

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Campbell S2414

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State of Tennessee, Hamilton County: SS

On this 27th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County now sitting Joseph Campbell a resident of said County of Hamilton and State of Tennessee aged seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That is to say under Captain Bradley in Albemarle County Virginia, as a drafted Militia man, and was marched by him to the barracks in Albemarle to guard the Hessians and Tories (prisoners) at the barracks and was one of the guard that guarded them to Winchester across the Blue Ridge [Mountains]. This applicant was then about seventeen he thinks and served about three months under Captain Bradley as above stated, returned home and was discharged by him. This applicant being entirely illiterate, he has no recollection of the dates of his services whatever. His father about this time or shortly after removed from Albemarle to Washington County Virginia where this applicant was drafted under Captain Robert Edmonson [Lt. Robert Edmondson or Edmiston], and Colonel William Campbell and was marched by them to the Virginia frontiers to guard and protect forts Black, Bryant and Edmonson [sic, Edmondson?] – and scour the frontiers-- after having been actively engaged in the above named service three months the time for which he was drafted, he returned home and was discharged by Captain Edmondson. This service was performed the summer before the battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780] during which this applicant was in an engagement with the Indians on the South fork of Holston [River] in which twenty two Indians were killed, and but one of our men slightly wounded. This applicant soon afterwards substituted in his father's, Joseph Campbell's place under Captain Edmondson and Colonel Campbell and was marched by them to King's Mountain, where he was in the battle since called King's Mountain battle, and remained in service after the battle as one of the guard, until the three months for which he substituted expired when he returned home and was discharged by Colonel Campbell, Captain Edmonson having been killed at the battle of King's Mountain. Shortly after this applicant returned home from serving this last tour, he was elected Ensign in Captain Black's company and was commissioned by Patrick Henry, then Governor of Virginia, and served three months as Ensign under Captain Black; was sent with his company to guard and assist the hands in cutting out the Kentucky Road, having performed this service this company returned and was discharged by Captain Black. This applicant served in all twelve months, during the revolution, he has long since lost his discharges and commission & knows not what has become of them. He has no documentary evidence of his services in the Revolution, nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure that can testify to his services – he states that he has no recollection of having served with any regular troops.

He states that he was born in Culpeper County Virginia as stated by his father to him but does

not know in what year, nor don't [sic] recollect that he ever knew, he has no record of his age nor [sic] never had, but from the best calculations he is able to make by the ages of his children &c, he is upwards of seventy years old. He has stated where he lived when he entered the service. Since the Revolution he lived in Virginia ten or twelve years, he removed from there to Sevier County Tennessee and resided there between twenty-five and thirty years from severe County to Rhea County Tennessee, lived there eight or ten years, from there to this County (Hamilton) where he has resided about fourteen years and still resides.

He states that he is known in his present neighborhood to Robert Patterson Esq., James Riddle Esquire and George McGuire Esquire but not to any clergyman that he can obtain – who can testify as to his character for veracity and good behavior and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Campbell, X his mark

[Robert Patterson, James Riddle and George McGuire gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Hamilton County: Personally appeared in open Court Joseph Campbell a resident of said County of Hamilton and State of Tennessee who being duly sworn deposes and saith that he distinctly recollects that he did serve twelve months as stated in the foregoing declaration, three months of which time he served as an Ensign as also stated but is unable to prove it by any other person having lost his commission – and not knowing of any person alive who can testify to his services as Ensign for which services of twelve months I claim a pension as a private if the proof of my service as Ensign for three months of the said time is not satisfactory.

Sworn to and subscribed the 28th day of May 1833

S/ Joseph Campbell, X his mark

[Anslem Dearing, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 28: In a letter dated January 29th, 1841 sent by Robert McCormick of Calhoun, McMinn County Tennessee to J L Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, the correspondent informs the Commissioner that Joseph Campbell died in Bradley County Tennessee on the 9th day of January 1841.]

[Note: the file contains documents making reference to the soldier being survived by a widow and having children but no names are stated for any of them.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia militia.]