

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Caldwell S2116

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[Punctuation supplied; dates and numbers expressed as Arabic numerals]

State of Ohio, Butler County: Court of Common Pleas of the Term of July 1832

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable The Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Butler in the State of Ohio William Caldwell aged 69 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832; that in the fall season of 1777 he served in Captain Lindsey's company of mounted militia as a substitute for his father, John Caldwell, who had been drafted into said company in New Berry district [sic, Newberry District] in the State of South Carolina, Captain Lindsey's company at that time was attached to Col. Lyle's [sic, John Liles, Lisle, Lises, Lyles] Regiment. This Regiment marched under the command of Major Gordon and joined the forces under General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] on Long Creek in Georgia who had gone thither on an expedition against the Indians; they were engaged in defending the frontiers of Georgia. Deponent served one month and was then discharged on Little River in Georgia by General Williamson. This deponent further states that between [sic, on?] the first of March in the year 1781 he volunteered to serve in a volunteer company of mounted men under the same Captain above named; he served in said company until the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May following during which time the deponent was engaged in a skirmish with the Tories on Camping Creek about 8 miles from Saluda River in Newberry district. He was also engaged in the attack made on Williams' Fort; his Regiment was at that time commanded by a young Colonel Lyle. This deponent states that he was in one engagement against 350 Tories upon Fair Forest River [sic, Fairforest Creek] in which engagement Col. Hayes [Joseph Hayes] had the chief command. The deponent assisted in taking Friday's Fort sometimes called Fort Granby. He was engaged in a sharp contest with the Tories at Clark's Ford on Inoree [sic, Enoree] River; he was there commanded by Captain Jones who was killed in the contest.

This deponent further states that on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1781 he enlisted in the state troops of South Carolina for 10 months. He enlisted in a company of dragoons under the command of Captain Glenn [sic, David Glynn] who was attached to Col. Thomas' [John Thomas] Regiment; there were six Regiments raised and all put under the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. He was in camp on the Congaree River not far from Columbia at the time he enlisted. The deponent served three months under Colonel Thomas during which time he was at the siege of 96. He performed but little duty there as he was soon called away. He was then transferred to Captain Smith's company in Colonel Middleton's Regiment under the command of the two last mentioned officers. The deponent served until the expiration of the time for which he had enlisted. After the siege of 96 and before the battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs], deponent was ordered in a command under Colonel Wade Hampton who in general commanded the dragoons belonging to General Sumter's brigade, and marched from Whetstone's Mill<sup>1</sup> on the south side of the Congaree River to the quarter house six miles from Charleston. From this place the command took 60 horses belonging to the British, the horses were feeding in a pasture guarded by 15 British soldiers one of whom was a lieutenant; these were all taken prisoners – they also took a wagon filled with clothing and other stores belonging to the British – the command then marched and crossed the Santee at Nelsons Ferry and returned safe to the North side of the Santee and carried the booty to the Main Army – the deponent was at the battle of Eutaw [Springs];

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<sup>1</sup> Robert Mills' 1825 map of Orangeburg County shows a "Whetstons Mill" on the north bank of an named tributary of Lyons Creek which empties into Half Way Swamp. Half Way Swamp empties into the Santee River below the point at which the Congaree and Wateree Rivers merger to form the Santee River.

during the engagement, deponent fought under the immediate command of Colonels Wade Hampton and William Washington, the last of whom was wounded and taken prisoner by the enemy – deponent continued in the service until the seventh day of March 1782 when he received a written discharge signed by Captain Philemon Waters who had belonged to Col. Middleton's Regiment. He has long ago lost his discharge. He received his discharge at Orangeburg – from the time deponent was discharged until the close of the war he was frequently called to serve in the militia against the Tories. The time he served in the militia after his discharge from the regular service was at least two months – deponent has no written record of his age but states that he was born in the County of Antrim in Ireland in May 1763 – he came to America in the year 1772; he has lived in the County of Butler and state of Ohio for 26 years. Thee deponent was known to John Hall<sup>2</sup> before and during the war by whom he can prove that he was in the service as he has stated. He is also well known to David Miadile [?] a regular clergyman and James Brown of Butler County by whom he can prove that he is reputed and believed in his neighborhood to have been a soldier of the revolution. 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.

S/ Wm Caldwell

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Reily, Clerk

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<sup>2</sup> John Hall, a resident of Butler County, Ohio, files his own claim for a pension. See file # R2590.