

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Calhoun W9777

Violet

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[NOTE: This file contains no application. The contents of whatever documentation was filed is reflected in the following summary from the Congressional Record:

28th CONGRESS,
1st Session.

Rep. No. 219.

HO. OF REPS.

VIOLET CALHOUN.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 173.]

FEBRUARY 28, 1844.

Mr. J. A. WRIGHT, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the application of Violet Calhoun, for a pension, according to the provision of the act of July 7, 1838, submit the following report :

The declaration shows that the applicant was married to Captain John Calhoun, of the revolutionary army, in 1790 or 1791; that he drew a pension from the United States of \$180 per annum; that he died in 1823; that she has lived a widow ever since his death, and has no income, except \$23 per annum from a small dower estate. She does not know of any living witness by whom she can prove her marriage.

The committee find the most ample proof of the service of Captain Calhoun in the revolutionary war, by a transcript from the comptroller general's office of the State of South Carolina, which is herewith submitted. It shows several years' service, first as a private, then as a lieutenant, and, lastly, as a captain for the period of 430 days.

Captain Calhoun was wounded in the service, and received a pension from the United States, commencing in the year 1811. (See Acts of Congress, vol. 4, p. 355.) *See Mayo & Moulton p. 30.*

The committee have no doubt of her marriage as she states, and deem it proved as fully as such cases, after so great a lapse of time, can be made out. Her son (John Gaw) by a former husband, who was four years old when the alleged marriage took place, proves that they lived together as husband and wife from that time till 1823, and that they were always reputed to be husband and wife. The Hon. William P. Bryant gives a certificate of the good character of Gaw, as a man of perfect veracity.

Letters of administration were granted to her on his estate, after his death, a copy of which is before the committee.

A letter of General Dill (now deceased) is found among the papers in her possession, showing that she became the depositary of his papers at his decease. Indeed, the committee consider that to reject such evidence as insufficient to prove the marriage, would, in addition to refusing to give the applicant the benefit of the munificence of the Government in similar cases bestowed, reflect a disgrace upon the memory of a gallant officer, who, it would be implied, after he had fought through the Revolution, and carried its scars on his body, had spent the remainder of his life in dishonor. The committee report a bill in favor of the application.

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Rep. No. 219.

COMPTROLLER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Columbia, (S. C.) February 22, 1844.

SIR: Your communication of the 17th instant is to hand; and, in compliance with your request, I have examined the records in this office, and subjoin a copy of all that relates to the case of Mr. John Calhoun.

Your obedient servant,

I. LAVAL.

Hon. J. A. WRIGHT.

Statement.

Indent Book K, No. 246.—Issued 11th January, 1785, to Mr. John Calhoun, for one hundred and one pounds eight shillings and sixpence sterling, for militia duty as a private horseman in 1781 and 1782; also for the service of a wagon in 1780 and 1782, per account audited, No. 19.—£101 8s. 6d.

Indent Book R, No. 646.—Issued 17th June, 1785, to Mr. John Calhoun, for three hundred and twenty-one pounds nineteen shillings and three-pence farthing sterling, for duty as a private, lieutenant, and captain, and for two horses lost, per account audited, No. 18.—Principal, £321 19s. 3¼d.; annual interest, £22 10s. 8d.

Account No. 18.—John Calhoun, his account of duty in the militia, as private, lieutenant, and captain, performed alternately from 1780 to 1783, inclusive, and for two horses lost in service in 1780 and 1781; also for cash advanced by him for the cure of his wounds: the whole amounting to, viz:

Militia duty as private in horse, 130 days, at 20s. per day -	£130	0s.	0d.
Do. as lieutenant, 15 days, at 45s. per day -	33	15	0
Do. as captain, 430 days, at 60s. per day	1,290	0	0
Service of horse 400 days, at 10s.	-	200	0
Two horses £250 and £300	-	550	0
Cash advanced	-	50	0

Currency -	£2,253	15	0
Sterling -	£321	19	3½

Indent Book S, No. 428.—Issued 17th June, 1785, to Mr. John Calhoun, for seventeen pounds eleven shillings and fivepence sterling, for duty in the militia, as per account audited.—Principal, £17 11s. 5d.; annual interest, £1 4s. 7d.

Indent Book X, No. 3,425.—Issued 1st August, 1786, to Mr. John Calhoun, for thirty-five pounds fourteen shillings and threepence farthing sterling, for duty done in Roebuck's regiment, per account audited, No. 114. £35 14s. 3½d.

I certify the above to be a true copy from the records in this office.
For Comptroller General,
I. LAVAL.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$600 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 and ending July 7, 1844 for her said husband's service as a Captain in the South Carolina Dragoons.]