



(Patriot Militia image from carolana.com)

- **Born 1754, Lanark Scotland**
- **Baptized 23 Feb 1763, Lanark Scotland**
- **Married Elizabeth Nix ca 1774**
- **Lived in North Carolina, Rowan County (formed from Anson, which became Rowan, Surry, then Stokes County)**
- **Revolutionary War Private, 1779-1783**
- **Died 17 Mar 1827, Stokes County, Pilot Mountain, North Carolina**

Patriot Archibald Carmichael

(September 4th, 1754 – March 17th, 1827)



As a member of *The National Society, Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR)*, *The Richard Montgomery Chapter, Ohio Society, Sons of The American Revolution (OHSSAR)*, and a direct descendant of Patriot Archibald Carmichael, it is my distinct privilege to share, honor, and memorialize my bloodline ancestor, Private Archibald Carmichael, who assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the North Carolina, Caswell County Regiment of Militia.

Personal life

Archibald Carmichael, born September 4th, 1754, and wife Elizabeth Nix, born 1755, came to Surry County, Pilot Mountain, North Carolina, from Lanark, Lanarkshire, Scotland in 1775. Archibald, parents of Duncan Carmichael (ca 1731-1783) and Sarah Ensley (ca 1737-1763), was born on 04 Feb 1754 in Lanark, Scotland. Archibald and Elizabeth married in 1774 in Halifax, Virginia. Archibald and Elizabeth had seven children: Sterling, Jane, Richard Alexander, Sarah, Alexander D., Joseph F., Archibald, and Elizabeth. Archibald died on March 17th, 1827 and is buried in Stokes County, Pilot Mountain, North Carolina.

Military Service

Archibald Carmichael acted in the North Carolina, Caswell County Regiment of Militia as a Private. The Caswell County Regiment of Militia was active until the end of the Revolutionary War, and the regiment participated in a number of known battles and skirmishes.

On May 8, 1779, Private Archibald Carmichael was disbursed militia pay while acting in the North Carolina Militia. There were North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts actually recorded for Army contingencies made to the State of North Carolina, for which Archibald Carmichael was disbursed sundries and miscellanea for N.C. Revolutionary Army Accounts with these actual disbursements. ¹

Private Archibald Carmichael appears on a "List of Clothing Received by the 12 Months Recruits from Caswell County, 24TH May, 1782", for 1 Hat, 1 Coat, 1 Vest, 2 H. Shirts, 1 Overalls, 1 Breeches, 2 Stockings, 2 Shoes, and 1 Blanket. The list of clothing for the new Levy's from Caswell County was certified by Col. Henry Dixon. ²

In 1784, Archibald Carmichael was in Caswell County, North Carolina, and in 1790 he was in Richmond County, North Carolina, listed as a North Carolina taxpayer. ³

The First Census act was passed at the second session of the First Congress, and was signed by President Washington on March 1, 1790. Henceforth, Archibald Carmichael appeared on the 1790 First Census of the United States in Halifax County, Virginia, as Heads of Family with 5 white people in his household. Moreover, Archibald Carmichael emerged on the 1790 Federal Census "Schedule of the whole number of persons within the Division allotted to Guilford Dudley" of Richmond County, North Carolina, as a "Heads of Family". Likewise, Guilford Dudley appears on the 1790 Schedule and acted as the assistant marshal and enumerator for the Census records of Richmond County, North Carolina. ⁴

Submitted by Compatriot Richard Kevin Garsnett, 5th Great Grandson of Archibald Carmichael.

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