

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Calhoon S30914

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State of Kentucky – }
Circuit and County of Daviess to wit }

On this the twelfth day of July 1832 personally appeared in open court before Alney McLean Judge of the circuit court for the county and circuit aforesaid being a court of record now sitting George Calhoon a resident of the county of Daviess and State of Ky aged seventy eight 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – first as third Lieutenant in the company of Captain John McHatton of Cumberland county and state of Pennsylvania in the year 1776 and in the spring of that year and in the month of June of that year he joined what was called the flying camp having served about two months in the militia – that he joined the flying camp under the said captain & marched with them to fort Lee in the state of New Jersey & fort Washington in New York – and when fort Washington was taken [16 Nov 1776] his captain and all the men belonging to his company except eight were taken. That the reason he was not present at the taking of Fort Washington was that he had been sent a day or two before upon business by his captain to fort Lee and was not permitted to return, but saw the fort taken from fort Lee where he then was. that he continued in this service for six months & was discharged on the Delaware river opposite Trenton – that he was in no regular battle but one or two skirmishes near fort Washington and at the battle of Trenton [26 Dec 1776] he was on the opposite side of the river & was prevented from crossing by the ice. that his Colonel was Frederick Watts, and Gen'l. James Ewing commanded his Brigade & his Lieut. Col. was Sam'l. Culbertson [Samuel Culbertson]. That in the whole of his service he acted as ensign and had ensigns pay he had a regular commission as 3rd Lieutenant but does not recollect by whom it was signed but lost his commission in his pocket book which was stolen from his saddle bags many years ago in the State of Virginia.

After this he was in the service two months as quarter master to a regiment commanded by Col. Arthur Bohannon of Cumberland county Pennsylvania – during this service he was the greater part of the time in New Jersey they had no battle.

He also served twelve months as 1st Lieut't. in the company of Rangers commanded by Captain Thomas Campbell from the same county. This was he believes in the years 1779 & 80 but he cannot be positive as to this. The were engaged in guarding the frontiers of that state from the Indians and was at fort Crawford, fort Wallace & at Barr's fort occasionally but was generally scouring the country & was engaged almost every day.

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 fo the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. [signed] G. Calhoon

And in answer to the interrogatories required to be put by the war department he states

- 1st That he was born in Lancaster county Pennsylvania the 1st day of February 1854.
- 2nd That he has no record of his age.
- 3rd That he resided in Cumberland county Penn. when he entered the service – after the revolution he removed to Ky lived in Nelson county several years, then in Henry county several years & then removed to the county where he now lives.
- 4th He entered the service in every instance as a volunteer & was by the company of capt McHatton elected 3rd Lieut. & was so commissioned but acted as ensign.
- 5th He knew some of the regular officers but cannot now recollect their names. He frequently saw Gen'l.

Washington when in service in the flying camp.

6th He had a commission but lost it as stated and does not recollect by whom it was signed.

7th He is known to almost every man in this county he will name Gen'l. John Daviess, Philip Thompson Esqr Andrew Jones & refer to any man in the county who knows him for his character for veracity.

He further states that he knows of no one living by whom he can prove his services except Anthony Thompson [pension application S30736] whose deposition is hereto annexed and by him he can only prove a part.

[On 13 May 1833 Calhoon made another application identical to the above except for the following addition at the end:]

This applicant came to Kentucky in the year 1781 and in the year 1782 under Captain James Sturges & under General George Rogers Clark he served a tour of six weeks against the Shawnee Indians on the Miamme [sic: Miami] river, now in the State of Ohio. We took Laramore store. killed several Indians and captured several squaws & children Gen'l Ben Logan commanded the light horse on this trip, and afterwards this declarant served a second tour on The Wabash river under General Clark, but the name of the officer under whom he served is not recollected but believes the time of service to be about six weeks. that he knows of no person except Anthony Thompson & John Galloway [pension application R3877] and Benjamin Field [W3009] who can testify to his said services, which statements of Thompson & Galloway he hereto annexes. subscribed & sworn to in open Court. [signed] G Calhoon

NOTE: The file includes a statement by John Calhoon, a Circuit Judge, stating that his father, George Calhoon, died on 20 Oct 1835 leaving the following children: Sarah Pyles, widow of John Pyles; Ralph C. Calhoon; Samuel Calhoon; John Calhoon; Mitchell Calhoon; George Calhoon; Henry Calhoon; Elizabeth Johnston, wife of Gabriel J. Johnston. There is also a letter dated 20 Jan 1849 from Samuel Calhoon regarding bounty land for his father's services.