

# Daviess County Revolutionary War Veterans



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## REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS THAT LIVED IN DAVIESS COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Data compiled by the late Michael J. Edgeworth, Owensboro, Ky.

- I. ROBERT ALLIN born ca 1760 N.C., son of Joseph Allin (R.S.) and Sarah Crawford. Married 27 Dec. 1798 Amelia Howard (1773-1832) dau. Groves Howard (R. S.) and Hannah Allen. Died 15 Sept. 1825; buried near Sorgho in Daviess Co. Spalding-Huston Genealogy states he was a soldier - service not proven. Children (See KFR Volume VIII, pages 74-75 - Allin -Harralson Bible Record)
  
- II. NATHANIEL BEALL (BELL) born 1758 Frederick Co., Md., son of Mordecai Beall and Elizabeth Beal(cousins); served as Pvt. 1st Rgt. Va. Light Dragoons. Married 5 Feb. 1788 Frederick Co., Md. Nancy Ann Head dau. Wm. Head and Lucy Beckwith. Migrated to Ky. 1799 - first to Nelson Co. on to Ohio Co, ca 1805; bought land at Spice Knob, Knottsville Precinct (now Daviess Co.) Died Nov. 1813; buried in Beall Graveyard at Spice Knob. Pensioner. Children :
  1. William Mordecai Beau (1789-1847) married 27 Mar. 1828 Mary Eliza May (1805-1855) dan. of John W. May and Sarah Waters.
  2. Hillary Beall (1791-1877) married 1st 6 Dec. 1816 Margaret Adams (1802-1852) dau. of James Adams and Margaret (?) - 2nd 6 June 1855 Mrs. Elizabeth Brown 1dcalf, widow of William Medcalf.

3. Cecelius Beall (1802-1873) married 19 Jan. 1838 Elizabeth Head (1813-1890) dau. of Henry R. Head and Elizabeth (?).
  4. Elizabeth Beall (?-ca 1836) married 1 Nov. 1816 William Beall (1792-1878) (1st cousin) son of Eli Beall and Nancy Wood.
  5. Richard Beall (?-1840) married 18 Oct. 1831 Lucinda Head (?-1848) dau. of Henry R. Head and Elizabeth (?).
  6. Eliza Beall (?-ca 1830) married 24 Jan, 1822 Elisha Adams (?-1842) son of James Adams and Margaret (?).
  7. Lucy Beall. - birth and death dates unknown - never married.
- III. ZACHARIAH BRYANT (BRIANT) born 1764; served as Pvt. Amherst Co., Va. came to Daviess Co. 1817 where he applied for pension 1831; moved to Spencer Co., Ind. where he died. Children: (unknown): ? - John Briant married 21 Mar, 1817 Milly Pinkston, Daviess Co., Ky.
- IV. GEORGE CALHOON (CALHOUN) born 1 Feb. 1754 Pa. Served as Lt. and Capt. in Pa. lines. Married 1st-Susan Cotton dau. of Judge Cotton; 2nd-Mary Gilmore. Came to Daviess Co. (then Ohio) in 1811 and bought land six miles southwest of Yellow Banks (Owensboro); died 20 Oct. 1835; buried in a cemetery located on Hwy. 56 ca 1-mile southwest of Sorgho. Pensioner. Children: (6 boys & 2 girls - no record for all):
1. Ralph Cotton Calhoon (1791-1852) married 5 May 1817 Lucy Glenn (1797-1836)
  2. Samuel Calhoon (1793-1879) Pioneer Cumberland Presbyterian Minister, married 1st- 23 Dec. 1817 Ann Knight (1801-1839) dau. of Jeremiah Knight, Henry Co., Ky., married 2nd- Elizabeth (?) (1807-1858).
  3. John Calhoon (1795?-1852) Lawyer, State Representative, Circuit Judge, U.S. Congressman, married 25 Dec. 1819 Nary Morton (1800-1873) dau. of Richard Morton and Mahetabel Luce?, Hartford, Ky.
  4. Elizabeth Calhoon married 15 Mar. 1817 Samuel Piles, Daviess Co., Ky.
- V. THOMAS CLAY born 31 July 1757, Served as Capt. from Va. Married 1st- (?) -2nd Mrs. Mary Dawson McClanahan. Lived at "Beech Woods" northeast Daviess Co. Died 1834; buried near Yelvington. Child (probably others):
1. Cynthia Clay married 29 Jan. 1815 Robert McCreary - parents of the Hon. Thomas Clay McCreary born 12 Dec. 1816.

VI. BENJAMIN FIELD born 14 Nov. 1755 Va., son of Daniel Field and Hannah Roberts. Served as Pvt., Ens. and Capt. of Cavalry, Culpeper Co., Va. Married 19 Aug. 1790 at Danville, Ky. Mildred Slaughter (1768-1853) dau. of John Slaughter and Elizabeth Suggett. A surveyor, came to Daviess Co, (then Hardin) Dec.1795. Died 2 Jan. 1842; buried on old "Shoemaker farm" Murray Precinct. Pensioner. Children:

1. John Field (1792-1844) married 27 Nov. 1815 Rachel McFarland (1796-1856) dau. of John McFarland and Margaret Sargent.
2. Elizabeth Field (1793-1873) married 18 Mar. 1815 Col. Wm. Newton (1783-1872) son of Wm. Newton Sr. and Elizabeth Fields of Va.
3. Lucy Field (1794-1852) married 20 Feb. 1810 James Hopkins Davis (1792-1815) son of Baxter Davis and Amelia Hopkins; 2nd- 24 Jan. 1820 Richard L. May (1799-1872) son of John and Sarah May from Nelson Co.
4. William Field (1797-1876) married 1st- Nancy McMullen, Clark Co. 2nd-Elizabeth McFarland, dau. of Walter McFarland and Lucy Chambers - 3rd Mrs. Lucy McGee (1797-1880).
5. Fannie Field married 25 June 1818 Sg. James Newton of Culpeper Co., Va.
6. James Field – unmarried
7. Joshua Field – unmarried
8. Thomas Field (1805-1849) married Arabella Morton of Maryland
9. Willis Field (?-1863) married Louisa McFarland dau. of Robert McFarland and Phebe Glover

VII. JOHN "THREE PLAIT" GALLOWAY born 1760 Buckingham Co., Va. Served from Va. Wife's name unknown. First settler south of Panther Creek (1797); died ca 1838; buried near West Louisville. Children (probably others):

1. Robert Galloway (1794-?) married 27 July 1815 Catherine Souerheber
2. ?Zachariah Galloway married 10 Sept. 1819 Margaret Pearson

VIII. DAVID GLOVER born 176? N. C., son of Joseph Glover (Patriot) and Phebe Mitchell. Served from N.C., went to S.C. Married 2nd wife- Martha (?) ca 1793. To Ky. 1810 - settled 5-miles west of Ft. Vienna (now McLean Co.); died 1820; buried on old homestead. Children:

1. Betsy Glover married 10 Feb. 1812 William McFarland

2. Phebe Glover (1796-?) married 18 Sept. 1812 Robert McFarland son of Walter McFarland and Lucy Clambers
  3. Sally Glover married 18 Feb. 1814 Jeremiah Bozarth
  4. Walker Glover (1799-1870) married 13 May 1819 Sarah McFarland (1802-1861) dau, of Joseph D. McFarland and Mary McGee
  5. Eldred Glover (1805-1843) married 1 Apr. 1830 Lucinda Griffith (1810-1861) dau. of Remus Griffith and Sally Hndley
  6. Jane Caroline Glover (1808-1841) married 22 Aug. 1825 Pascal Johnson son of Phillip Johnson and Phebe Clay, Amelia Co., Va.
- IX. JOHN HALL born 1744; Pvt. from Va. Applied for pension 1832 Daviess Co. Died ca 1835; burial place unknown,
- X. JOHN HANDLEY born 1755. Served as Capt. from Va. Married Rachel (?) Surveyor - prominent land promoter who opened up southern Daviess Co. to settlers. Died 1816; buried in ?Van Meter Springs Cemetery (now McLean Co.). Children:
1. George Handley - First Circuit Court Clerk of Daviess Co. (1815-1827)
  2. Samuel Handley (1784-1862) married Betsy Robertson (1788-1868) dau. of John Robertson (RS) and Mary Parker, Nelson Co.
  3. Sally Handley (1785-1861) married 3 Mar. 1809 Remus Griffith, son of Joshua Griffith and Elizabeth Ridgely.
- XI. CHARLES HANSFORD born 22 Dec. 1759 Va., son of Stephen Hansford. Served in Army and Navy. Wife's name unknown. To Nelson Co. early and on to Daviess ca 1835. Died 11 Mar. 1850; buried in Family Graveyard about 2-miles northwest of Calhoun, McLean Co. Pensioner. Children:
1. Elizabeth Hansford (1785-1850) married Francis M. Price, Hancock Co.
  2. Nancy Hansford married David Cookendolpher, Nelson Co.
  3. Charlotte Hansford married 21 Dec. 1814 Jonas Gist, Nelson Co.
  4. William Hansford (1798-1866) married 1st- Marian Gist; 2nd- Ruth Taylor, dau. of John Taylor and Mary Ricks.
- XII. WILLIAM HUSTON born 8 Feb. 1760 Phila. Pa., son of Robert and Elizabeth Huston, Served as Pvt. & Lt. from N.C. Married Susannah Allin, dau. of Joseph Allin and Sarah Crawford. To Ky. early. Died 1820; buried near Sorgho. Children:

1. John Huston (1786-1854) married 14 Nov. 1809 Mary N. Shoemaker (1786-1843) dau. of Adam Shoemaker (RS) and Mary Maddaline Hoover
2. Ben Huston (1788-?)
3. Lucy Huston (1790-1864) married 21 Mar. 1816 John Johnson (1779-1861) son of Samuel Johnson (RS) and Fannie (or Elizabeth)
4. Ann Huston (1795-1880) married 1st- Wm. Allen; 2nd - 29 Aug. 1829 Ignatius A. Spalding (1790-1852) son of Benedict Spalding and Allehaire Abell from Maryland to Union Co., Ky.
5. Sally Huston - drowned when young
6. Susan Huston married Joseph Layton

XIII. SAMUEL JOHNSON born Dec. 1744 Bucks Co., Pa., son of John Johnson. Served in Va. & N.C. Married ?Fannie Johnson. To Ky. 1811. Died 28 Feb. 1837; buried at Red Hill Church Cemetery. Pensioner. Children:

1. James Johnson married Millie Howard
2. Archer T. Johnson (1775-1854) married Ann Durham (1777-1836)
3. Samuel Johnson (1777-1845) married Sallie Stark
4. John Johnson (1779-1861) (twin) Married 5 Mar. 1816 Lucy Huston (1790-1864) dau. of Wm. Huston (RS) and Susannah Allin
5. Susan Johnson (1779-1862) (twin) married Joshua Lloyd
6. Ann Johnson married William Johnson - lived in Indiana
7. Amelia "Millie" Johnson married Archer Johnson (cousin)
8. Frances "Fannie" Johnson married William Fitts
9. Elizabeth Johnson married William Jones - ?son of James Jones (RS)
10. Judith Johnson married 2 Jan. 1814 Elijah Crow (1791-1834)

XIV. JAMES JONES born 4 July 1760 York Co., Pa. Served in Rowan Co., N. C. Married 10 Mar. 1783 Susannah Jane Kincaid (7-1822), Applied for pension May 1833, residence Daviess Co. Died 22 Sept. 1851 at Dale, Ind. while on a visit; was buried there. Children (others unknown):

1. John W. Jones (1785-1863) married 1818 Nancy Kirk (1789-1863)
- XV. JAMES KELLY born 1758. Served as Pvt.-Sgt, Bedford Co., Va, To Daviess Co. 1817 where he applied for pension 1832. Place of death unknown.
- XVI. GEORGE LITTLE born 1735 Scotland. Served as Capt. S. C. Married 1st-Mary- 2nd-Mary (Handley) Douglas. To Ky. 1804, settled 5 miles north of Ft. Vienna (now McLean Co.) where he died 1815; buried at VanMeter Springs. Children (by 1st wife - as mentioned in will - a number of them lived and died in Newberry, Union District S.C.
1. Joseph Little born 1774
  2. Jonas Little (1780-1850) married Elizabeth Douglas dau. of Alexander Douglas and Mary Handley
  3. John Little came to Ky. on to Tenn. and Texas where he died
  4. William Little
  5. Thomas Little
  6. Mary Little married Abner Spray; lived in Curdsville Precinct, Daviss Co.
  7. Sarah Little married Richard Harris
  8. Susannah Little married John Phillips
  9. Jane Little (deceased before 1815) married John Hunt
  10. Nancy Little married Henry Cockburn
- XVII. JAMES LYNN born Westmoreland Co., Pa., son of Andrew Lynn, Served as Ranger with County Militia. To Nelson Co., Ky.; married 8 July 1788 Hannah (Wright) Brents dau. of Capt. James Wright (RS) and Mary Miller, widow of John Brents (RS). To Ohio Co. 1807 (now McLean); died 1832 at Beech Grove; buried in Family Graveyard. Children (not in order of age):
1. James Lynn Jr. married 15 May 1810 Polly Armstrong - Ohio Co.
  2. Nancy Lynn married 3 Feb. 1807 John Handley - Ohio Co.
  3. Hannah Lynn married 11 Oct. 1811 James Hobbs - Henderson Co., Ky. married 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug, 1826 James Evans - Daviess Co., Ky.
  4. Isaac Lynn died at 36-years of age

5. John Lynn married Nancy Downs dau. of Thomas Downs
6. Wm Henry Lynn (1798-1876) married 25 Dec. 1826 Elizabeth Wallace
7. Benjamin Lynn married 25 Feb. 1827 Martha Slaton - Hopkins Co., Ky.
8. Andrew Lynn (1806-1883) married 1st- Sophia Rust; 2nd- Harriett Pitt
9. Eleanor Lynn (?-1844) married 15 Oct. 1821 Solomon Brand

XVIII. THOMAS MOSELEY born 1756 Va. Served as Pitt. and Sgt, Va.13th Regt. Married 1790 Judith Finney (Kinney) (1770-1830?); 2nd Mary Watkins. Early settler at Owensboro; died 1841 and buried in City Cemetery. Children (mentioned in will):

1. Arria Moseley (1796-1828) married 13 Apr. 1820 Wm. Ridgely Griffith son of Joshua Griffith and Elizabeth Ridgely
2. Sally Moseley (?-ca18140) married 16 Dec. 1816 Phillip Thompson (1784-1836)
3. Mary Moseley married 16 Dec. 1816 Dr. John Roberts Jr.
4. Matilda Moseley married 11 Dec. 1823 John McFarland
5. Malvina Moseley married 25 Jan. 1827 Anthony Kirkpatrick; 2nd-10 Feb. 1832 Thomas Watkins
6. Thomas Moseley Jr. married before 1818 Sally Clay
7. George W. Moseley
8. Merritt Moseley deceased before 1839 in City of New Orleans, La.
9. Samuel Moseley died Nov. 1832 (not mentioned in will); wife, Mary (?)

