Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Thomas Campbell VAS2873 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

Northumberland County Virginia

[undeciphered word] Job Self of Westmoreland County aged Sixty eight years appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County of Northumberland & made oath that about the year seventeen hundred & seventy eight Abaslom Holliday [VAS1572] of the County of Westmoreland enlisted in the Continental Service under Captain George Turberville [George Lee Turberville (Turbervile) BLWt2153-300] for the duration of the War; & the said deponent further sayeth that the said Absalom Holliday never returned, & has understood that he died in the Service before the expiration of the war & further deponent sayeth not given under my hand & seal this 11th day of April 1831

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Northumberland County Virginia

The affidavit of Edward Sorrel [W26493] aged about Seventy three, deposeth that he knew Thomas Campbell & that he enlisted in the Continental service about the commencement of the revolutionary war, for the duration of the war & served through the whole of the war. he also deposeth that he knew Peter Haynie that he enlisted in the early part of the war for the duration of the war & he never returned & it was the neighbourhood report that he was killed[?] while in the service

He further sayeth that Richard Haynie enlisted in the early part of the war for the duration of it & that [several illegible words] returned with a discharge in consequence of a severe wound which he received in battle [undeciphered word] the war. he further deposeth that William Haynie [S37987] enlisted soon after the commencement of the war for the duration of the war and continued in service until the close of the war he further sayeth that Elijah Blundon [S37778] enlisted early in the war & served [several illegible words] it without intermission. Matison alias [undeciphered] Webb [Matison Webb] & George Webb enlisted at or about the commencement of the war for the duration of the war and never returned. this declarant further sayeth that William Blundon & Samuel Blundon both enlisted about the commencement of the war for the duration of the war and did not return with the expiration of the war. This deponent further sayeth Robert Dykes enlisted about the year 1777 & did not return with the close of the war this [illegible word] further sayeth that all of the above named individuals were privates to the best of his recollection in the Continental service. He further sayeth that [first name undeciphered] Nicken [possibly William Nickins VAS421] enlisted at the commencement of the war for the duration of the war as drummer and was [one or two undeciphered words] time made drum major and did not return with the close of the war & this deponent further sayeth not given under my hand & seal this 13th day of April 1831 Edward hisXmark Sorrel

To the Executive of Virginia

I would beg to lay before the Executive on behalf of the heirs of sundry soldiers of the revolutionary war depositions to support their claims for land bounty; I would remark that nothing can be more obvious than the difficulty to obtain evidence to support such claims in consequence of the great lapse of time; & the difficulty is increased in the lower country from the fact of the unhealthiness of the climate; as an illustration of the fact I would observe that in the County of Northumberland which I have

no doubt furnished as many men for the army as any other county in the state in proportion to its population there are but two soldiers of the revolution alive one of them a free man of colour was a very young man at the time & engaged in the southern Campaign when but few of the troops from Northumberland were.

In relation to Martin Norris [VAS428] I would say say it appears from books in the Auditor's that he was a Sergeant in the Artillery state line I consider it unnecessary to make any remarks as to the evidence as the subject will be fully before the Executive, but Justice as well as respect to the Executive requires that I should inform them that Edward Sorrel one of the deponents is a free man of Colour. it will allso be observed that one justice has certified to his respectibility & credibility I have no doubt if it is necessary that I would get the certificates of fifty or more of the most respectible persons of the County as to his good character & credibility. I know of my own knowledge that his character & circumstances place him above suspicion; his deposition I believe was not taken at the instance of the parties interested but came[?] forward of his own accord having served in war with most of the persons mentioned in his deposition.

I would ask that the executive will not reject any case unless when warrants have issued; by suspending the decision the parties may possible be able to obtain further evidence

July 23rd 1831 Respectfully submitted by Thomas H Harvey

The Clerk of the Executive will please inform me of the fate of each case direct to Thomas H Harvey/ North'd Court house

Tho. Harvey enclosing Land Claims T Campbell P. Haynie R. Haynie A Holliday 1831 July 30 All rejected