

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Caldwell W8580

Elender Caldwell

f74SC

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State of South Carolina Chester District } SS

On this third day of April 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the Court of General Sessions & Common Pleas now sitting John Caldwell a resident of Chester District in State aforesaid aged seventy-one 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

Was drafted in Lancaster District South Carolina in the year 1778 entered the service under Captain Robert Patton Lieutenant John Walker marched to Purrysburg joined General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] & Colonel Henderson [William Henderson] served at this tour two months & ten days. Drafted again in year 1779 marched under same Captain Robert Patton, Lieutenant John Walker to Augusta Georgia served three weeks after having joined General Lincoln then enlisted in an independent company under Captain John Moore Lieutenant Prince Charles Miles Ensign still under General Lincoln – marched from Augusta to Stono South Carolina was at the Battle at Stono [June 20, 1779] from thence marched to Savannah was left at Ebenezer at the time of the Siege of Savannah [September 16-October 9, 1779] marched from thence to Charleston South Carolina served at this time eight or nine months got a furlough & served no more till after the fall of Charleston in the year 1780 [May 12, 1780] then joined General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] as a volunteer Captain John McClure's Company was at the Battle[s] at Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780] & Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780] both places in the State of South Carolina Served at this tour seven or eight months in the fall of 1780 joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army at Charlotte North Carolina under Captain Arthur Forbus [Forbis or Forbush] marched to Guilford Court-house North Carolina marched to State of Virginia thence back to Guilford North Carolina and was at the Battle at Guilford [March 15, 1781] then marched a few days after the British from thence to State of South Carolina to Camden and was at the battle with General Greene & British under Lord Rawdon [Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] marched from thence to Ninety Six was at the Siege of Ninety Six where Colonel Cruger was besieged [May 21-June 19, 1781], marched from thence to the Congaree from thence to Orangeburg thence to the High Hills of Santee enlistment out at this last tour served two years. Joined Sumter at Orangeburg South Carolina as a substitute for Alexander McKown under Captain Robert Cooper, John Brown Lieutenant in year 1781 & 1782 lay two months and ten days at Orangeburg Colonel Henderson commanded at this time. Then lay two months ten days in the forks of Edisto [River] under Colonel Henderson dismissed, then enlisted at Winnsborough State of South Carolina under Captain Dezick [sic?] joined Greene's Army in

South Carolina stayed with Greene's Army until he marched to Charleston when the British evacuated Charleston South Carolina [December, 1782] when dismissed.

Ans. to 1<sup>st</sup> Int. <sup>1</sup> I was born in the State of North Carolina Waxhaw in the year 1762

Ans. to 2<sup>nd</sup> I have a record of my age in my father's Bible

Ans. to 3<sup>rd</sup> I lived in Lancaster District State of South Carolina when called into service and has lived in Chester District South Carolina & in Fairfield District in said State & now living Chester District ever since.

Ans. to 4. I was drafted enlisted volunteered & substituted for Alexander McKown once

Ans. to 5. General Greene, General Lincoln, General Sumter, Colonel Henderson – Colonel Lacey

Ans. 6. I never did receive a Discharge but was dismissed

Ans. 7. Joseph Gaston, Esquire James Anderson Esquire John McCreary Esquire, Reverend Samuel McCreary, Joseph Robbins Esquire, Robert Cowley, George Conn, Colonel George Call, Charles Harbison Esquire

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.

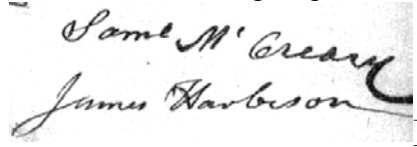
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court

S/ J. Rosborough, CCPls

S/ John Caldwell



[p 72: Samuel McCreary, a clergyman, and James Harbison<sup>2</sup> gave the standard supporting affidavit; in addition they said: "that [they] were both with him in the campaign at Orangeburg in the year 1781 & 1782 when he says he was a substitute for Alexander McKown and these deponents further saith that from common fame and what we know ourselves of said Caldwell we believe his foregoing declaration to be fully true."



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South Carolina Chester District: Personally appeared before me Peter Wylie Judge of the Court of Ordinary of said District John Caldwell who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection the first Tour under Captain Patton & Lieutenant Walker he did not serve less than 2 months & 10 days: 2nd Tower [tour]

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<sup>1</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

<sup>2</sup> [James Harbison W17039](#)

when under said Captain Patton & Lieutenant Walker Quinn went to Georgia served not less than 3 weeks; 3rd Tour when under General Sumter Captain McClure's Company not less than 8 months; 4th Tour when under Sumter and Lieutenant Brown Company as substitute for Alexander McKown under Colonel Anderson not less than 2 months; 5th Tour late 2 months at least in the forks of Edisto under Colonel Henderson making in all in militia service not less than one year & 3 months.

Sworn to & signed in open Court this 23rd day of January 1834

S/ Peter Wylie, JCCCD

S/ John Caldwell

[p 7: family record:

John Caldwell was born February 19th 1762

Elender Caldwell was born August 16th 1762

Ann fallas was born December 16th 1782

Elizabeth fallas was born January [illegible] 1785

Wilsey Caldwell was born September 24th 1788

Joshua Caldwell was born April [illegible] 1790

George Caldwell was born October 25 1794

[illegible, but summary says her name was "Jane"] Colwell was born February  
Marget Camron Caldwell was born January the 13 1797

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[p 8: On May 22, 1847 in York District South Carolina, Ellender Caldwell, 85, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Caldwell, a revolutionary war soldier late of Chester District and pensioner at the rate of \$50 per annum; that she married him in the fall 1787; that her husband died October 10, 1841; that she offers as proof of her marriage the family record showing the births of herself and her children also the ages of Ann and Elizabeth Fallas, children by a former marriage.]

[p 67: Certificate dated July 19, 1847 from the South Carolina Comptroller General's Office showing indents paid to a John Caldwell full pay as a soldier in the South Carolina Continental line 3rd Regiment from February 1, 1780 to June 15 1781; also payments to a John Caldwell for services as a Lieutenant and private in the South Carolina militia on horseback in 1779 & 1782; and also another indent showing services 483 days service on horseback as a Lieutenant under Captain John Norwood's pay bill. *Transcriber's note: I don't think any of these relate to this veteran.*]

[p 10: On January 31, 1850 in York District South Carolina, James McMeans, filed an application under the June 7th, 1832 act on behalf of Ann Holcomb the only surviving child of Eleanor Caldwell deceased, widow of John Caldwell, a pensioner at the rate of \$50 per annum for his service in the revolution; "states that the said John Caldwell was a private and Lieutenant in the Militia also a private in the South Carolina line and the said James McMeans has always understood and believes, and as such he served the United States against the common enemy and was allowed a pension at the above rate, and died on the \_\_day of October 1841 leaving Eleanor his wife a widow who died on the 7th day of April 1848 leaving Ann Holcomb her only surviving child who is still living in York District South Carolina and of lawful age declarant would referred the Department to the evidence now on file in this claim for an increase of Pension as well as a pension to the said Eleanor as the widow of the above named John Caldwell, all of which facts are set forth and passed in Open Court and certified by the same – declarant further makes oath that all the children of said John and Eleanor Caldwell were dead before the death of said John Caldwell except Ann Holcomb above named and Margaret Williams who has since died leaving Ann Holcomb they only [living descendent] of said Eleanor Caldwell, declarant further says he is entirely disinterested, his wife Wilsy having since died having died the 20th day May 1828."]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$153.08 commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending October 27, 1841 when he died, for 15 months service as a private and Lieutenant in the South Carolina militia.]