XIX. ADAM SHOEMAKER born 1759 Pa. Ranger Westmoreland Co., Pa. Married Mary Magdalene Hoover (1763-1825) Early settler; died 1 May 1827; buried Houston Cemetery McLean Co.

1. Dau. Mary M. Shoemaker (1786-1843) married 14 Nov. 1809 John Huston

XX. WILLIAM SMEATHERS ("BILL SMOTHERS) born 1756 Albemarle Co., Va. Served as Pvt. from Va. Married Cecelia (Nancy) Fitzpatrick; 2nd-Mary Winters. First settler at Yellow Banks (Owensboro); died 13 Aug. 1839 in Texas. Pensioner. Children: (possibly others):

1. Jane Smeathers (1780-1867) married 1 Feb. 1800 Daniel Grass, Ohio Co.
2. James Smeathers married 4 Apr. 1805 Elizabeth Bell, Ohio Co.
3. Elizabeth Smeathers (1789-?) married 8 Aug. 1808 George Stateler
4. Mary Smeathers (1795-?) married Henry Jones
5. Polly Smeathers – unmarried
6. Margaret Smeathers – unmarried

XXI. WILLIAM BAILEY SMITH, Maj. served from Va. or Md. Early land promoter, southwest Daviess Co. where he died Oct. 1818 - unmarried.

XXII. JAMES TANNEHILL born 1758 Md. Served as Pvt. from Md. Placed on the Pension Roll 7 Mar. 1833, a resident of Daviess Co., Ky. Children unknown

XXIII. BENJAMIN TAYLOR, Pvt. Born 31 Mar, 1756 Bucks Co., Pa., son of Henry Taylor, Took the oath of Allegiance & Fidelity 10 July 1777. Married Mar. 1774 Catherine Lee; died 23 Apr. 1842; buried in McLean Co. Pensioner. Children:

1. Mary Taylor born 7 Feb. 1775
2. Ann Taylor born 8 Mar, 1782
3. Susannah Taylor born 28 Nov. 1783
4. Henry Taylor born 15 July 1787
5. Rebekah Taylor born 25 Sept. 1789; married James Leach
6. Matthew Taylor born 9 Mar. 1790
7. John A. Taylor born 25 Mar. 1792; married Polly Buckner; 2nd- 30 Nov. 1828 Margaret Brown, dau. of Peyton Brown (RS) Butler Co., Ky.
8. William Taylor born 23 Mar. 1794; married Ann Brown
9. Leannah Taylor born 28 Feb. 1796; married Samuel Hall
10. Sarah Taylor born 16 Mar. 1798
11. Samuel Taylor born 2 May 1800



12. Archibald Taylor born 20 Mar. 1803; married Mary Ann Brown

XXIV. PHILLIP TAYLOR born 1757 Pa., son of Henry Taylor. served from Pa. Married Hannah Atherton in Fort at Louisville; early settler in Ohio Co. Married 2nd- Miss Dupuy; died 1829; buried in McLean Co. Children (by 1st wife):

1. Henry Taylor
2. ?Rebecca Taylor married 19 Dec. 1801 James Dupuy
3. John Taylor born ca 1784
4. Hannah Taylor (1790-1870) married 1st- 28 Aug. 1808 Jesse Lee; 2nd-Arnold Morgan; 3rd- 10 Jan. 1856 John Littleton Howard
5. Aaron Taylor born ca 1792
6. Ruth Taylor (1793-1875) married 1808 John Nalley (1786-1863)
7. ?Margaret Taylor married Daniel Bethel
8. ?Patience Taylor (1800-1834) married 11 Nov. 1820 James Archibald (by 2nd wife)
9. Silas Taylor (1802-1883) married 15 Apr. 1832 Eliza Brown (1811-1873) dau. of Wm. A. Brown and Salome Minter

XXV. ANTHONY THOMPSON born 1759 Pa. Served as Pvt. & Sgt. in Pa. Married Rachel Handley, To Ky. 1793; early Justice of the Peace. Died 1834 Daviess Co. (now McLean); buried VanMeter Springs Cem. on his farm. Pensioner. Children:

1. John H. Thompson - was Lt. Gov. of Indiana
2. Mary E. Thompson married (?)Shelton; lived in St. Clair Co., Ill.
3. Samuel H. Thompson deceased by 1847; married Nancy (?)
4. James L. Thompson married Rachel J. (?); lived in Johnson Co., Iowa
5. Sally Thompson married 13 May 1816 Bannister Wall, Daviess Co., Ky.
6. Elizabeth H. Thompson married Joseph Barnes; lived in Illinois
7. Julia Thompson married 25 Dec. 1825 Gardner Fitts, Daviess Co., Ky.

8. Anthony F. Thompson

9. Rachel H. Thompson married John Barnes; lived in St. Clair Co., Ill.

Proof for data on SOLDIERS from following records: Military, Pension, DAR - Patriot Index, DAR application papers, Marriage, Deeds, Wills, Equity Suits, Church, Tombstone inscriptions, Census, Tax lists, Histories and Family Bibles.



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Revolutionary War Pensioners – Daviess County

Zachariah Briant	- private	- Virginia line	- born 1755
George Calhoun	- lieut., ensign, qr. Master	- Pennsylvania line	- born 1753
Benjamin Field	- private, ensign & captain	- Virginia line	- born 1756
John Hall	- private	- Virginia militia	- born 1745
Samuel Johnson, Sr.	- private	- Virginia militia	- born 1743
James Jones	- pvt. of infantry & cavalry	- N. Carolina militia	- born 1759
James Kelly	- private	- Virginia line	- born 1757
James Tannehill	- private	- Maryland line	- born 1760
Benjamin Taylor	- private	- Pennsylvania line	- born 1756
Anthony Thompson	- private & sergeant	- Pennsylvania line	- born 1758



**US Pension Roll of 1835 – Daviess County, KY**

NAMES.	Rank.	Annual allowance.	Sums received.	Description of service.	When placed on the pension roll.	Commencement of pension.	Age.
Zachariah Briant	- Private	80 00	240 00	Virginia line	June 24, 1833	Mar. 4, 1831	68
George Calhoun	- Lt. ens. & qr. m.	246 66	739 98	Pennsylvania line	June 11, 1833	do	80
Benjamin Field	- Pri. of inf. ens. & cap.	289 32	867 96	Virginia line	Aug. 17, 1833	do	77
John Hall	- Private	30 44	91 32	Virginia militia	Dec. 21, 1833	do	88
Samuel Johnson, sen.	- do	36 66	109 98	do	Feb. 28, 1833	do	90
James Jones	- Pr. of inf'y & cav.	49 16	122 90	N. Carolina militia	June 11, 1833	do	74
James Kelly	- Private	40 00	-	Virginia line	Mar. 1, 1833	do	76
Anthony Thompson	- Pri. & sgt.	33 33	99 99	Pennsylvania line	Oct. 21, 1833	do	75
James Tannehill	- Private	26 66	79 98	Maryland line	Mar. 7, 1833	do	73
Benjamin Taylor	- do	54 66	163 98	Pennsylvania line	Jan. 11, 1834	do	78



**Daviess County, KY 1840 Federal Census – listed as Revolutionary War veterans:**

Benjamin Field	age 84	in household of Benjamin Field
Charles Hansford	age 80	in household of William Hansford
James Jones	age 79	in household of James Jones
Benjamin Taylor	age 84	in household of John A. Taylor



**RECORD OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION ABSTRACTS: WAR OF 1812 & INDIAN WARS OF SOLDIERS WHO SETTLED IN DAVIESS COUNTY KENTUCKY:**

**Zachariah Briant – Pension File S16326**

Declaration for Pension - In Order to Obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress of 7 June 1832, State of Kentucky, Daviess County.

On 11 October 1832, Personally appeared before the Hon. Alney McLean, Judge of Daviess Circuit Court, now sitting, Zachariah Briant, a resident of said county, age 67, who being first duly sworn according to law both on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the acts of Congress, granting pensions that he enlisted in the army of the U S 1779, in the regiment of Virginia State Troops, commanded by Col. Francis Taylor and served 2 years as follows: Early in 1779, this applicant then a resident of Amherst Co., VA. was enlisted for the term of 2 years by Capt. Lesfe? Allen, a recruiting officer, in said county and immediately marched to the Albemarle Barracks, where he remained in service until 1781, guarding British prisoners. He marched to Winchester Va., with said prisoners, and soon after their return to Barracks were honorably discharged, having served out the 2 years for which they were enlisted. The Colonel who remained and commanded at the Barracks was named Francis Taylor, a short period after his afore said discharge this applicant substituted for James Stewart, a militiaman drafted to go to the Seige of Cornwallis and in New Kent on the road he was enlisted for and during the war by a Captain Meeky and was a regular soldier and under furlough at the occasion of hostilities. This applicant has lost his discharge and will annex hereto the affidavit of John Briant in proof the two years service aforesaid. The said John Briant, having been a fellow soldier in the service and being now dead.

This applicant relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. This applicant resided in Augusta Co., Va. during his aforesaid services and continued to reside there until about the year 1800 when he removed to Kentucky and resided in the counties of Mercer and Washington until the year 1812 or thereabouts, when he removed to his present residence in Daviess County.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed in open court.

We, Joseph Hale and John Pinkston, clergyman residing in Daviess Co., do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Zachariah Briant, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that he believe him to be sixty seven years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion. Sworn and subscribed the day and the year aforesaid. Joseph Hale and John Pinkston.

Joseph Hale and John Pinkston and the said court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogations prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states and the court further certifies that it appears to them, that John Pinkston, who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman resident in Daviess County and that Joseph Hale, who has also signed the same is a resident of said county and is a creditable person and their statement is entitled to credit. Alny McLean, Judge, State of Ky. Daviess Circuit Court.

John S. McFarland, clerk of the Circuit Court office, hereby certifies that the foregoing contains the original proceedings in the matter of the application of Zachariah Briant for pension. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 11th day of Oct 1832, and 41st year of the Commonwealth of Ky. John S. McFarland.

State of Kentucky, Daviess Circuit. I, Wm. Carter, do hereby certify and make known that I am acquainted with Zachariah Briant, now a citizen of Daviess County, and that I know him about the years 1779-1780, and saw him at that period in the service at the Albemarle Barracks in Virginia, guarding the prisoners and I believe he belonged to the company of Capt. I\_\_ Allen and was commanded by Col. Francis Taylor and that he well remembers that the said Zachariah Briant enlisted during the war under Capt. Meeky, in Albemarle or Louisa, and received a furlough, which was not expired when peace was made.

Given under my hand and seal, this 9th day of April 1832, William Carter. Test; Creed Burton.

I Creed Burton, Justice of the Peace in aforesaid county, do hereby certify and make known that Wm. Carter personally came and appeared before me and signed the within affidavit and was duly sworn to the truth of statements therein contained. 9 April 1832, Creed Burton.

Department of War, Bounty Land Office, 24 January 1833.

I certify that the name of Zachariah Briant appears as a private on an original muster roll of Capt. James Burton's camp, attached to a regiment of guards at the Barracks in Albemarle County, Va., commanded by Col. Francis Taylor, which muster roll is on file in this office in connection with other papers relating to a claim for land by the heirs of the aforesaid Capt. Burton.

It further appears by the column of remarks on said roll that Zachariah Briant enlisted on the 17th of February 1779.

William Gordon, First Clerk.

Application for transfer. State of Indiana, County of Spencer. On this 26th February 1837, before me, the subscriber, a justice of the peace for the said county of Spencer, personally appeared Zachariah Briant, who, on his oath declares that he is the same person, who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Capt. Burton, in the regiment commanded by Col. Francis Layton to the service of the U.S. that his name was placed on the pension roll of the state of Kentucky, from whence he lately removed and that he now resides in the state of Indiana, where he intends to remain and wished his pension to be there payable in the future.

The following are his reasons for removing from Kentucky to Indiana, were that his connection and most of his family reside in the state of Indiana.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, the day and year aforesaid. Signed Zachariah Briant. James Bryant Justice of Peace State of Kentucky, Daviess Co., Act 3 July 1837.

On this day Personally came and appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said county, William Griffith, who made oath that he is well acquainted with Zachariah Bryant, that he was the identical person, who transacted the business and obtained the pension certificate bearing date of 24 June 1833, in the name of said Zachariah Briant, who then resided in Daviess Co., Ky. and now resides in Spencer Co., Indiana. The said Griffith, states of his own knowledge that the said Zachariah Briant now residing in Spencer Co., Indiana, and who makes this annexed application for a transfer from Lexington, Ky. to the office at Evansville, Indiana, is the identical Zachariah Briant named in said pension certificate, bearing date the 21st of June 1833, who then resided in Daviess Co., Ky. and now resides in Spencer Co., Indiana. Wm. R. Griffith, subscribed and sworn to before me a man of truth and veracity.

H.T. Priest, J.P.

State of Indiana, Spencer County, I, David Cruize, of Spencer County, do hereby certify that Zachariah Briant is the identical person named in an original pension certificate in his possession.

David Crews (Cruize) swore and subscribed before me the 20th day of May, 1837, James Bryant, J. P.

State of Indiana, Spencer Co., James Bryant in county aforesaid certifies that David Crews is a man of respectable standing and a man of truth and veracity, gives his hand and sea; 20 May 1837.

State of Kentucky, Daviess County, John S. McFarland, County Clerk of Daviess County, certifies that T. Priest, whose name is fixed to the affidavit of Wm. R. Griffith on preceding page is one of the justices of the peace for said county, is duly qualified to act as such and certifies that his signature is genuine and was signed before him in his office. Sets his hand and cause the official seal of said county to be fixed at Owensboro, this 3 July 1837.

