

- Submitted by Wayne Cash -

### **John Cash's Revolutionary War Service Affidavit**

All Cash family members of Cleveland County descend from John Cash. John's grandson, Reuben Cash, Reuben's wife Pheletia, and all their children moved from Georgia to Cleveland County (then part of Bradley County) around 1857 living near Mt. Elba. A few other Cleveland County Cash family members descend from Reuben's much younger 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin, James Wesley Cash (wife Laura House Cash), born 1858 in Alabama and buried at Greenwood Cemetery near Rison. Reuben's second eldest son was also named James Wesley Cash (wife Laura Tomme Cash).

**Background** - Around 1800 John and wife, Lucy Campbell Cash, moved their family from central Virginia to Elbert County GA, where John received land for his military service during the war. John and Lucy later moved to Henry County, GA where he died August 13, 1836. Being of old age in 1832, John Cash applied for a federal pension for his service in the Revolutionary War that was granted under the Old Soldiers Act of 1832. Below is his affidavit (transcribed) submitted in the application process that provided his remembrance of his military service while serving in the Virginia Militia during the war.

#### **John's Statement:**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Nov. 1832 personally came JOHN CASH, a resident of Henry Co., 7th Dist., aged 75 yrs on 5th Apr. last, before the Justice of the Inferior Court, who being duly sworn, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7 June 1832.

He enlisted to go out on the Cherokee Expedition on Holston River about the long Islands. He enlisted for during the expedition and was in service for 3 months, from September until just before Christmas. He enlisted in Amherst Co. Va. by Capt. John Sayle, Lt. James Franklin, Ensign Jesse Allen, and he thinks William & Nicholas Jones were sergeants. This company formed what was called a ranging or scouting party- there were no higher officers. A small skirmish took place at Fort Chissell. The Indian towns were destroyed and the country generally had been saved from the Indians by previous larger forces consequently the company returned home to Amherst Co. where this deponent was born and raised and lived for 6 yrs after the close of the Revolution, and then moved into Bedford Co. Va. in the vicinity of the Rev. James Turner, lived there 13 yrs, and moved to Elbert Co. Ga. from there to here. He marched with the company by the Big Lick, Botecourt, Va., English Ferry on New River, Fort Chissell & thence in various directions through the country. During this last winter of 1832 his house was consumed by fire, consuming his discharge from Capt. Sayle and a copy of an oath he made to save the country as also required.

His brother, PETER CASH of DeKalb County is acquainted with the circumstances of his enlistment, absence and return & who was a witness to other services rendered, as he will testify. Also, BARTLY CASH, one of sd company living yet in Amherst Co. Va., HOWARD CASH of Habersham, Ga., JOSEPH BOND, residence unknown, WILLIAM TYRY, JOHN SMITH, JAMES WARE, Dec'd, EDMUND HODGES, DAVID BELLOO.

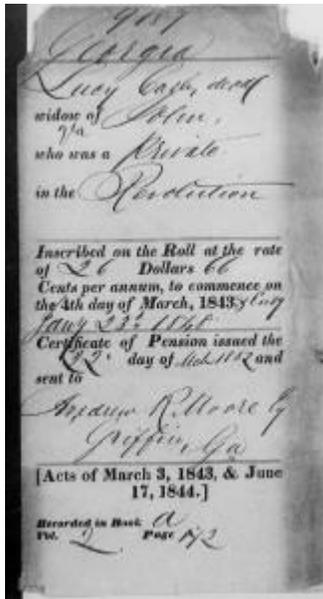
Deponent was on 3 tours in the Virginia Militia. The militia was divided into numbers of ten and they were permitted to choose their numbers or were drafted. Deponent and his brother PETER CASH (who was present when this statement was made) chose number two and went into the militia service at the Barracks near Charlottesville in Albemarle & served 1 month Under Capt. James Pamplin. Col. Taylor was in command of the Garrison. No written discharges were given. Albemarle and Amherst counties had charge of the Barracks where were confined the prisoners of Burgoyne's defeated army who were afterwards removed to Winchester, Va. Again, deponent served in the second division, counted as minuteman, under Capt. Samuel Higginbotham, Lt. James Ware, Ensign Joseph Staples. This company marched through Albemarle, Fluvanna, & Goochland Counties to Richmond, Va. and took charge of the artillery. Capt. John Barnett's company marched with Higginbotham to Richmond from there to Petersburg. His company remained at Richmond until the end of the monthly tour & were dismissed by company until called again into service under Capt. Pamplin, marched to Jamestown, having first joined the main army under Gen. Lawson at the Ground Squirrel Bridge, was in hearing of the firing at the Battle of Jamestown. Next night after the battle, we marched by moonshine to the Battleground, were fired upon & retreated past Hickory Mill Church where wounded persons were receiving aid, from thence to Mobbin Hill, from thence to Richmond to New Castle upon Pamunkee River & there met Capt. Samuel Cabell, then lately exchanged from British confinement. About this time, Gen. Lawson, for some misconduct, was deprived of his sword and the command was given to Gen. Stevens. From New Castle deponent was marched towards York. A relief from Amherst overtook them at the Prickly Pair old field where he was discharged with others on 14th Aug. immediately preceding the capture of Cornwallis in Oct. Deponent received a written discharge which was burned up 4 Dec. 1831 when deponent lost nearly all his property. Deponent was on a trip after salt to Fredericksburg when an..... came for his decision to go to York, by which absence he missed being present at the taking of Cornwallis. Deponent is known by the Rev. James Gamble, John Lamar, Doctors Jacob Stokes & Francis E. Morrison. He hereby relinquishes any claim whatsoever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state ... further that nothing but old age & necessity arising from infirmity of himself & a helpless female family induces him now to call upon the generosity of his country. s/John Cash Henry Co. Ga. 2 Nov. 1832.

**Signed: John Cash**

Ultimately John received his federal pension that was administered through the State of Georgia. Following his death a widow's portion was paid to Lucy. Following Lucy's death in 1848, a final payment was granted to their surviving children: Miss Mary Cash,

Miss Lucy Cash, and James Cash. Below is the final payment voucher that was distributed to the three surviving children.

(Note: Click on images to enlarge)



During the war John served along side his brothers Howard Cash and Peter Cash. Below are photos of their headstones in Georgia. To this date, the actual place of John burial is unknown.





There are no known photos of John Cash. However, below is a photo of his good friend and neighbor John Lamar who was named in his affidavit.

