

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Samuel Caldwell W528

Elizabeth

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State of North Carolina, Lincoln County: ~~Superior Court of law~~ 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 Gowan 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 [sic, Chronicle] then joined the Army of the United States commanded by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] at Purysburg [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 with the Army under the Command of Colonel Ferguson [sic, 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 [sic, Henry Dixon?] 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] & 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 in Genl 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 near Wilmington & was out at that time about 10 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 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 McAdoo 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.

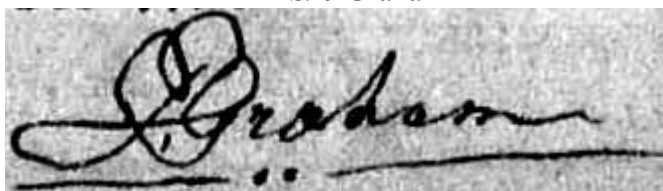
S/Samuel Caldwell

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Samuel Caldwell".

General Joseph Graham¹ 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 some time 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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Graham".

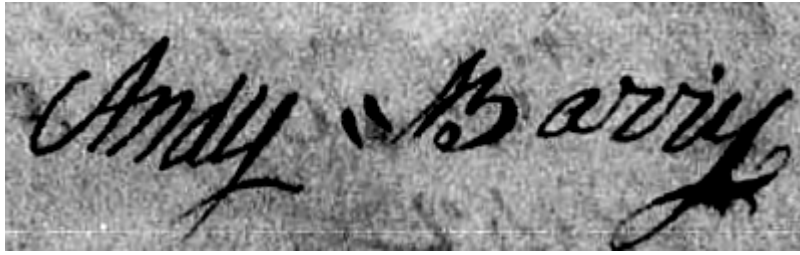
Captain Andrew Barry² being sworn in open court deposes that he was in the Battle of Kings Mountain in Company with Captain Samuel Caldwell on the 7th day of October in the year 1780 and with him in that tour and on to Guilford a campaign after the Battle of Cowpens when the British crossed the Catawba River then under command of Major Joseph Dickson & General Andrew Pickens.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

S/Andy Barry

¹ [Joseph Graham S6937](#)

² [Andrew Barry R569 A](#)



Test: S/ Vardry McBee, clerk of said court

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?

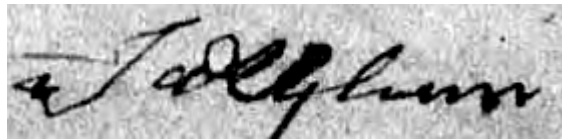
Answer: Called into service in North Carolina Lincoln County & lived there ever since.

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 in 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 day of August A.D. 1832.

S/ Jas Glenn



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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: This day came personally John Clark³ before me Larkin Stowe an acting Justice of the Peace in & for 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 in the Revolution in the year 1781 that he was in the service under Major Joseph Dickson General Pickens & General Greene in a Battalion of Mounted Militia in Rowan & Guilford Counties being with him and to Battles viz. one at Clapps Mill⁴ & the other at the Alamance – Haw River where Colonel Piles⁵ was defeated. The above service commenced in January of said year & continued two or three months. And further this deponent saith not.

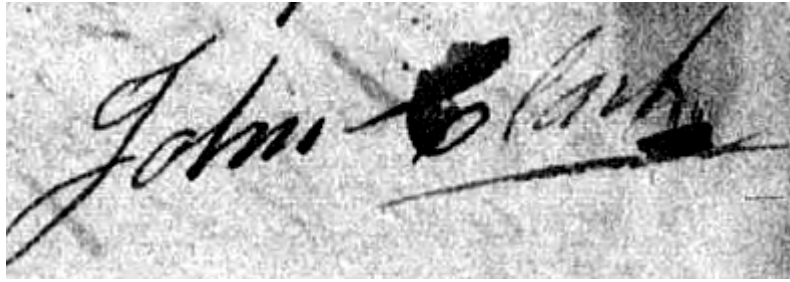
Sworn to and subscribed this 17th of August A.D. 1832 –

S/ John Clark

³ FPA R1999

⁴ March 4, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/clapps.htm>

⁵ Pyle's Defeat February 25, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/pyles.htm>

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature appears to read "John G. Clark" and is written on a light-colored, textured surface, possibly paper or parchment. The ink is dark, and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted.

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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 in open Court before the Justices 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 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 was born in the County of Orange in said State of North Carolina (as he was informed & believes) on the 1st day of February A.D. 1759 – & have a record of his age in his Bible, he removed from there to the County of Tryon on (now Lincoln) about the year 1772, and has 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 20 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 Chronikle [sic, William Chronicle], & joined the Army of the United States commanded by General Lincoln at Purisbury [sic, 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 Kings 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 the 17th of January 1781 in which battle he was under the command of Captain Montgomery in the American Army commanded by General Morgan & after which 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 Nathaniel Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] that this service (to wit) from the time 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 a troop of Calvary commanded by Captain Simmons and 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 has elapsed since the period above alluded to he is unable to state the precise length of the different Tours he served, but have ever been impressed with the belief that the whole of mounted 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 the 30th of October 1832 proves part of said services 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 procure the certificate of a clergyman before & at this time is because the clergyman who resides near him have only been a resident there but a few months & he does believe he could not conveniently if they 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 that he 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 and in what year were you born?

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

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

Answer. I have it at home in my Bible

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and 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.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day and year first mentioned

Test: S/ Vardry McBee, Clerk

S/ Saml. TheCaldwell

[fn p. 12: on June 11th, 1853 in Caswell County North Carolina, Elizabeth Caldwell, 74, file for a widow's pension under the 1853 act as the widow of Samuel Caldwell, a pensioner for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$80 per annum; that her husband died December 25, 1839; that she married him in October 1801.]

[fn p. 8: In December 1855 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina Elizabeth Caldwell, 78, a resident of Gaston County North Carolina filed for her widow's entitlement of bounty land based on the services of her husband Samuel Caldwell in the revolutionary war; she states that she married him in Lincoln County in 1801; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Gullick; that her husband died at their home in Gaston County in 1840.]

[fn p. 24: on August 1, 1866, in Gaston County North Carolina, the widow, then 88 years old file for the reinstatement of her pension benefit.]

[Facts in file: Veteran married Elizabeth October six, 1801.]

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