Spencer Co., Indiana, Thos. P. Britton, Clerk of the Circuit Court of said county, certifies that James Briant, who signed the 2 within and aforesaid certificates was on the date thereof, and still is an active Justice of the Peace, also that he is personally acquainted with his writing and knows his signature to be genuine. Sets his hand and seal of said court, 4 July 1837, Thos. P. Britton, Clerk of Circuit Court for Spencer Co. Brown's Hotel 23 November 1836 Sir; I herewith enclose you H. Bryant's letter to me by which you will see that I mistated his given name, not having his letter at the time. I stated his name from recollection only.

His letter to me is herewith, enclosed but doesn't state at what agency he was last paid. Bryant removed from Kentucky to Indiana. Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant. Boon.

Commissioner of Pensions, Rockport, 8 November 1836,

To Secretary of War; I am requested to write to you on the subject. Of having Zachariah Briant's name transferred from Kentucky agency at Lexington to the Indiana Agency at Evansville. Please direct me a form and I will have it filled and sent on your immediate attention to this subject, will much oblige. H. C. Pattridge for Zachariah Briant.

Northern bank, Ky., Lexington, 7 February 1837

Sir; Your favor of the 31st is received. Zachariah Briant was last paid to the 4th March 1836. His transfer to the Evansville, Indiana, agency has been noted on our books this day.

Respectfully. Your obedient servant, John Tilford Priest,

Wm. Ernst, Clerk.

House of Representatives,  
17 January 1837

Sir I have the honor to enclose herewith the application of Zachariah Briant for a transfer from the agency in Kentucky to Indiana agency. You will please enclose the paper for a transfer to me. Your obedient servant, Boon.

Very Respectfully, J. L. Edward, Esq.

Zachariah Briant, Daviess Co., Ky. was a private in the command of Capt. Burton of the regiment commanded by Col. F. Taylor in Virginia two years. Inscribed on the roll of Kentucky at the rate of \$80. per annum, commencing 4 March 1831. Certificate of pension issued 24 June 1833, and delivered Wm. R. Griffith, Precint.

Appears to the 4 March 1833,	\$160.00	
Semi-annual allowance ending 4 September 1833	<u>40.00</u>	\$200.
Revolutionary Claim Act 7 June 1832. Francis T. Fencion		

### **George Calhoon – Pension File S30914**

Pension Application of George Calhoon S30914. 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 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 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. That in the whole of his service he acted as ensign and had ensigns pay he had a regular commission as 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. They 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 for the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. G. Calhoun And in answer to the interrogatories required to be put by the war department he states

1<sup>st</sup> That he was born in Lancaster county Pennsylvania the 1 day of February 1754.

2<sup>nd</sup> That he has no record of his age.

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

4<sup>th</sup> He entered the service in every instance as a volunteer & was by the company of capt McHattonth elected 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieut. & was so commissioned but acted as ensign.

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

7<sup>th</sup> 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 whose deposition is hereto annexed and by him he can only prove a part. [

[On 13 May 1833 Calhoun 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 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 and Benjamin Field who can testify to his said services, which statements of Thompson & Galloway he hereto annexes. subscribed & sworn to in open Court. G. Calhoun

Anthony Thompson states he is 73 years of age and is well acquainted with George Calhoun and was in the service with him in the flying camp in Revolutionary War. They both entered the service in Cumberland Co, Penn. in the same Brigade, commanded by Gen. James Ewing. Such regiment commanded by Frederick Mattz, but Thompson was under Capt. Wm Huston. They continued in same service for 6 months and he knew that said George Calhoun ranked as Lieut. He lived in Cumberland Co, when he entered the service, was at Ft. Lee and Ft. Washington with Calhoun. Thompson served six months, then moved to back part of Pennsylvania and resided and when there frequently saw George Calhoun as Lieut. of a company of Rangers. Calhoun was General understood to be in service, but Thompson was not in service himself, and he cannot state how long said company was in service, but was understood to be 12 months and he does verily believe Calhoun was with them whole time.

Anthony Thompson.

John Daviess, Clergyman, residing in Daviess Co, Ky and John S. McFarland of Daviess Co, State they were well acquainted with George Calhoun and believe him to be 78 years of age

and is believed to have been a soldier of the Revolution and they concur in that opinion that they are all acquainted with Anthony Thompson, who signed the foregoing deposition and believe him to be age 73 and a soldier of the Revolution.

They are both men who stand well in their community and are entitled to credit. Swore to and subscribed the day aforesaid in open court. John Davis and John S. McFarland.

The court states the above named was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states, also it appears to the court, that Anthony Thompson is of good standing, also John Davis, who signed certificate is a clergyman, resident in Daviess Co., and John S. McFarland is also a resident of same county and is a credible person and their statement is entitled to credit.

Alny McLean.

John McFarland, Clerk of Circuit Court for county certifies that the aforesaid contains the original proceedings of said court for application of George Calhoun for a pension, 1832, signed John S. McFarland.

May 13, 1833. Samuel Hawes and Henry Dugan, Christopher Jackson and Simpson Stout, Justices of the court, before whom appeared in open court of the county, Daviess, George Calhoun, age 79, makes oath to obtain benefit of provisions made by Act of Congress, passed 7 June 1832. That he entered services of U.S. under following officers and served as herein stated. 1st as 3rd Lieut. in company of Capt. John Hatton, of Cumberland Co, and state of Pennsylvania. In 1776 he joined the flying camp. Applicant came to Kentucky in 1787, and in 1782, under Capt. James Sturgus and under Gen George Rogers Clark, he served a tour of six weeks against the Shawnee Indians on Mamme River, in Ohio. Took Laramore Store, killed several Indians, captured several squaws and children. General Ben Logan commanded the light horse on this trip. Later the Declarant served a 2nd tour on Wabash River under Gen. Clark, about 6 weeks.

He knows of no person except Anthony Thompson, John Galloway and Benjamin Field, who can testify to his services, J. Calhoun.

Anthony Thompson and John Galloway appear in court. Thompson declares he is 73 years of age and well acquainted with George Calhoun, was in service with him in Flying Camp in the Revolutionary War, both entered service in Cumberland Co, Penn. and in same brigade. Commanded by General James Ewing, some regiment commanded by Frederick Watts, but Thompson was under Capt W. Huston.

Said Calloway states he was on campaign in 1782, with Gen. Geo Rogers Clark and saw George Calhoun in service under Capt. Sturgus, that he served on Campaign, also served on Wabash Campaign under Clark, against Indians and that he made the tours as stated.

John Pinkston and John S. McFarland of Daviess County, state that they are well acquainted with George Calhoun, that he is 79 years of age and believed in his neighborhood to have been a soldier of the Revolution. Also are well acquainted with Anthony Thompson, whose name is subscribed to foregoing deposition and they believe him to be 73 years of age and to have served in the Revolution. Both men stand well in their county and their statements are entitled to credit.

Simpson Stout, Samuel Hawes, Henry Dugan, Chris. D. Jackson, state that John Pinkston and John S. McFarland, who signed clergymen of Daviess Co, are persons of good credit and their statements are entitled to credit.

John S. McFarland, states the foregoing contains original proceedings of said court in the application of George Calhoun for a pension. May 13, 1833.



Hon. Samuel Calhoun writes about pension for heirs. Thinks Wm. R. Griffith presented papers of pension office and thinks he draws part of money. Wants to be informed if any has been received and by whom. Samuel Calhoun.

John Calhoun, also states he is the son of George Calhoun of the Revolution, and pensioner and drew at the rate of \$246.66 per annum, until death. He died 20 October 1835. Leaving 8 children; Sarah Pyles, widow of John Pyles, Ralph C. Calhoun, Samuel Calhoun, John Calhoun, Matilda or Metabell? Calhoun, John Calhoun, George Calhoun, Henry Calhoun, and Elizabeth Johnson, wife of Gabriel J. Johnson, signed by John Calhoun, 27 December 18\_\_

Wm. B. Hall, clerk of Circuit Court, certifies John Calhoun was at the time of signing the same, Judge of the 14th Judicial District, and credit should be given to all his official acts.

The certificate was filed by Ralph C. Calhoun, son of said George Calhoun (at whose house he died) affixed seal of said court at court house, Owensboro, Ky 30 December 1850, Wm. B. Hall, Clerk, Daviess County 27 December 1850. Dec 27-1850. Cales White of Mason Co, Ky. and D. D. Addison of Washington City, are authorized to act as agents and attorneys in establishing our claim to an increase of pension on services of our deceased father George Calhoun. They ask that Mr. White and Mr. Addison be referred to file under act of 7 June 1832, amount found due should be payable to children by .U.S. Pension agent, Louisville, Ky. John Calhoun Sarah Pyles, R.C. Calhoun, Samuel Calhoun, M. Calhoun, George Calhoun, Hnery Calhoun, G. J. Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson. Witness Cales White, and John H. Henry, Owensboro 29 May 1847.

Writes Col. Edwards Concerning Pension for Heirs.

Dear Sir; I am requested by heirs of Ceo. Calhoun, deceased, a pensioner: under Act of 7 June 1832, to ask a re-examination of his papers with a view to an increase of pension. Enclosed you will find certificate of court showing the day of death and number of children in whose name you will please cause the certificate of increase to be issued. W. Nossian, D. D. Addison.

George Calhoun of Daviess Co, Ky, was Lieut. in Company commanded by Capt. McHatton of Regiment, commanded by Col. in Penn. Six months ensign, 2 months quarter-master, one year Lieut. Ky, \$246.66 per year commencing 4 March 1831, Cert. of Pension issued. 11 June 1833. Transferred to Evansville, Ind, 15 July 1837, order given authorizing payment.

[NOTE: The file includes a letter dated 20 January 1849 from Samuel Calhoun regarding bounty land for his father's services.]

### **Benjamin Field – Pension File W3009**

Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress, passed 9 June 1832, Daviess Co, Ky.

Benjamin Field of Daviess Co, Ky age 76 - entered service of U.S. under following officers. In Aug or Early Sept 1780, was made ensign in Major George Slaughter's Battalion of Col. Crockett's regiment in Va., state line, was stationed on Falls of Ohio (Now Louisville) under Capt. Mark Thomas and Lieut. Joseph Sanders, previous to his entering service, he had lived in Culpepper Co., Va. but came to the Falls 1780, and was a volunteer under Col. Clark, in expedition to the Pequa Town. Later in 1780, they returned to Va. and during the winter was made Brigadier-General.

In 1781, he repaired to Red Stone to descend the rivers to join his company on the Falls, he was handed his commission by major John Crittenden as capt. Later they left boat and traveled across country with troops by a place called Cat-Fish where Washington in Pennsylvania is now

situated and joined army again at Wheeling, at which place it was expected that Col. Loughing? of the Pennsylvania Militia would also join the army with his command.

He Knew Brigadier General Geo. R. Clark and major John Crittenden his aid, Col. Joseph Crockett, Major Geo. Walls, Capt. Wm. Cherry and Thos. Young, Lt. Peter Moon, Hugh McGavovk, Col. Montgomery Majors Thos. Quirk, Capts. Isaac Taylor and others of the Illinois regiment, also Capt. John Rogers of Cavalry. In 1781 he lost almost the whole of his troop in an engagement with the Indians 18 to 20 miles above the falls, called Floyd's defeat. Commanded by his capt. that he continue in actual service as Capt. until army was disbanded in Dec 1781, when he retired as a supernumary officer. Capt. and remained as such until end of war. He states his name is not on a pension roll and relinquishes every claim except the present.

John S. McFarland and Philip Triplett, Daviess Co., Ky., Certify that they are well acquainted with Capt. Benjamin Field and that he was a Revolutionary Soldier. He says by reason of old age and loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services but to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods below and in following grades. For 3 days as a Private, 8 months and 3 days served as ensign, 2 years 6 months and 6 days Capt. and for such services claims pension. One year, 2 months and 4 days of later service was a supernumary officer. Capt. Liable to military orders and duty. Benj. Field, 1 June 1833.

This was sworn before John Phipps, Charles Henderson, clerk of county court, certifies that John Phipps, a Justice of Peace, that his signature is genuine.

Lewis Cass, Secretary of War, certifies Benj. Field was a private ensign and capt. of the Revolution and entitled to receive two hundred and 89 (\$289) per annum, during his natural life, commencing on the 4th March 1831, and payable semi-annually on 4 March 1831 and payable Sept. 4 in every year. Given at war office of the U.S. 17 August 1833.

S. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, states he resides in Daviess Co., Ky. and has resided there for the space of 20 years past and that previous thereto he resided in Va. Benjamin Field, swore and subscribed September 1835, before Henry Dugan.

Benj. Field of Daviess Co., Ky. a pensioner of the U.S. do hereby constitute and appoint Robert Wickliffe, my legal atty. in my name to receive from agent of the U.S. for paying pensions in Lexington, Ky.

8 December 1843, Mrs. Mildred Field, a resident of Ohio Co., age 75 and who after first being duly sworn according to law, made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed 30th march 1843, granting pension to the widows of certain pensioners, that she is the widow of Benjamin Field, deceased, late of Daviess Co., Ky. and who is she verily believes a private ensign and capt. in the Revolution and belonged to the Illinois regiment, and to whom half pay was granted at the rate of \$300. per annum and account of said service, she further claims that she had been granted a pension under the Act of Congress 7 July 1838, and certificate of which is now in her possession and dated 27 November 1842, granting \$289.32,perannum, commencing 4 March 1831, and terminated 4 March 1841. She declares she is still a widow never married since the death of her husband, Mildred Field, her mark.

Sworn before James Newton, J. P. - who declares he personally knows the above declarant and she is a lady of respectability

Know all men by these presents that I, Mildred Field, of Ohio Co., Ky. widow of Capt. Benj. Field, deceased, late of Daviess Co., Ky. to whom an allowance was granted to under the act of Congress passed the fifth of July 1832, at the rate of \$300. per annum, do hereby constitute and appoint Chastein? J. Trabue and Stephen F. J. Trabue, my lawful attorneys and in my name to prosecute by the presentation of evidence, petition or otherwise, my claim to the amount of pension

due my said deceased husband, Benj. Field at his death, under the Act of Congress passed 7 June 1832, commencing 4 March 1831, and terminating the 3 January 1842, and which amount is due me as said widow and when my said claim is allow under said act then to my said attorneys, alone do I wish correspondence held respecting my said claim to the exclusion of any persons, whomsoever, and that no communication of facts be made by any other individual than my lawful attorneys, except Col. Sylvester of Washington City, the agent of my lawful attorneys.

