he entered the service and he says that he was a volunteer  the first  
and second divisions of virginia militia having been called out it was found that there was not a sufficient  
number of men to complete the two divisions when volunteers were called for and he volunteered in the  
first division  
he says that he was first marched to Richmond  from thence to williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] which  
was at that time the seat of government and that he was stationed at a place called “the College Camp” [at  
William and Mary College] from thence he was marched two miles to charge of the magizine and then to  
little york on york River about twelve miles from Williamsburgh where he remained untill he was  
discharged and he says by reason of his age he he cannot remember the perticulars of this his first term of  
Service  he does however remember that while he was stationed at little york that he saw Hows fleet on  
its return from Elk head on its way to Pheledelphia [see endnote]  
he says that in the year 1780 he was drafted and again marched to Richmond where after remaining for a  
considerable time he was imploied to drive a publick waggan from Richmond to Roanoak [sic: Roanoke]  
River (Taylors Ferry) at which place he was again discharged wich discharge is herewith sent marked A.  
and he says the said discharge is the only documenm in his possession which would go to prove his  
services and he further says that he knows of no person who’s testimoney he can procure who can testify  
to his services except the persons whose affidavits are here with sent  
he says that he was born in Prince Edwards county Virginia in the year 1755  he says that he has a record  
of his sage at home which was taken from a record kept by his father in his Bible  
he says that in 1782 he was again drafted to march against the Chickmages [sic: Chickamauga] Indians (a  
branch of the Cherokee nation) but the perticulars of this campane has intirely escaped from his mind  he  
believes this last term of service was during three months  
he says that since the revolution he has resideed in Augusta County Virginia for some time from which  
place he removed to the state of north carolina now called Tennessee [sic: Tennessee, since 1796] in the  
county of Sullivan of said State  he resided about one year then he removed to washington county in  
same State where he resided about one year when he returned to Sullivan county where he again resideed  
four or five years when he removed to Blunt [sic: Blount] county in the State of Tennessee where he  
resided untill November AD 1831 when he removed to Vigo County Indiana where he now resides  
he says that there is no clergyman residing in the county with whome he is well acquainted or who is  
well acquainted with him but he says the following named persons are well acquainted with him and
know that he is reputed to have been a Revolutionary Soldier. William Durham  Joseph Macom  Alison Cruse  Alexander Ezelton  William Ray and he would name a great number more of his neabours but conceaves it unnessary as the above named persons are all men of noteriety And he hereby relinquishes 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. PS. and the said John Calwell further says that there was no return made of his services during his 2nd term as the amount of pay was so small and so dificult to obtain that the captan said he would not make a return but offered to pay the amount out of his own poket which was refused  
[signed] John Caldwell [Samuel McClure (pension application 533079) stated that he had served with Caldwell at Richmond in the late summer of 1780 when Caldwell was in the militia company of Capt. Francis Long.]

This may Certify that Jno. Calwell has Engaged to drive a public Waggon to Taylor’s Ferry on Roan Oak River, and then he is Intitled to his discharge, Given under my hand at Richmond Town this 24th day of Nov’r. 1780  
J. Porter A.Q.M. [Assistant Quarter Master]  
for Stephen Southall D Q M. Gen’l [Deputy Quarter Master General]

Roanoak River  December 3rd 1780  
I Do hereby Certify that Mr Jn Calwell have a clear Discharge fom his tower of Duty  Given under my hand  
James Owen W [wagon] Master

NOTE: On 25 Aug 1777 the British army commanded by William Howe landed at Head of Elk, now Elkton MD, in preparation for the capture of Philadelphia.