

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Campbell W344 Jennant (Gennett) fn45NC
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State of Tennessee Knox County: County Court October Sessions 1832

On this 5th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court at a Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting at the Courthouse in Knoxville, for the County of Knox, the same being a Court of record, James Campbell a resident of said County aged 73 years, who having been 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 was born in the State of Virginia in Augusta County on the 15th day of February 1759, where he continued to live until he was 17 years old when he moved to Washington County North Carolina now Washington County, Tennessee, where he continued to live about four years when he moved to what is now Greene County Tennessee where he lived about three years, when he moved to Knox County Tennessee, where he has continued to live ever since – he states that sometime in the month of May 1780 he entered the Army of the United States as a volunteer for a tour of six months and enrolled himself at Colonel Sevier's in said Washington County into a Company commanded by Captain James Gibson – this company was ordered to be raised by Colonel John Sevier, who was at that time commander of the militia of that County; for the purpose of repelling the Tories who came over in considerable numbers from what is now the State of North Carolina, and of keeping in all the disaffected of our own citizens – for these objects the company Constantly riding around the limits of said County and through it and in their excursions they took many Tories, and had them tried before some magistrate, and punished in whatever manner the magistrate should direct – In their excursions during this campaign they came across a body of Indians up near the Bald Mountain killed one and drove the others all – he states that the County of Washington at that time embraced nearly all the settlements in Tennessee and the said company was employed all their time in scouring the Country after Tories and sometimes in spying the Western frontier for traces of the Indians – applicant states that he served out the six months for which he had volunteered and received a certificate of service from his Captain, which certificate he afterwards sent to North Carolina to draw his pay, and has not seen it since – Applicant states that sometime in the June following, 1781 he again volunteered for a tour of six months into a Company commanded by the said Captain Gibson – this Company had been raised by the orders of Colonel Sevier and was commanded about three months by the said Captain Gibson, but on his going to North Carolina Captain Nathaniel Davis took the command, who, applicant

understood, had been a Captain in the Continental Army before that time – During this six months applicant and his company were busily employed in hunting after in pursuing the Tories who flocked over in numerous instances, they caught a great many, particularly at the time when the troops from said County, had gone over to Kings Mountain, the Tories came over in large numbers, and were taken and punished. In this service was applicant and his company constantly employed during the six months for which he had volunteered at the termination of which period applicant got another certificate of service from his said Captain Davis, which certificate he disposed of in the same way as the one mentioned above – applicant states that sometime in the latter part of the year 1781 Colonel Sevier issued a proclamation for as many as were disposed so to do, to meet him up on Long Creek, now in Jefferson County, to take an excursion against the Cherokee Indians – applicant furnished his own horse and provisions and met at the place above mentioned and with about 170 others they marched under the command of said Colonel Sevier down into the Cherokee nation, crossed the French Broad River at Buckingham's Island, and having been informed by some of their men, who had gone forward to spy the Country, that a body of Indians were not far ahead of them, they proceeded on and overtook them in what is now Blount County and killed seventeen of their number and drove the rest into their nation – After this skirmish applicant and his company retreated to Buckingham's Island, where they remained until they were strengthened by a force of five or six hundred men from Virginia under Colonel Arthur Campbell – After this reinforcement the whole Army marched into the nation burned several towns, and destroyed their provisions, and took some women and children prisoners, and killed eight or ten of their warriors. After the thus subduing the Indians the whole Army returned home – applicant thinks he served in this campaign about two months – Applicant states that he has thus been in the revolutionary war in actual service two tours of six months each against the Tories, as above mentioned, and a tour of two months against the Indians in the time of the revolutionary war – he states that he was at no time Incorporated with any of the Continental troops he states that he had the record of his age from his father, from which he knows his age – he states that the persons who are acquainted with him in his neighborhood are John McCaleb, Samuel McCaleb, Amos Hardin. He states that he never received any discharge for his services – that he has no documentary evidence whatever of his services, nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services – he hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

S/ James Campbell, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this fifth day of October 1832

S/ Wm Swan, D. Clk

[Samuel McCaleb, JP, and John McCaleb gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Knox County: Personally appeared before me George Graves an acting Justice of the Peace for said County James Campbell a citizen of said County, who has signed and sworn to the foregoing declaration, and having been sworn doth on his oath make the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed on the 7th of June 1832 – That as he has stated in his former declaration he served two campaigns of six months each as a private horseman in the Revolutionary War and one campaign of two months as an orderly Sergeant, making in all 12 months as a private and two months as an orderly Sergeant for which he claims a pension – applicant states that the reason why he did not

get the certificate of a clergyman to his former declaration was that the one living in his immediate neighborhood had gone at that time from home.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this fourth of July 1836

S/ George Graves, JP

S/ James Campbell, X his mark

[fn p. 19: on April 13, 1844 and Knox County Tennessee, Mrs. Gennant Campbell, 86, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Campbell, a soldier and sergeant in the revolution pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum; that she married her husband October six, 1779; that her husband died April eighth, 1844.]

[fn p. 11: on April 30, 1844 in Knox County Tennessee, Gennett Campbell, widow of James Campbell, a pensioner at the rate of \$60 per annum for his services in the revolution; filed for her pension as his widow under the 1843 act; that her husband died April 8, 1844; that she married him in the County of Washington, State of Tennessee within three miles of the town of Jonesborough; that the record of her marriage and the births of her children was consumed in a conflagration of their dwelling on July 5, 1845.]

[facts veteran married Gennett (Gennat/Ganatt) Allison on October 6, 1779 in Washington County Tennessee in file]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one year's service as a private of the cavalry and two months service as a Sergeant in the same in the North Carolina militia.]