I do hereby request that all correspondence respecting the lawful amount due under the Act of 7 June 1832, nithered commence with either Wm. H. Todo, or Henry Northup, be forth with discontinued as they nor either of them has any authority from me to attend to my claim, and I wish them prohibited from intermedoling with my rights.

Signed 23 August 1844, Mildred Field, her mark. Sealed and delivered in presence of James Newton, Wm. Field, and Wm. Newton.

Mildred Field makes affidavit for the purpose of drawing the additional amount over and above the said sum of \$289.32, which she is entitled to under said acts, and the additional sum due her said husband, under act of 7 June 1832, from the 4 March 1831, to 3 January 1842, the day on which he died. As to the proof of this death and services reference in herewith made to the evidence on file in the Pension Dept. in the case of his and her original applications. She continued to be a widow and now resides in Daviess Co., Ky. and has resided there for 4 years past and previous to that resided in Ohio Co., Ky.

Sworn to and subscribed 15 May 1852 before Thomas T. Davis, wit; Wm. Newton, Wm. B. Hall, certifies Thomas Davis is an acting Justice of the peace and signatures are genuine. 19 May 1852.

Benjamin Field has been receiving the sum of \$289.32 per annum under Law of Congress passed 7 June 1832, but when the amount of said half - pay was paid to said officer, then the amount which had been received under said law of 7 June 1832, and deducted therefrom which therefore, left said officer in receipt only of his half -pay and not one cent of pension under the law of 7 June 1832, the whole of which pension was due said officer at his death. Consequently now due this declarant. The commissioner of pension informed her attorney C. H. Trabue of Frankfort, Ky., that half pay and pension could not be due to the same officer at the same time, but declarant is informed that some short time back the Hon. Secretary of War decided that certain officers of the State line of Va., were entitled to both half and pension and that both of which was due to the same officer at one and the same time and as her said husband was not in receipt of one cent of pension under the Act of Congress passed 7 June 1832, at his death, he having been paid half only, she is informed and believes that the same is due to her as said widow and her only. Benjamin Field, served many years as a commanding officer as she verily believes and became entitled to land bounty for his services. As said officer, from the state of Virginia, and did receive or was allowed in 1832, bounty land for 3 years since as Capt. to the quantity of 4000 acres and was allowed thereafter as declarant has been advised a quantity connections with above quantity that was to equal \$533.33, and which was made to him as a Major and her said husband was allowed in July 1838, his half for his service in said state line of Virginia, and said army and which as granted him at the rate of \$300. per annum, commencing 22 April 1783, and to the evidence upon which the aforesaid bounties in land were granted and the service upon which the allowance of said half-pay was granted, she presuming the whole to be under the inspection of the proper officers, will infer for the character of the service performed by her said husband, its duration and the officer under whom it was performed together with such other facts as may be contained in said evidence in proof of her claim. She declares she has no documentary evidence in favor of her

claim and declares her said husband resided in Va. when he entered the service, and she thinks in Culpepper County, Va. - she was married to Benjamin Field, 19 August 1790. He died 3 January 1842.

Henry Stevens and James Newton, certify the lack of physical strength and actual disability prevents Mildred Field from appearing in open court. Benjamin Field, received an allowance of 4000 acres as pay for 3 years service as Capt. in the said State Line of Virginia.

Randolph Robinson, an acting Justice of Peace of Graves County, states that General Elias Barbu, age 79, or 80, that he know Major Benjamin Field in the days of the Revolutionary War and that he was an officer under Colonel Clark and that in and about the year 1790, he married Miss Mildred Slaughter. He was married near Lincoln County Line and Mercer Co., Ky. Line, near the town of Danville, Kentucky; that they lived in peace and harmony since their marriage until his death.

Signed Elias Barbu

### **John Galloway – Pension File R3877**

State of Kentucky. County of Daviess Sct. On the 15th day of December 1835 personally appeared before Creed Burton Andrew Jones & Ch's D Jackson Justices of the County Court of said County now sitting John Galloway a resident of said County of Daviess and State aforesaid aged Seventy five years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted as a private in the Revolutionary army in the year 1776 in the County of Buckingham in the state of Virginia for the Term of two years. he was recruited or Enlisted by an officer then called Captain William Cabbell of Amherst County Virginia. as soon as the Company was Completed and equipped we were marched from Virginia to near Philadelphia under the Command of the aforesaid recruiting officer or Captain where we joined the Main Army, which he believes was commanded by General [Horatio] Gates. The applicant states that by reason of his youth at the time and of his present old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot now recollect positively the names of his major or Colonel or other inferior officers who commanded during the time, but he well remembers that the army moved northwardly and he was in the army under Gates when he was attacked by Burgoyne at Stillwater [Battle of Bemis Heights NY, 7 Oct 1777], was present & well remembers the retreat to Saratoga and also was present at the surrender of Burgoyne's army in the month of October [17th] 1777. that some time in the winter following he was marched back to the vicinity of Philadelphia [Valley Forge], where they remained for some time & when the two years enlistment had expired in the year 1778 he was honourably discharged from the Army then encamped near the Schuylkill, and that he has long since lost his discharge. This respondent states that sometime after his return home and in the year 1778 he volunteered under Captain John Day of Buckingham County Virginia and was in service on James River and marched down as low as Norfolk. the name of his Colonel is not recollected, but he knows he was under the command of Col. or General [Thomas] Nelson and remain in service on this tour between two & three months This applicant served one month under Captain Charles Burks at Albemarle Barracks guarding prisoners [held there from Jan 1779 - Feb 1781] and if he is not mistaken part of the same he assisted in taking with Burgoyne the precise time of this service is not recollected.

In the Spring of 1781 this applicant came to Kentucky and in the fall of 1782 under the command of Captain James Davis & Lt Joseph Reed he served a tour of about five weeks under

Gen'l George Rogers Clark against The Shawanee indians on the Miama River now state of Ohio [see endnote] and he hereto annexes the Certificate of the Auditor of Virginia in proof of said Service. This applicant about the year 1783 as well as he now recollects volunteered & marched under Col Isaac Cox to Floyd fork & crossed it and ascended to Bullskin and marched to the Burnt station [on West Fork Simpson's Creek, about 2.5 mi SW of Bloomfield and about 4.5 mi E of Isaac Cox's Station], which had been Burnt by the indians two days previous who killy [killed] Neel Davis. from this we marched back to Nelson County & was discharged. I was on several skouts against the indians who visited us & stole horses. This applicant was born in Buckingham County Virginia and continued to dwell there untill his removal to the West in 1781 and he has lived on the present boundary of Kentucky since that period and in the neighborhood where he now lives for near 40 years that he has lost his several discharges & has no knowledge of any person living who can prove any of his Services afs'd. his near neighbor George Calhoon haveing lately died, by whom he could have proved a part of the aforesaid services and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or any annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any state. sworn to & subscribed in open Court.

John Galloway

Auditors Office of Virginia June 17 1833 It appears by the Pay Roll in this office of Capt. James Davis's company of the Illinois Regiment that John Galloway a soldier in said company rec'd pay from the 21 October to the 25 November 1782 [signed] Jas. E. Heath Aud't

NOTES: Troops under Gen. George Rogers Clark burned the Shawnee towns including Piqua and Standing Stone on Great Miami River on 10 Nov 1782. The reason given for rejection of Galloway's claim was "No proof of service--name not on the rolls." A letter dated 15 Jan 1838 states that John Galloway had been dead "some years," and that several of his heirs were living in Madison County KY.

### **John Hall – Pension File S11106**

State of Kentucky Daviess County Sct. On this 11th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honourable Alney McLean Judge of the Circuit Court of said County now Sitting. John Hall senior aged Eighty Six, haveing been born in the year 1746 to the best of his belief who being first sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress aforesaid [of 7 June 1832]. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers served as herein stated. that at & before the commencement of the revolutionary war he resided in Amherst County Virginia that the men were numbered in divisions and this applicant was in the first division and whenever that division was called upon he performed Service on various tours as follows. first in the fall of 1777 [sic: see endnote] under Captain William Harris who marched us to the Albemarle Barracks which was under the Command of Col. Charles Lewis and we remained there guarding the prisoners taken from Burgoyne about 8 weeks after our return home we remained but a short time untill we marched again down Diggs river to a town called Warrick where Capt. Harris Company was stationed at Gillies landing on James River for some weeks to prevent vessels from ascending the James River, we were out during this Tour at least eight weeks, a third Tour was performed under Captain John Diggs. we marched down below Richmond 6 weeks our Col. was named Meriweather, the precise time not recollected, but believed to be at least 8 weeks the next tour was under Captain James Montgomery. we marched from Amherst in 1789 down James River

to James Town and I was one of Col. Meriweathers guard the day that the battle at Jamestown with Cornwallis was fought [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] and was on the battle ground early next morning. our General was Stephens Wayne & Fayette [sic: generals Anthony Wayne and Lafayette] there. This tour was about two months. The last Tour was commenced under Captain John Loving who marched to the Seige of York and was at the takeing of Cornwallice [sic: 19 Oct 1781]. this applicant was furloughed on account of sickness & was not present at the Seige. This applicant does not remember the exact dates nor length of the respective tours aforesaid. This applicant to the best of his belief thinks that his said Several tours & Services amounted to one year performed in the Militia from Amherst County Virginia. this applicant has no discharges nor does he know of any person living to prove his said Services – I hereby relinquish every Claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to & subscribed the date afs'd in open Court[signed illegibly]

On 16 Oct 1833 in response to a request by the Pension Office for clarification of the length of service, Hall made another declaration almost in the same words as above. He added the following: “this applicant removed to North Carolina about the year 1798 and remained there a little more than 2 and one half years & then removed to Kentucky, where he has resided ever since and for the Last sixteen years in his present neighbourhood.” NOTES: If Hall’s first tour was as described it could not have occurred before Jan 1779, when the Hessian prisoners captured at Saratoga NY on 17 Oct 1777 arrived at Albemarle Barracks. Col. Charles Lewis commanded the barracks from 23 Dec 1778 until 5 Mar 1779. A document in the file states that Hall died on 3 Jan 1837.

### **Charles Hansford – Pension File S16402**

State of Kentucky, Nelson County Sct

On this 13th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Nelson now sitting Charles Hansford a resident in the aforesaid County of Nelson in the State of Kentucky, aged 73 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 & served as herein stated about the 1st of May 1775 [? the last digit written over and unclear] I volunteered in the County of King George in the State of Virginia under Captain John Talliferro in the minute Service Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Talliferro from whence we marched to Hampton where we was stationed for six months & then discharged. He further states that in the spring of 1777 he enlisted under Captain John Robertson for two years in the aforesaid County of King George who was stationed at Falmouth on the Rappahannock River in the fall of that year my Captain was taken sick & died the winter following, previous to his death, in January 1778 I was discharged serving 9 months at the instance & request of my Father. He being my father's friend & I being under age, the Company to which I belonged was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Gus Waller who marched from Falmouth with the Regiment (except Captain Robertson's Company) to some other point. I returned to my Father at his Comand til fall then being determined to fight for liberty I gave him the slip for I had no other way, got aboard a vessel, went to see on our return ware cast on the American Shore, made our Escape, got aboard of another, went to the west indies , got taken prisoner, when released could not get passage

to America for better than eighteen months, on my passage was again taken prisoner & carried to Carlestone, staid there a considerable time, when released and on our passage to North Carolina was stoped by an American armed the Galley to try to get some Prisoners to volunteer, he became scarce of hands, Captain Putman with whom I was taken a prisoner with & myself went a board Capt. Antoney commanded the Galley we cruised a considerable time, took several prizes but hearing of a monster in human shape one Sham Buttler a vile Tory who was plundering & murdering the Friends of liberty men, women & children it got me on fire to try to revenge & save them, Captain Putnam & myself got leave to get volunteers to go with us, we got 12 to go, we slept in the boats one very large the other small one Putnam commanded the large one & I the small one we started in the afternoon of a Creek that enters into Savana River Georgia State the British was in possession there he had fixed himself 22 miles up the Creek on a hill with 20 men to guard him, we reached the place about eleven o'clock that night, We landed Cruddled [?] up the hill, rushed into his Encampment but they fled at our approach, we got the wealth in trunks which was Said Contain Specie & Silver plate we Started down the Creek the next morning about two hours by sun Buttler engaged us with a large force from the Bank of the Creek & behind trees the Big Boat Grounded I saw them no more we Gave them Several fire, rushed by, Got Safe to the Galley the wealth was in the Big Boat so we losted it, we returned to Port in North Carolina this was 1781 on hearing that General Washington was besieging Cornwallis at little York I Bought a horse with a intention to volunteer my Service But Cornwallis had surrendered before I got there. I returned to my Father's the next summer flowering Entered a letter mark, went to Spain on our return was Captured by a British man [of] war, taken into New York, put a board the Old Jersey as a Prisoner, there was 36 of us & but myself & another is all that survived & we Scarcely could Stand alone, we went into the prison ship the 19th of December 1782 & came out 20th of March 1783 when peace was signed. I suppose I was aboard the Galley & fighting the Tories about three months, one of the prizes was loaded with clothing for the British Officers & Soldiers & military Stores, thus I have given as true a statement as I can. Poverty has compelled me to call on my Country. Given under my hand this 20th of October 1832 Signed / Charles Hansford

PS the menuit Company was ordered out by the Governor of Virginia until they could enlist Regulars the British were often up the Potomac River to get water & plunder the inhabitants the militia was often called out & I with them. I feel confident I served my Country two years But I submit it to those Gentlemen whom the Law has appointed to Judge, I now live in C. H. Nelson County Kentucky Bloomfield Bardstown October 25, 1832 I have been acquainted with Mr. Charles Hanceford [sic] since the year 1803 having attended upon himself and Family as a Physician. I have found him honest and truthful and so far as I know and believe he bears that character Generally. Signed / John Goodlet

[Joseph Milligan and Jonathan Simpson also gave testimony as to the character and reputation of the veteran. Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum for service as a private for 13 months in the Virginia militia and as a privateer.]

### **Samuel Johnson – Pension File S16430**

State of Kentucky, Daviess County: SS: On this 8th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Alney McLean Esquire sole Judge of the circuit court of Daviess County now sitting Samuel Johnson Senior a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged 88 years in December ensuing 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 he was drafted and entered the service under Colonel William Giles Major Richard Jones Captain William Finney Lieutenant John Walthall Ensign's name not recollected in May (date not recollected) 1779 -- served one month marched from Amelia [County, Virginia] (the place of residence) to Portsmouth, or nearly [indecipherable word] that place was the point to which the troops were ordered the British having left, he returned.

