

THE CARUTHERS FAMILY  
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I was accepted for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution on the Revolutionary service of John Caruthers. His pension certificate carries the numbers 25764 and S 32 163. This John Caruthers was born 12 July 1746 in Baltimore County, Maryland. During the American Revolution he was a resident of Ninety Six District, South Carolina, and Rutherford County, North Carolina. He married Sarah -----. He died in Clark County, Arkansas, in August, 1841.

John and Sarah Caruthers had a son, Samuel Caruthers, born 29 April 1770; died 21 August 1847; who married 2 March 1802 to Sarah Vaughn. Sarah Vaughn was born 18 November 1774.

Samuel and Sarah (Vaughn) Caruthers had a son, John Caruthers, born 10 February 1807; died 4 August 1856; who married 28 October 1827, to Frances Murphy. Frances Murphy was born in 1810, and died 3 October 1857. Both are buried at Tehuacana, Texas.

John and Frances (Murphy) Caruthers had a daughter, Sarah Frances Caruthers, who was born 3 September 1841, and died 18 December 1874, in Hill County, Texas. Sarah Frances Caruthers married 18 September 1862 to Aquilla Pierce.

Aquilla and Sarah Frances (Caruthers) Pierce had a daughter, Joanna Pierce, who was born 15 April 1865; died, 8 October 1951; and who married 2 November 1887, Dr. Alexander Rhea Kuykendall, my father. Dr. Alexander Rhea Kuykendall was born 17 February 1861, at Gainesville, Greene County, Arkansas, and died 17 February 1919, at Waco, Texas.

The pension certificate, #25764; S 32 163, of my Revolutionary ancestor, John Caruthers (1746-1841), in the National Archives, Veterans Records Branch, Washington, D. C., reads as follows:

"John Caruthers, S32 163, birth July 12, 1746, Baltimore County, Maryland; resident of Ninety Six District, South Carolina, and Rutherford County, North Carolina during the Revolution. While a resident of Ninety Six District, S. C., he enlisted in July, 1776; served in Captain John Carter's company of Rangers, part of the time under Colonel Andrew Pickens. Went on expedition against the Cherokee Indians, and was in a battle at 'Crackers Neck.'" Then went to Rutherford County, North Carolina, and enlisted as a private under Captains Vel (Ewell) Lampkins, William Whiteside, and Wilson, and Colonels Malmedy and Joseph McDowell. Was in the Battle of Eutaw Springs. Taken prisoner at "Nob Creek," a few weeks before the Battle of King's Mountain, and escaped at time of that battle. His entire service amounted to at least four years, and he served till the end of the Revolution. In 1833, he stated that he served two years in the War of 1812 in a company of Rangers under Captain Jacob Short. After the Revolution, he lived in Rutherford County, N. C., for about two years; then moved to a section later in Tenn., where he lived for four or five years. Then he moved to Kentucky, where he lived for six years. Then he moved to Illinois, where he lived for eighteen years; then moved to Arkansas Territory. In 1833, he lived in Independence County, Arkansas Territory, with a grandson, and in Clark County in 1839. He died two or three months before November, 1841."

John Caruthers (1807-1856), son of Samuel (1770-1847), came to Texas in 1830, with his brother William. John (1807-1856) enlisted in the Army of Texas, 30 June 1836, and was discharged 30 September 1836. He served in Capt. Pearson's Company. One document states that it is his discharge from a company of Rangers; it is dated

