Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Camp VAS2856 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia. Some online images are illegible.]

I Certify that I was well acquainted with John Camp who was a Capt'n in the army of the revolution and as well as I recollect he was in the Virginia state line I knew him in service for three years in succession [illegible word] to the best of my [illegible word], and belief he was honorably discharged as Witness my hand and seal this the 5th day of December in the year 1832 Ann herXmark Payne [Elizabeth City County]

I Certify that I was well acquainted with John Camp who was Capt'n in the Revolutionary war and in the Virginia state line the service for three year in succession and he was Honourably Discharged as Witness my hand and seal this the 7th day of December in the year 1832

Howard Holiday [Gloucester County]

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 26th day of May 1783, in the name of John Camp as a Lieutenant of infantry for £111.8.10, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Gen'l E. Stevens [Edward Stevens] Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 22nd day of December 1832. Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

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Camp is not shown by adequate evidence to have served three years. He was not in service in 1782 or would appear on the list of the active [undeciphered word] April 22 1833 Submitted to the Council of State and advice required./ [Gov.] John Floyd May 7 1833/ Rejected/ J. F.

I Henry Buchanan [S37807] formerly of Gloucester but now of the County of York, do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with John Camp of Gloucester County. The said John camp enlisted as a Lieutenant of Infantry in the Revolutionary war, on state establishment, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven, & under the command of captain Thomas Nelson, attached to Col. Green's Regiment, being the first Virginia Regiment of Infantry the said John Camp marched with the said first Regiment to the north in the fall of the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven. In July seventeen hundred and seventy eight I enlisted as a soldier under captain Addison Lewis [VAS899], a recruiting officer attached to Blands [Theodorick Bland VAS1859] Regiment. Early in August following I joined the first Virginia Regiment of cavalry at Petersburg, and marched from thence, under the command of captain John Hughes [VAS1652], to the north: I belonged to the 5th troop of the first Regiment which was raised after the said first Regiment had been some time in service to the north, for the purpose of filling up the vacancy that had been occasioned by Major [Henry] Lee's withdrawal of the 5th troops from that Regiment: on my arrival at the northern station I there found the said John Camp in active service as a Lieutenant: I saw him frequently whilst I remained to the north: in December seventeen hundred and seventy eight the first Virginia Regiment, to which I was attached, returned to Winchester in this state, and afterwards marched to the south, where I remained through the whole southern campaign. I got back to Virginia and was discharged

in July seventeen hundred and eighty one – when I left the northern station I left the said John Camp in active service as a Lieutenant, and I never saw him afterwards. I was born and raised in Gloucester county near the said camp [sic: Camp], where I lived 'till December seventeen hundred and eighty two, when I removed to this, the county of york, where I have resided ever since. As witness my hand and seal this 28th day of May A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Henry Bushances

Amherst County to wit

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid William Lavender [W8080] & made oath in due form of Law that he is a Soldier of the war of the Revolution and that during the said war, he became acquainted with a Capt Camp who was a regular officer that he saw him in Williamsburg Va, that he does not know what Reg't he belonged to or whether it was a State or Continental Reg't. It was in the year 1776 that he saw him in Williamsburg and he was stationed at a place in Williamsburg called the Grove & he thinks was at that time recruiting, that being ordered himself to the northern army he did not again meet with the said Camp nor does he know any thing more of his services. Given under my hand this 11 June 1833

Williamsburg 22nd April 1777

Capt John Camp [rest illegible]

I certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the Journal to Ledger B of the Public Store, an old book in this office.

Given under my hand at the auditors office Richmond this 19 June 1833

Jas E. Heath

Virginia/ Corporation of N. T. Stephensburg [in Frederick County] Sct.

This day personaly appeared before me a justice of the peace for the Corporation aforesaid Mr William Gordon, who made oath that he is a Soldier of the war of the Revolution, now in his 77th years, that he marched from the County of Culpeper as a volunteer to the state of Pensylvania, in the year 1777. that when he joined the army he became acquainted with John Camp, who was then in the Continental Servis and an officer, he thinks a Captain, that he remained there about four months, and on leaving the army he left John Camp in [two undeciphered words], he well recollects the circumstance of said Camp's meeting with a [undeciphered word] who march'd in the regiment with himself. That they became further acquainted after the close of war, which acquaintance continued during the lifetime of said Camp he being a resident of the County of Culpeper with himself. In witness whereof the said William Gordon hath subscribed his name in my presence

Given under my hand this 15th day of July 1833

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I Robert Pollard [S5944] of the City of Richmond & Commonwealth of Virginia do hereby certify that I was acquainted with Captain John Camp deceased lately of the County of Culpeper and state aforesaid, that we were raised in the same neighbourhood & knew each other from early life – that said Camp enlisted in the Company of regulars raised by Captain, afterwards Colo John Green attached to the first Virginia regiment which was under the Command of Colo Patrick Henry and marched to Williamsburg in the Summer of 1775;

That after having served out the time for which he enlisted, say twelve months the said Camp received an appointment, he thinks in the Marine Service, in a Company commanded by Capt Gabriel Jones, of first Lieutenant, Jones died in the winter of 1776 1777 and Camp succeeded to the command of

the Company, which Company afterwards formed a part of the first Virginia State regiment under the Command of Colo Gibson [George Gibson BLWt1985-500] and marched to Head quarters in [Valley Forge] Pennsylvania in the fall of the year 1777. I was then there from early in the month of October to sometime in November, Captain Camp was with the regiment & remained there until some time in the year 1778 or 1779, I am inclined to think the latter, finding it very unpleasant to be so long absent from his family, he resigned, as I understood, & returned home. it is my opinion that Captain Camp was at least three years & upwards in the service from the time of his becoming a member of Captain Greens Company.

Richmond Nov. 29 1833

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From the indefinite manner in which Mr Pollard speaks of the length of Capt Camps services I am constrained to Reject it. JBF [Gov. John B. Floyd]