That he was drafted in December 1779 entered the service under Captain Barnett Pullum [Barnett Pulliam] Lieutenant Howel Rose [Howell Rose] remained in service for two weeks and then substituted French Frank to serve out the balance of the term to wit two months and a half the tour being for three months having previously moved from Amelia Virginia to Granville North Carolina.

February 1781 was drafted, entered the service under General Butler [John Butler] Colonel Joseph Taylor Major Anthony Sharp [Anthony Sharpe] Captain Richard Harrison Lieutenant James Ellison Ensign Ben Hester [Benjamin Hester] marched from Granville old Court house, to Guilford Court house fought the British on a March 1781 [Battle of Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781] -- General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] Commanding. [p5] Served three months discharged 11th May 1781 at Wake Court house now Raleigh (North Carolina).

Sometime in September following drafted and entered the service under Captain Charles Yancy [Charles Yancey] marched from Granville County North Carolina to the high Hills of Santee (General Greene's head quarters) guarding of public wagons tour three months.

That he has no documentary evidence by which to prove his services.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: Bucks County Pennsylvania and in the year 1744

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Ans: I have none now there was one, but brother John carried it to South Carolina, it was there destroyed by the Tories.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Ans: In Virginia and North Carolina since the revolutionary war in North Carolina and Kentucky and now lives in Kentucky

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom? Ans: By order of the States, to wit of Virginia and North Carolina as I understood -- I was drafted.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. Ans: General N. Greene commanded at Guilford, Colonel Washington [William Washington] of [p 6] the horse; I knew the Regiments in which I served the names of the commanders of which is brot [brought] to view in the preceding part of this declaration there was a Regiment from the lower part of the State (North Carolina) commanded by Colonel Eaton who I believe was taken prisoner at Augusta and then killed for an answer to the last clause of the inquiry, reference is made to the body of this declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it? Ans: I received one from James Ellison (Captain) but it has been mislaid or lost long since.



7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution. Ans: Captain Benjamin Field and Benjamin Newton

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 that he knows of. Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. S/ Samuel Johnson Senior

[[p4 Benjamin Field & Benjamin Newton gave the standard supporting affidavit. [Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the Virginia and North Carolina militias.]

### **James Jones – Pension File S31170**

State of Kentucky, County of Daviess: Sct. On the 13th day of Mayh 1833 personally appeared before Samuel Hawes, Creed Burton, Elijah McCreery & William Medcalf Justices of the County Court of said County now sitting James Jones a resident of said County of Daviess & State aforesaid aged near Seventy-three years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he volunteered in the month of September 1778, in the County of Rowan North Carolina, as a private under Captain William Wilson, John Todd Lieutenant and Alexander Dobbins, Ensign. This Company was attached to Colonel Francis Locke's Regiment and General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Brigade, we rendezvoused at Salisbury in North Carolina, from whence we marched under the above named officers through Mecklenburg County to Camden in South Carolina, from thence to the River Santee crossing the same at Nelson's ferry from thence to the Ten miles house from Charlestown [sic, Charleston], where we remained some days, from thence we marched to Purysburg on the Savannah River, where we joined General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] and the Main Army, at this time the British Army were marching near the Savannah River in the State of Georgia, both armies remained for some time watching each other on opposite sides of the Savannah River. Captain Wilson was ordered from the Main Army & posted on a Lagoon, putting into the River Savannah between Tubler's ferry [Tubley's ?] & the Two Sisters ferry, and I was one of the guard sent with him, during the winter we had a skirmish with the British who were ascending up the Lagoon in boats, near a place called the White House where our Commissaries stores were deposited, from hence by a forced march we went up the Savannah to reinforce General Ash [sic, John Ashe], who was encamped on Briar Creek in Georgia, and we had reached the ferry at the Savannah River opposite where General Ashe was Encamped and heard the firing of the guns [Battle of Briar Creek, March 3, 1779] and a part of the Army had crossed, and we met Ashe on his retreat from the British Army, the whole Army then retreated back & encamped at the Two Sisters ferry where we remained some weeks, and from thence we marched to a place called Turkey Hill, where we remained until the 10th day of March 1779 when we were discharged from whence we however were marched by our Company officers back to our homes in Rowan County. I believe I received a discharge from Colonel Locke, but have long since lost it. In the summer & fall of the year 1780, I served a tour of three months in Mecklenburg County under the command of Thomas Cowan Captain, Lieutenant Samuel Knox and John Morrison Ensign, our Company were horsemen, the Colonels then present with the Army were Colonel Craig and Colonel Barringer, and General Morgan

[Daniel Morgan] who commanded the regulars was our Commander as well as now recollected during this tour we were scouting on several occasions, and we made an attack on the British at Polke's mill under the command of Captains Hart & Dixon. The British Army then occupied Mecklenburg Court house but before our discharge they retreated from Mecklenburg & marched back into South Carolina. Our time of three months having expired we marched back to Rowan County, our homes. I was honorably discharged by Captain Thomas Cowan & have lost the same. In the fall of the year 1781 I volunteered as a private in Rowan County three months under Captain Richard Simmons, Lieutenant Hoodsman & Ensign John Carson we joined the Army on the Pedee [River], our Company belonged to Colonel Smith's [Robert Smith's] Choir [sic, Corps] and General Rutherford was commander from thence we marched to a place called the Raft swamp where we defeated [Battle of Raft Swamp, October 15, 1781] a party of Tories said to be under the Command of Col. McNeel [sic, Hector McNeill], from thence we marched towards Wilmington leaving Fayetteville on the left till we arrived at a brick building opposite to Wilmington where there was a British Garrison, we defeated [The Battle of Brick House, November 15, 1781] a party of Tories near this place and attempted to storm the Garrison but failed for want of artillery. John Gay was killed at this place, our Commander was Colonel Smith, soon after this, Captain Richardson Simmons was ordered over the Cape Fear River and marched on the North East River which we swam on account of the British having burnt the end of the Bridge, and marched into Wilmington where we remained a few days & then we marched down Captain Fear [sic, Cape Fear River] to a place called the Sounds watching the British vessels which lay in Cape Fear River, here we remained until our three months had expired and we were then discharged & marched home.

This declarant further states that during the year 1780 & 1781 he served Seven tours as a minute man which averaged at the least 10 or 12 days each tour, against the Tories, sometimes called out by the Colonels, sometimes by the Captains – these tours were in Rowan & the adjoining Counties. I was two of the aforesaid Tours under Colonel Locke & Colonel Davidson [William Lee Davidson]. I was under Captain William Wilson on two of the preceding tours, on one of which we met Col. Buford [Abraham Buford] on his retreat, -- on to other of the aforesaid tours I was with Colonel Locke & Col. Brandon and marched as far as Broad River where Colonel McDowell [Charles McDowell] was camped. I was on one of these tours with General William Lee Davidson and we had a Severe skirmish with Cornwallis' Army at Cowan's Ford on the Catawba River, and General Davidson was killed at this place about the 1st day of February 1781 as well as this respondent now recollects. This declarant served several other minute tours which he does not enumerate, & claim pay for, but states that in the tours & campaigns before herein specified he Served faithfully fourteen months & upwards, for which he asks for pay. This applicant States that he was born in York County, Pennsylvania in the year 1760 & removed to, Settled in Rowan County North Carolina where he resided during the revolutionary War & for many years after and about the year 1824 he removed to his present residence in Daviess County Kentucky. In all the Tours performed by me I was a volunteer and a resident of Rowan County North Carolina. This applicant has no documentary evidence to prove his said Service and hereto annexed is Testimony of Samuel Calhoon, Clergyman & James W. Johnson being all the corroborating testimony he knows of or can procure to testify to his Services.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed open Court the date aforesaid. This applicant annexes the affidavit of Jacob Saunders as proof of one of the Tours and knows of no other person by whom he can prove anything further the said Jacob Saunders is now in ill health & Cannot be got to Court to Testify. S/ Jas. Jones

[Samuel Calhoun, clergyman, and James W. Johnson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 15] State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 18th of February 1823 I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State, that two persons by the name of James Jones privates in Captain John Yarborough's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered in the year 1781 for 12 months, one "left the service 13th of April 1782", the other on the 27th of April 1782. Given under my hand at office the date above.  
S/ Wm. Hill

[Note: This certificate would appear to relate to some "James Jones" other than this James Jones since he never claimed to have been in the Continental line under Capt. Yarborough.] [p 17] Kentucky, Daviess County Personally came & appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County Jacob Saunders an old & infirm man aged about 70 years and made oath to this Statements I Jacob Saunders do certify that I am well acquainted with James Jones, who has scribed & sworn to this declaration & that I knew him in Rowan County North Carolina & there knew him to be a soldier of the revolution, and believe he served the several tours as stated in his said annexed declaration in the year 1781 [could be 1780]. I saw him frequently in the Army under Captain Richard Simmons & know that he served that tour of three months, as I was at that Campaign and saw him in camp doing duty under said Simmons and the said Jones is now here present & resides in the County of Daviess, and my health is such as to prevent my being present in open Court. May 13, 1833  
S/ Jacob Saunders, X his mark

I Andrew Jones Justice of the peace in & for the County of Daviess in the State of Kentucky do certify that Jacob Saunders personally came & appeared before me and subscribed & sworn to the preceding affidavit as to the service of James Jones in the revolutionary war, and I do moreover certify that the said Saunders is too infirm to attend Court this day, and that he was in bed sick when he was called to testify in this case, all which is hereby certified. Given under my hand as justice this 13th of May 1833.  
S/ A. Jones JPDC

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$49.16 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private for 11 months in the militia Infantry and 3 months as a private in the militia Cavalry.

### **James Kelley – Pension File S16433**

State of Kentucky Daviess County SS: On this 11th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before The Honourable Alney McLean Judge of the Circuit Court of said County now Sitting James Kelley a resident of said County and State 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 aforesaid. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. The first tour as well as this applicant remembers was in the year 1778 [sic] under Captain James Bluford [sic: James Buford] in Colonel [Charles] Lewis regiment and Gen'l Christy [Col. William Christian] Commander in Chief. The said Tour was against the Cherokee Indians and lasted two months [Oct and Nov 1776]. The second Tour performed by this applicant was in the year 1779 [early 1778] as well as now recollected under Captain John Paxton – our Col was George Skillron [sic: George Skillern] and our Commander was General [Edward] Hand. This tour was against the Shawnee Indians [the "Squaw Campaign"] and lasted as well as now recollected for two months. In both these tours the

applicant was a citizen of Bedford – in the tower under Bluford he was a Volunteer – in the other he was drafted The third tour performed was in the year 1780 & was for eight months & was against the British. the said applicant having been drafted was enrolled himself as a state soldier under John Graves Captain. James Lucas Colonel. General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] Commander. during this tour we had a skirmish with Tarltons horse [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion] at Sloans ferry on the Yadkin river The fourth Tour was three months at the siege of York when Lord Cornwallis was Captured [19 Oct 1781] our Captain was Calloway [Callaway] and Col was [St. George] Tucker our General was [Robert] Lawson as well as now recollected from all of which Tours your applicant was honourably discharged and which discharges are all lost except one signed by John Graves now in the possession of the honourable Albert G. Hawes & which will be (by his promise) annexed hereto and presented herewith [not found]. your petitioner being promoted to the office of Serjeant. he has no other documentary evidence & he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can Testify to the aforesaid Service. This applicant resided in the County of Bedford (during the aforesaid terms of service) in the state of Virginia and continued a citizen of Virginia untill about the year 1817 when he removed to Kentucky. he was from Information from his ancestors born in 1758. he now resides in Daviess County Kentucky. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. he moreover annexes the corroborating proof of Jno. Pinkston & Joseph Hale as required Sworn to & subscribed in open Court.

James Kelley

### **James Tannehill – Pension File 14643**

James Tannehill was living in Daviess County, KY when he applied for a pension on 10 September 1832, age 72. He enlisted in Frederick County, Maryland in June 1776. He moved from Maryland about 1796 to Somerset County, Pennsylvania, where he lived 23 years. In 1819 he moved to Virginia and in 1824 to Daviess County, Kentucky.

The affidavit of a fellow soldier who served with him by the name of William L. Barnard, of Ohio County, KY, was made in Daviess County, KY on 10 September 1832. He knew him in Maryland.

### **Benjamin Taylor – Pension File W28006**

On the 9 day of December 1833 personally appeared before Simpson Stout, Abner Lee, and William Medcalf Esquires Justices of the County Court of said County of Daviess now sitting Benjamin Taylor a resident of said County of Daviess and state aforesaid aged Seventy Seven years. who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That in the year 1777 and on the 7th day of July he was enlisted in Springfield Township in Bucks County Pennsylvania for the Term of one year. and on the third day thereafter being the 10th day of July he Joined the army in sight of Philadelphia and took the oath of allegiance & Fidelity as directed by law reference being had to the Certificate hereto annexed & marked A the same will fully appear being signed by Joseph Hart and delivered to me on the 10 day of July 1777 the day I entered the army then under the command of General George Washington we marched across

the Susquehanna river on to Chester Town where we had a skirmish with the British and from this we crossed over the Delaware river to the Jersey side and were stationed at the Red Bank fort which Fort I helped to Build haveing worked on it for 21 days and remained defending said Fort untill about the middle of November when the army retreated about midnight the said Fort being much shattered by the Cannon Balls shot from British shipping I here saw the floating batteries above the Chevaux- de frize's which were sunk in the river to prevent the ships from ascending after said Fort was surrendered in November we marched up by land keeping on the Jersey side and were moveing from place to place untill we took up winter quarters in Elizabeth Town. and I remained with the army until July 1778 when my term of enlistment (one year) had expired. when this applicant was honourable discharged which discharge is lost. this applicant here states that at the time of his enlistment he was young and very unexperienced and by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot remember the names of any of the officers under whom he served. But that he did Serve for the Term of one year as above stated and for which he claims a pension

This applicant states that about the 1st September 1778 he went on a visit to the Monongahela County ten miles below Brownsville and the third day after his arrival he was drafted out of Captain David Ritchey's Company and placed under Captain John Crow and on the 15 day of September marched from Pittsburg under General McIntosh on a Campain against the Indians on a river then called Tuskeraway. the history & sufferings of which campaign is too well known to need a recital we returned to Fort McIntosh and was there discharged on the 13th day of December 1778 makeing a tour of three months lacking of two days. for proof of which Service he here annexes the discharge given him and signed by David Ritchey out of whose company he was drafted. This applicant states that in the month of May 1779 he descended the Ohio river to the Falls now Louisville and settled & lived on Bear Grass For near five years in which time he engaged in many Scouts with the Indians. one of which tours was in the fall of 1782 this applicant volunteered out of Peter Stergus' Company and was on the Campaign of the Autum of 1782 under the Command of General G. R. Clark. my Captain was named MCracken. and my Col was named Andrew Hynes. we marched from the Block house built where Cincinnati now stands and had a skirmish with the Indians at the old Shawnee & Pickaway Towns on the West side of the Big Miame river. My Captain MCracken was wounded & brought in to Cincinnatte. and buried under the block house. this tour was Six weeks . for this tour I received a discharge which I have long since lost. since which period this applicant has resided in Kentucky and at his present residence. now in Daviess County for near thirty eight years. This applicant was born in Bucks County Pennsylvania in the year 1756 and on the last day of March in that year. that he has lost all his discharges & vouchers except These annexed and knows of no living person by whom he can prove his said Several tours performed as a soldier. this applicant is known to the reverend John Pinkston & to Remis Griffith whose corroborateing testimony is annexed. he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. sworn to and subscribed in open Court by Benjamin Taylor.

