

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Campbell S1647

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State of Tennessee Carter County: On this 13th day of August 1833 Personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of said County James Campbell aged seventy-six years resident of said County & State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions of the act of Congress passed the seventh day of June 1832. That he was born in the County of Moore State of North Carolina in the year 1756 in the month of October, as he has been informed but he has no record of his age but believes the traditionary account is correct – that he was raised in the aforesaid County & State and at the commencement of the Revolution resided in Moore County and continued there until 1780 in the spring when he volunteered for a three months tour of duty and set out from Chatham Court House on the 15th day of February 1780 under Captain Cage who marched to Charlotte in Mecklenburg County. That Captain Cage deserted and he was marched to Charleston South Carolina under Lieutenant Nicholas Nall whose affidavit is hereunto annexed, that he served in the siege of Charleston under General Gates,¹ in the immediate command of his aforesaid Ensign and served out his three months tour & was taken prisoner at said siege of Charleston and was paroled upon his honor, and returned home part of the way and was taken sick, at Santee in South Carolina, and there remained for some weeks, when his health was restored & he volunteered under one Colonel Wayde [sic, Wade?] to go against the Tories who had embodied on Pedee [River] & served scouting & in pursuit of said Tories for two months, and routed the said Tories in that quarter, and was at the expiration of his two months verbally discharged, & then returned home to Moore County. That immediately upon his return the Tories in his vicinity was depredating in the neighborhood & volunteered under Captain Jacob Duck & Colonel Philip Alston to go against said Tories & ranged the Country in pursuit of the celebrated Than [sic, David Fanning] the Tory leader, & who had a body of Tories under him, & remained in said service for two months and was verbally discharged by Colonel Alston, which said two tours of two months each was performed in immediate succession in the fall of the year 1780.

That in the summer (late) or early in the fall of 1781 he volunteered for a three months tour of duty under Captain Henry Gasten [Henry Gaston?] in Moore County was marched to

¹ Sic, Horatio Gates was not the commander at the time Charleston fell. Benjamin Lincoln was the commander in chief of the southern Department of the Continental Army stationed at Charleston.

Cross Creek against the British & Tories, & there had an engagement & was successful, & served out his three months & was verbally discharged & returned home, having served the four several tours as before specified for which he claims to be pensioned –

That in the four several tours he served 10 months exclusive of the time he was a prisoner of war, after the siege of Charleston, which was eight days in custody & the residue of the time on parole, that he has no documentary old written evidence except that which is hereto annexed being proof from to of his tours. That he knows of no person living by whom he can make any other proof but that James Bradley & Godfrey Dunn are persons known to him & he to them & by whom he can establish the reputation of his said services. He states that there is no Minister of the Gospel resident in his vicinity by whom he can establish the facts required by the war Department. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state.

S/ James Campbell, X his mark

Test: S/ George Williams, Clerk

[James Bradley and Godfrey Dunn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Moore County

I Nicholas Nall² of the County of Moore and State aforesaid do hereby Certify that I was acquainted with James Campbell at the time of the revolutionary War who has made the declaration hereunto annexed for the purpose of obtaining a pension in conformity to an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That I served with the said James Campbell under Captain Cage started from Chatham County on the 15th of February 1780 marched to Charlotte in Mecklenburg County at which place Captain Cage deserted us and I myself as Lieutenant marched the company to Charleston in [which] company Mr. Campbell was a Soldier and served in the siege of Charleston and with me for three months after which term we returned home and on our way Mr. Campbell was taken sick at Santee and I left him.

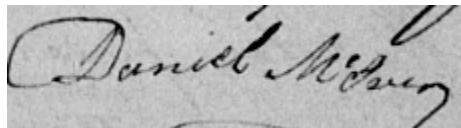
S/ Nicholas Nall

[Attested May 29, 1833 by Anderson B. Smith, JP]

State of North Carolina Moore County

This day personally appeared before me Duncan Murchison an acting Magistrate in & for the County & State aforesaid Daniel McIver who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he is well acquainted with James Campbell who served in the Revolutionary War three months in the Regiment commanded by Captain Henry Gasten in the State of North Carolina in the County of Cumberland at Crossed Creek where the Army was stationed & where he the said Campbell served three months & was discharged in the fall of 1781 as well as I now recollect & I was during the three months which James Campbell served in that Regiment his messmate that he the said James Campbell is reputed & believe to be a man of truth & entitled to credit on his oath & has been for the last 25 years a citizen of the State of Tennessee as this affiant is informed & believes this the 27 May 1833

S/ Daniel McIver

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Daniel McIver". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

² [Nicholas Nall R7552](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]