Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Callaway W10564 Elizabeth Callaway NC Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 13 July 2014.

State of Georgia } On this twenty fourth day of December in the year eighteen hundred & thirty two Newton County } personally appeared in open Court, before three of the justices of the Inferior

Court for said County of Newton, now sitting, Peter Callaway a resident of said

County aged Seventy four 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. That some time during the summer months in the year 1777 or 1778 he enlisted for nine months from Cartright [sic: Carteret] County under Captain William Dennis in Bluford [sic: Beaufort] North Carolina - that he marched from there to Hallifax [sic: Halifax] and before the expiration of the nine months service he by consent of his officers enlisted in the Continental service for the term of three years under Captain C. Medicy (as this deponent now believes his name is spelled) [sic: Cosmo de Medici] that he was in a company of horse that he marched from Hallifax North Carolina to Purisburg [sic: Purysburgh] in the State of South Carolina – that he was there transferred to the command of Captain [Edmund] Gamble – Major [Pinketham] Eaton Colonel [James] Armstrong – and was attached to that part of the army commanded by General [Benjamin] Lincoln. That he was sometimes in Georgia & South Carolina engaged in frequent skirmishes but no general battle, that he was honorably discharged at the expiration of the three years service at the ten mile house, near Charleston South Carolina – his discharge was given by Capt Edmond Gamble. This deponent further saith that soon after his said discharge he volunteered for a three months tour in Jones County North Carolina, under Captain McDonald - Major Pierce -Lieut. Colo. S. Hill – and marched to Charleston South Carolina where he joined Genl. Lincoln's army soon after the British had sailed by fort Moultrie [8 Apr 1780]. At Charleston deponent again received an honorable discharge from Capt McDonald. This deponent further saith that immediately after his return home in 1780 or 1781 as near as he recollects he again volunteered for a three months tour, in said County of Jones in the State of North Carolina under Lieutenant Lavender - Captain Simon Edwards -Major Wise - Colo Caswell and General [Richard] Caswell - that he marched to the State of South Carolina and was in Gates defeat [defeat of Gen Horatio Gates at Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] where his Captain & Lieutenat were killed – and deponent lost his clothing and papers. After the expiration of this last mentioned service deponent volunteered for three months under Capt Rhodes – Major Whitly – Colo [Waitstill] Avery – General [Alexander] Lillington – marched near Willmington [sic: Wilmington] to oppose Craig [British Major John Henry Craig; Jan 1781]. This deponent further saith that all his discharges have been lost – that he has not in his possession any documentary evidence of his said services – that he has no other means of establishing the same but by his own oath, except the affidavit of General David Blackshear which is hereto annexed. 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. Deterlallanay

State of Georgia } Before me L. Q. C. Lamar one of the Judges of the Superior Court for said State

Baldwin County } - Personally came General David Blackshear a Citizen of Laurens County and
on his oath, deposeth and saith that he is intimately acquainted with Peter

Callaway who now resides in the County of Newton. that he this deponent was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and that said Callaway was a fellow soldier with him in said war. that for the space of three months they were in the same mess. This deponent further saith that said Callaway served several

tours of duty in the Continental army and he knows said Callaway during the whole war was considered & esteemed a brave and faithful soldier and from that time to the present said Callaway has maintained an honorable upright character. Sworn to and subscribed before me at Milledgeville November 16th 1832

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State of Georgia }

Laurens County }

Before me Lewis Maddux one of the Judges of the Inferior court for said County

Personally came Gen'l David Blackshear a citizen of the county aforesaid who

on his oath deposeth and saith that he is intimately acquainted with Peter

Callaway who now resides in the county of Newton in this State. That He this Deponent was a soldier in the revolutionary war and that the said Peter Callaway was a fellow soldier with him in said War. That for the space of three months they were in the same mess. That at that time of Service they Rendezvoused in Jones County North Carolina and marched to oppose Craig at Wilmington under the command of Joseph Thomas Rhodes as Capt'n. Watestile Avery as Col. and Gen'l. Lillington as commander. This Deponent further saith that the said Callaway served several Tours of duty in the continental army and that he knew said Callaway during the whole of his services in the war to have been esteemed and considered a Brave and faithful Soldier and that from that time to the present the said Callaway has maintained an honorable and upright character.

Sworn to and subscribed before me in the State and County aforesaid this January 21st 1834

Joe Blackshear

State of Georgia } SS

Newton County } On this twenty fourth day of March in the year eighteen hundred & thirty four personally appeared before the honorable Superior Court of said County, now sitting, Peter Callaway a resident in said County of Newton & State of Georgia aged Seventy five 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 7th 1832. That he was residing in Carteret County in the State of North Carolina when it was required that one man should be sent into the service of the United States from a specified number, and that a Major Eli West was one of the number who was required under that regulation to serve in the army of the United States for the term of nine months. That this deponent who was then acting as an overseer for said West went into the army of the United States from said County of Carteret N.C. in the nine months service as a substitute for said West in the summer of 1777 as well as deponent now recollects. The company was commanded by Captain William Dennis who deponent thinks was a Continental officer. That deponents company rendezvous at Beaufort in said County of Carteret. From thence he was marched to Newbern [sic: New Bern] in the County of Craven from thence to the town of Halifax on Roanoke river North Carolina. This deponent saith that after having served at least two month as a substitute & private as aforesaid he by consent of his officers enlisted with sixteen others under a recruiting officer who was called Captain to the best of deponents recollection was named Cassan Medicy. This deponent as well as he now recollects enlisted in the year 1777 at Halifax in the State of North Carolina in a company of horse for the term of three years as a private. One of the names of the sixteen who enlisted at the same time was Mosely – another was John Renn. That he was put under the Command of Edward Gamble who was an Irishman by birth - Major Pinkney Eaton (who was called Pink) Colonel Armstrong. That some time after his