Test  
J. S. McFarland

I DO hereby CERTIFY, That Benjamin Taylor of Springfield Township of Bucks County hath voluntarily taken and subscribed the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and Fidelity, as directed by an Act of General Assembly of Pennsylvania, passed the 13th day of June, A.D. 1777. Witness my hand and seal, the 10' day of Feby A.D. 1777 [signed] Joseph Hart

This is to Certefy to all whome it May Concern That Benjamin Taylor hath served his tour of Duty under General McIntosh to the tuskeraway in Captain John Croes Company Commenceing the fifteenth Day of September Ending the thirteenth Day of December 1778 Said Tayler being Drafted out of my Company it being in the Eleventh District of the Second Betalion of Youghagama [sic: Yohogania] County he being in the Eighth Devesion or Class of said Destrict. I therefore Request that he pass to the Counties of Kentucke unmolested as he hath Behaved himself honestly & unoffenceively. Given under my hand this Second Day of April 1779

David Ritchey

On 28 June 1843 Catharine Taylor, 87, applied for a pension stating that she married Benjamin Taylor in March 1774, and he died on 23 April 1842. The file contains a family record certified by John A. Taylor as being from the Bible of his father, Benjamin Taylor, which is transcribed below.  
BIRTHS.

Mary Taylor was Born February the 7 in the year of our Lord 1775

Ann Taylor was Born March the 8 in the year of our Lord 1782

Susanah Taylor was Born November the 23 in the year of our Lord 1783

Henrey Taylor was Born July the 15 in the year of our Lord 1787

Rebekah Taylor was Born September 25 in the year of our Lord 1789

Marthew Taylor was Born March the 9 in the year of our Lord 1790

John Taylor was Born in the year 1792 in March the 25

William Taylor was Born March the 23 in the year of our Lord 1794

Leannah Taylor was Born February the 28 in the year of our Lord 1796

Sarah Taylor was Born March the 16 in the year of our Lord 1798

Samuel Taylor was Born May 2 in the year of our Lord 1800

Archibald Taylor was Born March 20 in the year of our Lord 1803

MARRIAGES.

John A. Taylor was married to Polly Buchnir April 29[?] in the year of hour lord 1821 and I again was married to Margaret Brown in November 30th 1828

Benjamin Taylor - His Revolutionary War Pension claim W.28006. Pension allowed. He died April 23, 1842 in Daviess Co KY. June 28, 1843 his widow Catherine Taylor appears before the court to request his pension.

### **Anthony Thompson – Pension File S30736**

Anthony Thompson was living in Davies County, Kentucky, when he applied for a pension on 13 July 1832, age 73. He stated that he was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania on 19 March 1759. He enlisted in Cumberland County, Pa. in June 1776. After the war he moved to Westmoreland County, Pa. and married there. In 1785 he moved to Kentucky. He has resided in Daviess County, KY since about 1799 or 1800.

The affidavit of a fellow soldier, who served with him by the name of George Calhoon, age 78, was made in Daviess County, KY on 13 July, 1832, He enlisted with Thompson in Cumberland County, Pa.



## Graves of Revolutionary War Veterans who had resided in Daviess County, KY



Grave of Nathaniel Beall or Bell (1758-1813) in northeastern Daviess County, KY in the Bell Cemetery – on the west side of the Bell Road at a sharp curve in the road, about one mile south of Spice Knob (Highway 1389). On right side of driveway to an old house.



Grave of Zachariah Briant (1765-1848) in the German Evangelical Zion Cemetery in Spencer County, Indiana. About 1000 feet west of County Road 50 W. and about 0.1 miles south of its intersection with W County Road 750 N.



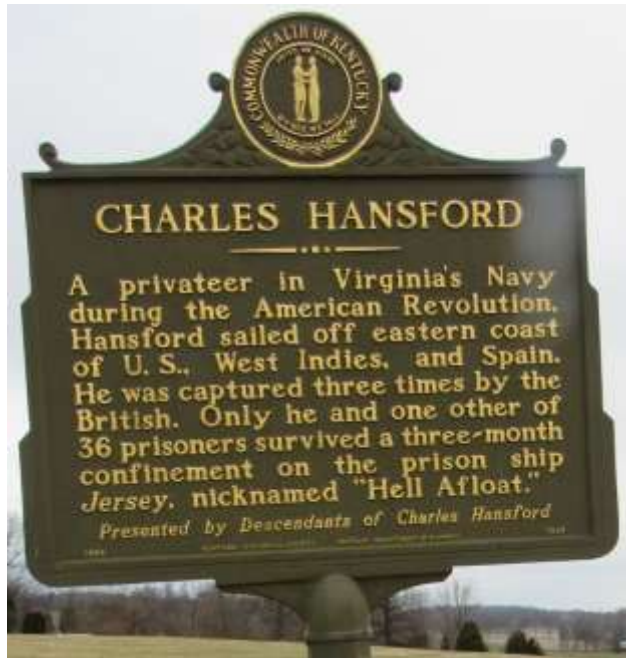


Grave of George Calhoun / Calhoon (1754-1835) in Daviess County, KY six miles west of Owensboro on east side of Highway 56 opposite the Timbrook Woods about one mile south of Sorgho. Pass brick house with circular drive and cemetery is just past smaller house. It can be seen from the road about 100 feet from the highway.



Grave of Benjamin Field (1755-1842) in Daviess County, KY east of Highway 431 about one mile north of Utica and ten miles south of Owensboro.





Kentucky Historical Highway Marker in McLean County, KY in Calhoun at the entrance to the Calhoun Cemetery. Charles Hansford (1759-1850) is buried somewhere between Calhoun and Guffie.



Grave of Samuel Johnson (1744-1837) in Daviess County, KY in the Red Hill Baptist Church Cemetery on the Red Hill-Maxwell Road.



Grave of George Little (1735-1815) in McLean County, KY in the Little Graveyard on Highway 81 at Van Meter Springs.



Grave of James Lynn (1740-1833) in McLean County, KY in the Lynn Family Graveyard in Beech Grove on a hill on the south side of Main Street.



Grave of Thomas Moseley (c1765-1841) on the south side of Fifth Street, just east of Triplett Street in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY.



Grave of Phillip Taylor (1757-1820) in the Nally – Taylor Family Cemetery in McLean County, KY on a hill about one-half mile southwest of the Pleasant Hope General Baptist Church.





Grave of Anthony Thompson (1759-1834) in McLean County in the Anthony Thompson Graveyard.





## Owensboro, KY Newspapers

Owensboro Messenger, 30 June 1918, p.2B:

D. A. R. TRYING TO LOCATE GRAVES OF HEROES OF 1776  
Who Are Buried In Daviess, Ohio And McLean Counties  
WANT TO KEEP RECORD

The General Evan Shelby chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, is trying to locate the graves of Revolutionary veterans in Daviess, Ohio and McLean counties and will appreciate the assistance of anyone who can locate any graves. Should anyone be able to give locations they are asked to communicate with Mrs. S. S. Watkins, regent, or Mrs. W. G. Crabtree, chairman for this work.

The chapter now has a roll of citizens of Kentucky who were granted pensions for service in the Revolutionary war, compiled by Anderson C. Quisenberry from the report of the secretary of war to congress in 1835 on the establishment of the United States to which is appended additional names from Collins' History of Kentucky, of persons drawing Revolutionary pensions in 1840.

Eleven Daviess county men include Zachariah Brian, private, Virginia line; George Calhoun, lieutenant, ensign and quartermaster; Benjamin Field, private, ensign and captain; James Hall, private, Virginia line; Samuel Johnson, private, Virginia line; James Jones, private of infantry and cavalry; James Kelly, Virginia line; Anthony Thompson, private to sergeant, Virginia line; James Tannehill, private, Maryland line; Benjamin Taylor, private, Pennsylvania line, and Charles Hansford, age 80, recorded in Collins' History.

The pensioners of the Revolutionary war in Ohio county under act of March 18, 1818, were Peter Brandon Virginia line; William Cooper, private, Maryland line; William Campbell, private, Lee's Legion; John Howell, captain, New Jersey line; Moses Johnson, private, Virginia line; Robert Moseley, lieutenant, Pennsylvania line; Thomas Pender, private, Maryland line; Peter Parks, private, North Carolina line.

Pensioners in Ohio county under Act of June 7 1832, were Wm. L. Barnard, private, Maryland line; Seley Burton, private, North Carolina; Chesley Calloway, private, Massachusetts line; William Carter, private, Virginia line; John Monroe, sergeant, and lieutenant, Virginia line; John Sorrels, private and sergeant, North Carolina; Matthias Shults, private, Virginia line.

Pensioners in Ohio county under act of May 15, 1828, include Benjamin Burch, sergeant, third regiment, Maryland line.

Revolutionary pensioners living in Ohio county in 1840, Collins' History, were Zebra Arnold, age 83; John Maddox, Sr., age 78. this giving Ohio county a total of eighteen.

George Calhoun

- Owensboro Messenger, 5 September 1928, p.3, "D.A.R Unveiling Has Good Crowd: Memory of Captain George Calhoun, Revolutionary Soldier, Honored", Gen. Evan Shelby chapter unveiled a marker honoring him yesterday on the John Rudy farm west of Owensboro
- Messenger-Inquirer, 5 October 1965, 1965, George Calhoun was born 1 February 1754 Lancaster County, PA and died in Daviess County on 20 October 1835, soldier in the Revolutionary War from 1776 to 1782 and was also with George Rogers Clark on some of his expeditions, a marker was placed in his grave in the Jones & Anderson graveyard, one mile south of Sorgho, by the Gen. Evan Shelby DAR chapter on 4 September 1928

### Thomas Clay

- Owensboro Messenger, 14 June 1931, p.1B & 9B, "Old River Road of Long Ago Recalled", by C. W. Bransford - "Closer to the river and just beyond the Crutcher Farm was that of Thomas Clay, who settled there in 1807 or 1808, he was the brother of Gen. Green Clay and uncle of Gen. Cassius M. Clay"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 5 October 1965 pp.4C & 5C ("One of State's Historic Clays Buried At Yelvington", Capt. Thomas Clay, a veteran of the American Revolution, was buried on the old Clay place near Yelvington, which is now known as the Jake Gerteisen farm; a cousin of Henry Clay; he died prior to 3 January 1825, which was the date his will was admitted to probate
- Messenger-Inquirer, 5 October 1975 p.11A, "Historic Homes of Owensboro", home of Thomas Clay on Highway 405, Thomas Clay, a soldier & captain in the Revolutionary War, came to Daviess County in 1812, cousin of John Clay, father of the well known statesman Henry Clay, an uncle of Cassius Marcellus Clay, famed Kentuckian of the Civil War, and grandfather of US Senator Thomas Clay McCreery, home is now owned by Mr. & Mrs. Jake Gerteisen
- Messenger-Inquirer, 14 February 1995 p.3S, "Community History", the countryside beyond Yellow Creek at Thruston was a panorama of pastoral splendor during antebellum days, it was in the section of Daviess County called the Beechwoods, known for its majestic beech trees and the fine plantations that lined the old river road from Owensboro to Hawesville, on one of the farms lived Thomas Clay, the first settler of the Thruston area and uncle of famous Kentucky abolitionist and orator Cassius Marcellus Clay; the land of Thomas Clay McCreery, who served in the U.S. Senate from 1868-1871 and 1873-1879, adjoined the plantation of his grandfather Thomas Clay, who had settled there in 1806 or 1807, Clay was a second cousin of Henry Clay, and brother of General Green Clay, father of Cassius, both Thomas and Green Clay were members of the convention which drafted Kentucky's second constitution in 1799; Mrs. Gladys Gerteisen, widow of former Daviess County commissioner Jake Gerteisen, lives on the Thomas Clay farm, the old McCreery house known in the old days as Beechwoods was torn down in the 1980s and lawyer Kirby Gordon has a new home on the hilltop where the old house stood
- Messenger-Inquirer, 13 July 2012 p.1B, "Property that's never been sold stays in the family", the descendants of Captain Thomas Clay, who fought in the Revolutionary War, and his wife, Mary, have a significant anniversary this year, two hundred years ago, several thousands acres of Daviess County were purchased by the captain. Through the years, parcels have been sold, but members of the sixth and seventh generations of the Clays live

on a remaining 500 acres; "I don't think we'll have any type of celebration," said George Stuart, who has lived on his family's land all but four of his 62 years. After high school, he and his wife, Carolyn, lived in Lexington while he completed his degree in electrical engineering at the University of Kentucky. He is retired from BellSouth. "We may be the only family in Daviess County to have lived on the same land for 200 years. There are farms that are probably that old, but they've changed hands over the years," George Stuart said. There is a certain amount of pride in keeping the land in the family for so many years, he said. In addition to Stuart and his wife, his parents, Thomas and Nancy Stuart, live on the land, as well as his cousins Robert and Ann Stuart, and Sue Stuart Napper and her husband, Stewart. George Stuart said he finds it remarkable that the land that he shares with his relatives has never been sold. He said Clay started out with 4,000 acres in 1812 and that 2,000 of those were in eastern Daviess County. "The property was bounded by the Ohio River, what is now Wrights Landing Road, roughly along Kentucky 405 and Saur Road to Pup Creek near Carpenter's Lake, then back along Pup Creek to the Ohio River again," George Stuart said. "My dad is the family historian and has documented the family history along with his brother Alex, who lives in Phoenix," George Stuart said. Stuart said his grandfather, father and uncle ran a dairy on the farm for a number of years. "My dad delivered milk in town," George Stuart said. He has an original Stuart Dairy bottle stopper among family memorabilia. The Stuarts don't farm the land themselves anymore, but they lease it to farmers who grow corn and soybeans. "They have the best spot of us all," George Stuart said. His parents built their home on a hill in 1964 and previously lived in an older home on the property. "When Dad began building their house, I was 14 years old, and he more or less turned over the running of the farm to me," George Stuart said

