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Pension Application of John Caldwell S20328

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On the Examination of John Caldwell who says he was in the militia at the Battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], find a Ball has passed thro' the right arm & very near the middle of the Biceps muscle which on motion is greatly indented – the Bone has been fractured, but its reunion as well as that of the flesh wound appears now to be pretty firm – he urges that on exertion of the arm, it is very apt to Inflamm & Suppurate – this may be the case & from the Injury above recited, the free & full use of the Limb, as well as the strength thereof must be in some measure diminished – W. Foushee/ Nov'r. 28th 1780
Lives in Rockbridge about 24 yrs of age.

I Do hereby Certify that John Caldwell a private of the Militia of Rockbridge County was wounded at the Battle of the Cowpens under the command of Brigadier Gen'l [Daniel] Morgan and in the service of the United States Given under my hand 28th Nov'r. 1786 Wm McKee [William McKee] Colo Rett

State of Tennessee }
Knox County }

On this second day of June one thousand eight hundred and twenty three; before me David Nelson one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid personally appeared John Caldwell who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain James Gilmore in the regiment or Battalion commanded by Major [Francis] Triplett at the battle of the Cowpens, in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Virginia that he received a certificate of that fact under the signature and seal of the Secretary of War; which certificate about sixteen years ago was lost, in the town of Knoxville, by John Lowry, who had it in his possession as he believes; and that not long thereafter he obtained another certificate from the Governor of Virginia (as well as his recollection serves) which last certificate was left in the pension office at Richmond, and has since been lost or mislaid so that he cannot obtain the possession thereof [signed] John Caldwell

State of Tennessee }
Knox County }

We the subscribing practicing physicians of the state and County aforesaid being appointed and authorized by the Hon'ble John McNairy United states Judge for the district of E Tennessee pursuant to an act of the congress of the united states passed the 4th of February 1822 entitled an act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary War and for other purposes to examine John Caldwell who is enscribed on the pension roll of the United States and is claimant for an increase of pension conformably to the 5th section of the act of the 10th of April revived as aforesaid do hereby certify that after a careful examination in the case of said John Caldwell we are of opinion that his disability is total (viz) a complete loss of the use of the right arm in consequence of a wound passing through the right os humeri Thereby preventing him from obtaining a subsistence by manual labor given under our hands this the 22nd day of October 1825
Don McIntosh/ Geo. Morris

NOTE: A letter by John Caldwell acknowledging an increase in his pension was sent from Clover Hill TN on 26 Nov 1825.