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It contains information on the Callaway family which I am sure you would like to see.

Regretting that we cannot be of greater service to you and with the Season's Greetings!

Yours very truly,

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Mrs. Ed Ray  
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Dear Mrs. Ray;

I have your letter of December 2nd asking us to verify the statement that John Calloway was granted 200 acres of land for Revolutionary services.

The following is copied from our typescript volume on "The Callaway Baptist Preachers", 1789-1882.

"John Callaway - Son of Thomas Callaway, married Bethany Arnold, and settled nine miles West of Washington, Wilkes County, Ga. There is a land grant (Book QQ, page 25) of 200 acres by the State of Georgia in 1785 to John Callaway, the original grant being now in possession of Judge E. H. Callaway of Augusta, Georgia." This grant of land, however, is not for War services.

The following information is also copied from the same volume, page 4:

"Thomas Callaway was a Vestryman in an Episcopal church at New Bedford, Virginia, and was an ensign in the Colonial troops in the French and Indian wars. He had a large number of children, some of whom remained in Virginia, and others went North, settling in New York. Shortly prior to the Revolutionary War, some time after 1760 Thomas Callaway with at least four of his sons, to-wit: John, Jacob, Joseph and Isaac left Virginia and moved to Halifax County, North Carolina. These four sons fought with the American armies during the Revolutionary war and at its conclusion came to Georgia. Apparently John Callaway was the elder of the four brothers and he settled in Wilkes County, Georgia in 1783. As you can see from this, his war record will be in North Carolina.

This edition was typed, with permission of the author, by Eula Webb Coleman (Mrs. A. A.) a descendant of John Callaway and Bethany Arnold, member of the Junior Group of the John Laurens Chapter, Dublin, Georgia. It might be that Mrs. Coleman has a copy of this volume which she might lend you if you will write to her.