- Messenger-Inquirer, 16 July 2012 p.1B, "Update of Wrights Landing Tudor-style home pleases couple", the question of moving rather than undertaking a major remodeling project never came up when Stewart and Sue Stuart Napper decided to make some major changes in their 10-room Tudor style home on Wrights Landing Road, more than 30 years ago, the couple built their home on property that is part of the 200-year-old Stuart family farm, the land has been in the Stuart family for 200 years, in 1812, Sue Stuart Napper's ancestor Capt. Thomas Clay bought several thousand acres in Daviess County, and the Stuart family has retained 500 acres to this day. Several sixth- and seventh-generation descendants of Clay have homes on the property
- Messenger-Inquirer, 25 August 2016 p.1B, "Old River Road was the height of local culture", article by C. W. Bransford published in the Owensboro Messenger on 14 June 1931 about the settlement along the Old River Road east of Owensboro

### Benjamin Field

- Owensboro Messenger, 27 October 1898, p.7; early pioneer of Daviess County; soldier - Revolutionary War, served under Washington, was at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown; after the war he started with his family for Kentucky, in 1786 located on a large tract of land about one mile and a half east of where Utica is now & twelve miles south of Owensboro; he lies buried not far from where his home stood and upon the simple slab at his head is recorded his name, rank and service
- Owensboro Messenger, 15 August 1914 p.2 and 18 August 1914 p.4, Field family reunion

- Owensboro Messenger, 30 June 1918 p.2B, "D.A.R. Trying To Locate Graves of Heroes of 1776, Who Are Buried in Daviess, Ohio and McLean Counties", soldier - Revolutionary War, private, ensign & captain; one of eleven men in Daviess County, who was drawing a Revolutionary War pension in 1840
- Owensboro Messenger, 28 March 1943 p.1B, Captain Benjamin Field born in Virginia in 1755, married Mildred Slaughter, came to Kentucky in 1786 with wife & three children, moved to the Yellow Banks in December 1795, settled 12 miles southeast of Owensboro, died in 1842
- Messenger-Inquirer, 5 October 1965, pp.1C, 3C, 4C & 5C, "Capt. Ben Field, Renowned Soldier of '76 and Lawyer", buried atop a small hill on the W. H. Greer farm on the Livermore Road about ten miles south of Owensboro, born in Culpepper County, VA on 14 November 1755, served as an ensign in a regiment commanded by Col. Joseph Crockett during the Revolutionary War, reared a family of 11 children, appointed an assistant judge on the Ohio County Circuit Court on 25 December 1802, died on 2 January 1842, his widow survived him by eleven years, in addition to his gravestone in the Field cemetery there is also markers for John Field, died 28 February 1844, age 52 years & 2 months and John's wife, Rachel, born 28 November 1796 & died 28 October 1856, John Field was the oldest son of Benjamin, he was a soldier in the War of 1812, fought at the Battle of New Orleans under Gen. Andrew Jackson, his wife was Rachel McFarland
- Messenger-Inquirer, 19 October 1992 p.1C, "Benjamin Field served as a surveyor, soldier, public official", descendant of Henry Field, who arrived in America in 1635 on the ship 'Expectation' and settled at Jamestown, VA; during the Revolution he was sent with a squad to Louisville to make rafts for Clark's army, enlisted in Clark's expedition and was promoted to captain in 1781, shortly before the war ended, local histories say Field was with Clark's army when it captured British forts at Kaskaskia, IL, and Vincennes, IN; married Mildred Slaughter of Danville on 3 August 1790, they had 9 children; in 1795 moved to Daviess County, settling on one of five tracts of land Field had been granted for his service in the war, near modern Utica about 12 miles to the south built the first cabin between Fort Hartford and the Big Yellow Banks - Owensboro
- Messenger-Inquirer, 10 December 2012, p.1A, "Preserving ones family's history", Field family cemetery at Utica being restored
- See also biography of Benjamin Field in the History of Daviess County, Kentucky, Interstate Publishing Co., Chicago, IL, 1883, pp.808-809

### John Handley

- Owensboro Messenger, 27 October 1898, p.7, spelled as Hanly; early pioneer of the Green River country; ancestor of the large family of Houstons of McLean County; settled on Green River with his father-in-law, Mr. Shoemaker, the place he settled was known as the Houston Ferry farm, one of the prettiest places on the river

### Charles Hansford

- Owensboro Messenger, 30 June 1918 p.2B, "D.A.R. Trying To Locate Graves of Heroes of 1776, Who Are Buried in Daviess, Ohio and McLean Counties", soldier - Revolutionary



War, age 80; one of eleven men in Daviess County, who was drawing a Revolutionary War pension in 1840

- Messenger-Inquirer, 10 January 2003 p.1B, "McLean Countian survived Revolutionary War prison ship `Hell Afloat'", Charles Hansford is buried somewhere between Calhoun and Guffie, a historical marker that sits near the front of the Calhoun Cemetery keeps his story alive, it has the inscription "Charles Hansford, 1759-1850, This Revolutionary War soldier/sailor enlisted in Virginia in 1775 and served six months; enlisted in 1777 and discharged in nine months, again for underage; Charles Hansford then ran away and went to sea as a privateer; buried NW of here on Mayo Hill, Scotts Bridge Road; a privateer in Virginia's Navy during the American Revolution, Hansford sailed off the eastern coast of U.S., West Indies and Spain; he was captured three times by the British; only he and one other of 36 prisoners survived a three-month confinement on the prison ship Jersey, nicknamed `Hell Afloat'"; he entered the Jersey Dec. 19, 1782 and left it March 20, 1783; migrated from Nelson County to McLean County in 1830 to live with his son William, who had a farm between Calhoun and Beech Grove, he was 90 when he died; Jim Hansford, president of the McLean County History and Genealogy Museum in Calhoun, secured the highway marker for his great-great-great-great-great grandfather and has written a 673-page book on his family's genealogy

### Samuel Johnson

- Owensboro Messenger & Examiner, 31 January 1883 p.3, soldier - Revolutionary War; A. A. Davis of Red Hill in Daviess County has his gun that was used in the Revolution, it is a single-barreled shotgun & muzzle loader, at the death of Samuel Johnson the gun fell into the hands of his son-in-law, Archer Johnson, then to his son, Julius A. Johnson, at whose estate sale it was purchased by his sister, Mrs. Susie Johnson, who presented it to A. A. Davis;
- Owensboro Messenger & Examiner, 30 May 1883 p.2, Matthew Johnson of Red Hill has a bottle that Samuel Johnson carried his liquor in during the Revolutionary War)
- Owensboro Messenger, 30 June 1918 p.2B, "D.A.R. Trying To Locate Graves of Heroes of 1776, Who Are Buried in Daviess, Ohio and McLean Counties", soldier - Revolutionary War, private, Virginia line; one of eleven men in Daviess County, who was drawing a Revolutionary War pension in 1840
- Messenger-Inquirer, 17 September 1989 p.1B, "Family, DAR honor Colonial soldier", Johnson, born in Pennsylvania in 1744, served three tours of duty with the Revolutionary army from 1779 to 1781 in Virginia and North Carolina before moving to Ohio County, part of which later became Daviess County, in 1832, fought at the Battle of Guilford Court House in March 1781, which was a strategic victory for the Americans in North Carolina over the British; he and his wife, Nancy, had 10 children; in October 1832, Johnson applied for a pension before Daviess Circuit Judge Henry McLean and was granted \$36.66 per year until his death at 88 in 1837

### James Jones

- Owensboro Messenger, 19 March 1895, p.4; James Jones was a Revolutionary War soldier and was with Gen. George Washington at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, died

in August 1851; his son, James Jones, Jr. was born 11 December 1787 and died in 1847; Col. Calvin Jones, son of James Jones, Jr., was born 25 May 1821 in Daviess County, three miles from Owensboro, in 1824 moved with his parents, to Spencer County, IN and located on a farm two miles from Rockport, where he lived until moving to Rockport in 1851, in 1855 he began publishing the newspaper, the "Rockport Weekly Democrat", which he continued publishing for 35 years until he sold it to a joint stock company

- Owensboro Messenger, 4 September 1904 p.9, Jimmie Jones was an early pioneer of Daviess County, settled on the Sulphur Spring on the farm now owned by Mrs. Jane Horn, near the South Hampton Baptist Church, he fought in the Revolutionary War; his house was made of round poles, with a chimney of sticks & mud, the roof was of boards laid on rib poles and held in place by weight poles; he was a strict Presbyterian and life long Democrat; died at the age of 93 and rode horseback 40 miles the day before he died; his sister, Katie, was the wife of James Thompson, who were among the first to settle in the Thruston area, they lived & died on the farm now owned by George W. Birk, near Thruston, they built a two-story house of hewed logs and they planted an 10-acre orchard, that had all of one kind of apples, called horse apples, a few of the original trees are still standing
- Owensboro Messenger, 30 June 1918 p.2B, "D.A.R. Trying To Locate Graves of Heroes of 1776, Who Are Buried in Daviess, Ohio and McLean Counties", soldier - Revolutionary War, private of infantry & cavalry; one of eleven men in Daviess County, who was drawing a Revolutionary War pension in 1840)
- Messenger-Inquirer, 5 October 1965 p.4C, Jones home on the Jones Road east of Owensboro was built in the 1820's, a four room, two story residence with an additional kitchen wing of one story, built of virgin yellow poplar logs, squared and chinked with mortar, the logs are still very solid, the old homestead is still in the hands of the heirs of the original builder, five generations of the family were born and reared there
- Messenger-Inquirer, 7 May 1975 p.1B, Tom Blue restores 154 year old Jones house
- Messenger-Inquirer, 3 August 1975 p.3A, "Historic Homes of Owensboro", Willow Hill on the Jones Road built in 1821, now owned by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Blue
- Messenger-Inquirer, 6 July 1986 pp.1C & 3C, Tour of Historic Homes - Willow Hill, Jones Road
- Messenger-Inquirer, 14 April 1996, p.1F, Willow Hill home, 5245 Jones Road, now a bed and breakfast
- Messenger-Inquirer, 16 June 2006 p.1C, Willow Hill property at 5245 Jones Road in Daviess County is for sale; in 1823 Jesse & Avaline Jones left Jonesboro, NC and came to Daviess County, where they bought 166 acres in the eastern part of the county and built a cabin, home is 183 years old; Ruth Baskett Harrison was born at Willow Hill 80 years ago, she is a great-great-granddaughter of Jesse Jones
- Messenger-Inquirer, 23 November 2017 p.1A, "Historic home to be preserved at Pioneer Village", a historic structure and homeplace to one of Daviess County's original families will be finding a new home at the James Lambert Pioneer Village in Yellow Creek Park; the home is a log cabin built in 1821 connected to a larger two-story log house built in 1853 and was previously on Jones Road; Daviess County Parks and Recreations crews disassembled the structures a few weeks ago, labeled the logs and are storing them until they can be rebuilt next year; the cabin is registered with the National Register of Historic Places as Willow Hill but is colloquially known as the Jesse Jones House after the man who built the structure into what was still standing until just a few weeks ago; Jessie Jones'

father, James Jones –a Revolutionary War veteran who transplanted his family to Daviess County along with three other families in a wagon train from North Carolina in the 1820's – built the original log structure attached to it; when James Jones died in 1851 after crossing a low point of the Ohio River on his mule, there were about 150 of Jones' descendants in Daviess County and southern Indiana; most of this information and facts about other residents of the Jones House has been collected by Sue Berry, a local historian and descendent of Jesse Jones' brother Gilbreth Jones, Berry has tracked down information about the Jones family heading through the Cumberland Gap with Squire Boone – brother to Daniel Boone – and had researched descendants of the family; she said knowing their homeplace will be preserved as a part of the county's history was a blessing, Berry said she hopes to plan a sort of reunion for those who trace their heritage back to the Jones family once the cabin is rebuilt, she had her own kind of reunion while watching the cabin being deconstructed, Berry was able to interview Ruth Harrison – second great-granddaughter of Jesse Jones and the last living person to be born in the cabin – before crews took it apart; Harrison, 91, said she was born in the cabin in 1926 and was married there in 1946, she said the house stayed in the family until it was sold in 1972 when her father came to live with her, "It was a wonderful place, I thought," Harrison said, "None of the rooms were finished on the inside as log, we didn't realize we were living in a log house, except for a cross-section in-between"

- Messenger-Inquirer, 3 August 2018 p.1B, "Cabin reconstruction contract OK'd: Jesse Jones House to be rebuilt at James Lambert Pioneer Village", Daviess Fiscal Court approved a \$16,850 contract for the removal of Jesse Jones house, the home was built in 1821 and added to in 1853, it stood on Jones Road until a few weeks ago, its logs have been in storage since last November; known as Willow Hill the cabin is registered with the National Register of Historic Places
- Messenger-Inquirer, 12 December 2018 p.1A, "Restoration of historic cabin underway"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 9 April 2019 p.1B, "Ribbon-cutting reunion planned at reconstructed cabin", the Jessie Jones historic log cabin now rests in its new location at James Lambert Pioneer Village
- Messenger-Inquirer, 23 May 2019 p.1D, "Jessie Jones House restoration complete: Dedication set for June 1"

### James Kelly

- Owensboro Messenger, 30 June 1918 p.2B, "D.A.R. Trying To Locate Graves of Heroes of 1776, Who Are Buried in Daviess, Ohio and McLean Counties", soldier - Revolutionary War, private, Virginia line; one of eleven men in Daviess County, who was drawing a Revolutionary War pension in 1840