enlistment he was marched with the army from Halifax to Purysburg on Savannah River in the State of South Carolina and there joined the army commanded by Gen Lincoln. Governor [John] Rutledge also was in Command at that place. deponent does not distinctly recollect the time he joined the army of Gen. Lincoln thinks it was in the first of the year 1779 – he well remembers it was very cold wether while on his march from Halifax to Purysburg. This deponent was at Purysburg at the time of Gen. Ashe's defeat [defeat of John Ashe at the Battle of Briar Creek GA, 3 Mar 1779]. Deponent was marched to different parts in South Carolina – once at Augusta in the State of Georgia – Charleston South Carolina. Deponent further saith that the company of horse to which he was attached usually accompanied Gen. Lincoln. he was not in the battle of Stono [Stono Ferry, 20 Jun 1779] but was near the engagement & near Gen Lincoln. deponent served out his full term of three years & was discharged at the ten mile house near Charleston. That he received an honorable discharge from under the hands of his Capt Gamble From thence he went to the County of Jones in North Carolina & in the year 1780 Volunteered in a company of militia infantry Commanded by Col Hill – Major James Pierce – Captain McDonald. Marched from Trenton North Carolina to Charleston South Carolina. Was in Charleston during the engagement at fort Moultrie [7 May 1780]. Gen. Lincoln commanded during this service. Deponent served three months and received a discharge at Charleston

From thence deponent returned to his brothers in the County of Jones State of North Carolina. that in the year 1780 he volunteered for a three months tour in said County of Jones under Lieut Lauen[?] Lavender - Captain Simon Edwards, the company to which he was attached marched to the town of Kingston on Neus river [sic: Kinston on Neuse River] North Carolina there Governor or General Caswell was in Command in Col. Caswels Regiment & Major Wise. From Kingston he was marched to Cross Creek or Fayetteville N.C. that he kept on the march until he joined the army of Gen. Gates. Deponent recollects it was very warm dry weather but has not a distinct recollection of the month. After joining Gates army he was marched to near Camden and was in the battle called Gates defeat. Deponents Captain & Lieutenant were killed in this battle he also lost all his clothing & papers. also his discharge from his three years service, from Camden he was marched to Charlotte in North Carolina & from there to Hillsborough – at which place he received a discharge having served fully his three months tour, deponent does not recollect who signed his discharge. From thence he returned again to Jones County in the State of North Carolina. Some short time afterwards in the year 1780 deponent volunteered again for three months in said County of Jones – joined a company commanded by Captain Joseph Rhodes marched with Capt Rhodes Company to Wilmington North Carolina. Officers were Major Whitly - Col. Avery & General Lillington Deponent was continued near Wilmington harrassing the British forces until his term of three months had expired – that he was marched up on Trent river & discharged about ten miles above Trenton in said County of Jones

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State. Deponent further saith that he hath no other way to establish his service but by this his own oath except the testimony of Gen. David Blackshear & William Jones — which is annexed to this declaration that he knows of no other witness by whom he can prove his service or any part thereof. that he was born in Sussex County & State of Delaware on the 12th day of October 1758 – he has a record of his age made by his eldest sister in a prayer book which is now in deponents possession & that his sister has been dead for many years. Was residing in the County of Carteret State of North Carolina when he first went into the service. After the war deponent returned the place of his nativity & remained about three years. from thence he came to the State of Georgia first resided in the County of Green [sic: Greene] about four years – then in the County of Clark [sic: Clarke] nine or ten years – then in the County of Jasper for more than twenty years – then in the County of Newton where he now resides. Deponent served two months as private militia substitute for Eli West – served three years as a private in a company of horse & was regularly enlisted – and served three tours as a volunteer of three months each which makes the whole time of service at least three years & eleven months. Deponent has stated all the officers he now recollects. Deponent does not recollect by whom his discharges were given further than he has already stated. All his discharges have

been for years lost or destroid – has no recollection of having seen any of them since the War. Jack Williams, Robert Leak, John Bass, Henry Gaither & the neighborhood generally where he resides will testify as to deponents veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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State of Georgia } Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for Newton County } said County Peter Callaway who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear more positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades – For two months as a substitute for Eli West. I served three years as a private in a horse company – nine months in three different times of tours of three months each as a private volunteer militia man – and for such service I claim my pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me March 24th 1834

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NOTE:

On 8 May 1856 Elizabeth Callaway, 79, of Gordon County GA, applied for a pension and bounty land stating that as Elizabeth Wilson she married Peter Callaway on 2 Jan 1792, and he died 20 Oct 1834. A letter from her agent dated 24 Nov 1856 reads as follows: "Sir in reply to the marriage having taken place prior to 1794 is a mistake in making out the claim by Devanport. Elizabeth Calloway never authorized such dates to be put in her claim. You will find by reference to the affidavit in your office that the marriage took place on sunday the 9th day of August 1829. The Family record show that date."

On 19 Jan 1866 Elizabeth Callaway, said to be 80, applied for the restoration of her pension, which had been suspended during the Civil War, during which time she lived at Calhoun and was supported by her daughter Eliza C. Hackney.