### George Little

- Owensboro Messenger, 28 September 1930, p.1B and 4 October 1930, p.14, "Markers To Be Unveiled To Revolutionary Soldiers", ceremony to be in McLean County on October 5, at the graves of Capt. George Little and Sergeant Anthony Thompson in the Anthony Thompson graveyard on the farm of B. E. Stroud, located on the Calhoun Road, about three miles from Calhoun. Capt, George Little was a Revolutionary ancestor oi Mrs. Bright

Hawes, regent of the General Evan Shelby chapter. He was a native of Scotland, but moved to South Carolina in 1763, and to Vienna, Ky now Calhoun, in 1799. He was in William Thompson's company in the Revolutionary war, and wounded by gunshot in the hip and disabled for military service. He had ten children, descendants of whom live in both Daviess and McLean counties. The children were Joseph, John, Jonas, "William, Thomas, Mary, Sarah, Susanna, Jane, and Nancy. Mrs. Hawes is descended from Capt. Little's son, Jonas, whose son, Douglas, was the father of the late Judge L. P. Little. Judge Little's children living in Owensboro, in addition to Mrs. Hawes, are L. Freeman Little, and Woodbridge Little

### James Lynn

- Messenger-Inquirer, 13 September 2017, p.3D, a grave marking to honor the life and service of Revolutionary War soldier, James Lynn, will be Sunday, September 17; he served in the Pennsylvania militia and was in Capt. Andrew Lynn's frontier Rangers from Westmorland County, Pennsylvania. Lynn, along with wife Hannah, are buried in the Lynn family cemetery in Beech Grove. The couple bought 1,000 acres of land and established the village of Beech Grove. Lynn died in the year 1833 in Daviess County (now McLean County)

### Thomas Moseley

- Owensboro Messenger, 24 September 1899 p2, Sam and George Moseley were sons of Capt. Moseley, who owned and lived on a farm lying between the eastern limits of the city at that time and the Leitchfield road. He raised a large family of children. His daughters were among the beautiful and elegant belles. One married Wm. R. Griffith, one married John H. McFarland, and one married Mathew Kirkpatrick
- Owensboro Inquirer, 12 March 1916, p4, Capt. Moseley's tavern burned, his daughters married prominent men of Owensboro
- Owensboro Messenger, 1920: 9/21 p.1A, 17 October 1920 p.3B and 21 December 1920 p.1A, Moseley Square Park to be established on East 5th Street; "Old Cemetery May Become New City Playground"
- Owensboro Messenger, 26 May 1926 p.10; the General Evan Shelby DAR will unveil a marker for Capt. Thomas Moseley on Sunday, 30 May 1926 at burying ground on Fifth Street, just off Triplett Street; soldier - Revolutionary War; this plot was reserved by Capt. Moseley as a burying ground; the marker will be presented by Mrs. S. S. Watkins, a great-granddaughter of Capt. Moseley and it will be unveiled by Misses Rose Yandall & Mary Holmes McCulloch, great-great-great-granddaughters of Capt. Moseley
- Messenger-Inquirer, 5 October 1965 p.5C Daviess County Sesquicentennial Edition, "Thomas Moseley, Revolutionary Soldier, In Owensboro Grave"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 30 May 1978 p.1B, "3 tombstones remain in forgotten cemetery", they mark the graves of Matthew Kirkpatrick, who died in 1827, Malvina Watkins, died 1834 & Thomas Moseley, a Virginia veteran of the American Revolution, died 1841, Moseley operated a tavern on St. Ann Street in the early days of Owensboro, according to county history his tavern served as a courtroom for the county before a Courthouse was erected

- Messenger-Inquirer, 29 May 2000 p.1A, "Revolutionary War vet to be honored: Moseley led faction that pushed for formation of Daviess County"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 27 May 2001 p.1C, "Group seeks to improve, preserve historic cemetery near Fifth Street"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 6 October 2001 p.4C, "Group plans Moseley cemetery dedication for Veterans Day", a brick wall with two columns and wrought iron in between has been added and Moseley's name and military information was inset into the brick wall, and the grave marker provided by the DAR in 1926 reset in front of the wall, a lighted, 15-foot flag pole will fly the Revolutionary War flag, it will be visible from Triplett Street as well as Fifth Street and will help people locate the site, the plaque will contain this information: "Moseley Square Cemetery. Final resting place of Sgt. Thomas Moseley, Revolutionary War soldier and Daviess County pioneer, Rededicated by the city of Owensboro, Veterans Day, 2001"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 9 November 2001 p.1C, "Soldier's grave site will be rededicated on Sunday Thomas Moseley served during Revolutionary War", died in 1841 and was buried in the East Fifth Street cemetery, in 1926 the Daughters of the American Revolution had a military marker installed at Moseley's grave
- Messenger-Inquirer, 12 November 2001 p.1B, "Long overdue Owensboro honors one of its founders", new monument erected over Moseley's grave, died in 1841, was a veteran of the American Revolution, serving as a private - and later, a sergeant - in the 9th Virginia Regiment; came to Kentucky in 1783, when it was still part of Virginia; by 1813, Moseley was operating a tavern in what is now the 100 block of St. Ann Street; movement to break away from Ohio County and create Daviess County was born during a meeting of the state militia at his tavern in 1813, after the formation of Daviess County in 1815 his tavern served as the first courthouse for the new county; in 1827 Moseley bought a large wooded area east of Owensboro and later requested that he be buried there; in 1920, Moseley's heirs and the city worked out a deal for the family cemetery to become Moseley Square Park, but it was never developed
- Messenger-Inquirer, 4 June 2015 p.1B, "Movement to create Daviess born in a tavern"

### William Bailey Smith

- Owensboro Monitor, 20 July 1864 p.3; story of how Panther Creek was named, in early court depositions Maj. Bailey Smith & Phillip Taylor testified that in 1776 a large panther attacked Leonard Helms & Edward Hogan there and the creek was named in commemoration
- Owensboro Messenger, 8 February 1930 p.2, Mrs. Dean reported location of the earliest settlement in Daviess county and the homestead of William Bailey Smith, of, the Transylvania on Green river, near where Delaware now is, built in 1775. Mr. Smith will stated he was to be buried on this land at his death.
- Messenger-Inquirer, 5 October 1965 p.15 C, lawsuit involving estate of William Bailey Smith
- Messenger-Inquirer, 11 August 2016 p.1B, "Bailey Smith mostly forgotten today", one of the most colorful of the settlers of what became Daviess County; born in 1737 or 1738 in Virginia, came to Kentucky on 28 March 1775, as a surveyor with Richard Henderson's Transylvania Land Co., which claimed about half the land in what is now Kentucky, said

to have been at Boonesborough, listed as "Capt. Smith," and was said to be among the men who rescued Jemima Boone (Daniel Boone's daughter) when she was captured by Indians; on 1 December 1778, Virginia granted Henderson's company 12 square miles of land below the mouth of Green River, he was one of men who decided to settle there on land that is now in Daviess County, but land records show that Smith had settled on 1,400 acres on a large creek on the north side of Green River about seven miles above the mouth of Panther Creek, which included three springs and a beech tree marked EHLH in 1775, the year he came to Kentucky, whether he actually lived on the land before 1778 isn't known; he testified in an 1807 land suit that "as early as 1776, I had a note of such a place as the Yellow Banks and a description of it, agreeing with the truth as I afterwards discovered in the beginning of March 1780", he was said to be among the men who was sent to survey where Virginia's western boundary was in 1779; family records say Smith was a major in George Rogers Clark's command when Clark took Fort Kaskaskia (in Illinois) from the French on 4 July 1778; he died on 19 October 1818, barely two years after his land became part of Daviess County, he was about 80 years old, he never married and apparently had no children

- see also History of Owensboro and Daviess County, Kentucky, Hugh O. Potter, Herff Jones-Paragon Publishing, Louisville, KY, 1974, pp.2, 10 & 14

### William Smothers

- Owensboro Monitor, 21 February 1866, p.1; 'Bill'; also spelled as Smithers, Smeathers; "Early Reminiscences of Owensboro: William Smither or Bill Smothers", 10 part serial by Thomas C. McCreery; also in 1866 issues of 2/28 p.1, 3/7 p.1, 3/14 p.1, 3/21 p.1, 3/28 p.1, 4/4 p.1, 4/11 p.1, 4/18 p.1 & 4/25 p.1&3, also reprinted in 9 installments in the "Owensboro Monitor" in 1875); built first cabin at Yellow Banks (Owensboro); born on the western frontier of Virginia near the Holston River; when he was 12 his father was killed by indians, brother, Jim, was then about 9 & his sister, Mollie, about 7; mother was formerly Mary Chrisman; uncle Henry Chrisman lived in the Big Bend of James River near the old road to the Louisa, VA Courthouse; served as a teamster in Revolutionary War under Col. Isaac Shelby, present at Battle of King's Mountain; soon after war came to Kentucky in hopes of fighting indians, joined group who built a fort at Hartford on Rough Creek; wife was buried at Yellow Banks a short distance beyond the ravine and his cabin on the bank of the Ohio River, she left one son and two daughters, daughter married John Berry; brother, James, lived on Blackford Creek, married daughter of Ely Bell, they had sons, Archie & Amos Smothers; other early settlers of Daviess-Ohio County area named in serial include Felty Husk, his son, George Husk, Natty & Ely Bell, James Gentry, Anthony Thompson, Kit Dicken, Ben Duncan, Glenn, Jo Daviess, John Daviess, Bob Tarlton, Jo Barnett, Jesse & Abram Potts, Moses Cummins; at his cabin killed a man named Norris in defense of his sister, Miss Mary Smothers, in murder trial at Hartford he was found not guilty, his counsel was Jo Daviess; moved to Texas and settled along the Brassos River, where he died;
- Owensboro Monitor, 29 May 1867 p.2, ad for book, "Bill Smothers", by Thomas C. McCreery
- Owensboro Monitor, 18 November 1874 p.3 (article on him by Thomas C. McCreery to be run in the Monitor)

- Owensboro Inquirer, 20 February 1902 p.5, "Bill Smeathers - A Clearing Up of Some History Regarding Him", Smeathers Creek in Daviess County, IN was named for him
- Owensboro Messenger, 25 December 1904 p.2, Colonel Joe Daviess's defense of Bill Smeathers
- Owensboro Messenger, 11 November 1923 p.1, Bill Smothers made first settlement in Daviess County in 1799
- Owensboro Messenger, 14 August 1927 1B, "Miss Cora Lee Webb Gives Very Interesting Story Of The 'Early Days of Yellow Banks' And Settlers"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 27 August 1961 p.1C, "Bill Smothers Had His Place In The Sun In Texas As Well As Owensboro"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 14 July 1963 p.1C, "Late Dr. Dan Griffith Provided Answer To Smothers Cabin Site", located near where jail now stands
- Messenger-Inquirer, 18 April 1964 p.1, name of Riverside Park changed to William Smeathers Pioneer Park by resolution passed yesterday by the Owensboro city council, the designation was requested by the Daviess County Historical Society
- Messenger-Inquirer, 28 October 1964 p.1A, "4 Historical Markers Are Dedicated Here", marker commemorating Owensboro's first settler, Bill Smothers, erected in Smothers Park, formerly Riverside Park, dedicated yesterday
- Messenger-Inquirer, 5 October 1965: pp.1C, 2C, 4C, 15C, "Colorful Man of Courage, Bill Smeathers, First Settler of Yellow Banks, Now Owensboro, Blazed Trail From Hartford About 1798"
- Ohio County Times, Hartford, KY, 12 June 1975 p.20, "Smothers' Descendant Visits Ohio County"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 4 July 1976, Bicentennial Edition Part 3 p.10, "Smothers was not 1st person"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 30 May 1992, Kentucky Portrait p.2, "First settler not interested in starting a town"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 12 January 1997 p.3G, "Bill Smothers: Owensboro's First Citizen"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 9 February 1997 p.3G, "Mollie Smothers' Unrecorded Life"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 3 July 1997 p.1C, "200th birthday party may be a bit late"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 4 July 1997, Owensboro Bicentennial Celebration special edition p.12S, "Owensboro founder was no saint"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 11 January 1998 p.1A, "Is Owensboro older than believed?"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 29 October 1998 p.1C, "Did Bill Smeathers of pirates settle Owensboro?"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 13 July 2000 p.1C, "Origins of Owensboro are a bit confused"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 9 October 2008 p.1C, "Trial of Smeathers would be good drama"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 14 June 2012 1B, "Owensboro's true origin has been lost", proof that the settlement of Owensboro / Yellow Banks was much earlier than the generally accepted 1797 or 1798 when Bill Smothers reportedly built the first cabin there
- Messenger-Inquirer, 9 August 2012 p.1C, "Washington Irving wrote about Green River country"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 23 May 2013 p.1B, "Smeathers' cabin could be re-created"
- Messenger-Inquirer, 27 June 2013 p.1B, "Was Smeathers a 'rollicking outlaw'"

- Messengerr-Inquirer, 11 July 2013 p.1B, "Yellow Banks settled two decades before Smeathers"

### Anthony Thompson

- Owensboro Messenger, 28 September 1930, p.1B and 4 October 1930, p.14, "Markers To Be Unveiled To Revolutionary Soldiers", ceremony to be in McLean County on October 5, at the graves of Capt. George Little and Sergeant Anthony Thompson in the Anthony Thompson graveyard on the farm of B. E. Stroud, located on the Calhoun Road, about three miles from Calhoun. Anthony Thompson was born In or near Chippinsburg, March 18, 1759. Rachel Handley Thompson was born near Winchester, Berkley county, June 1, 1764. This couple was married In Westmoreland county, March 6, 1781 by the James Powers. They lived In Westmoreland county until 1798 and then removed to Bienna [sic, Vienna], Daviess county on Green river, now Calhoun. Sergt. Thompson died May 21, 1848 his 76th year, and his wife, September 1, 1836, In her 73rd year. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson had ten! children, five sons and five daughters, the first seven having been horn in Westmoreland county, and the last three on their farm In Kentucky. In the order of their birth the children- were: John Handley, Martha, Samuel H., Sarah, James Leonard, Elizabeth, George, Julia, Rachel, and Anthony Finley. All except George and Anthony married and each reared a large family, and dying, left as a legacy to posterity numerous descendants in Daviess and McLean counties. Sergt. Thompson enlisted in the Revolutionary war June 1, 1776 He as a private under Supt, Wm. Huston and Col. Frederick Watts, of Pennsylvania. In 1778 he served as a sergeant under Capt Shields and Col. James Dunlop, of Pennsylvania.

