Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Campbell S31590 Transcribed by Will Graves

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Georgia, Morgan County}

On this fifth day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before us the Justices of the inferior-court in & for said County now in session, as a court of ordinary, being a court of record – George Campbell, a resident of said County & State, aged Seventy Seven years & some days, who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the war of the Revolution, in April 1776 & served one year, was discharged in the month of April 1777 – he was a member of Captain Robert Smith's company – General Davidson, was Major of the Division at the time & General Polk Colonel; he belonged to the fourth Regiment. This Regiment belonged to the division of the Army then at Charleston under General Lee [Charles Lee] or Moultrie [William Moultrie]: both of whom were at Charleston; this Regiment joined the Army at Charleston South Carolina. He resided at that time in Mecklenburg County North Carolina – Marched to Charleston after enlistment & from there to Wilmington North Carolina – & back & forth from Charleston to Wilmington several times. He had a regular discharge – from the service, but from the lapse of time, or accident, it is mislaid or destroyed so that he cannot now produce it. John McLochlin [sic, John McLaughlin¹] is knowing to the fact of his declarant's services as above stated, belonged to the same company; & the same mess; & whose affidavit accompanies these papers – The answers to the interrogatories required by law, are hereto answered & are to be considered a part of this declaration.

He said George Campbell, hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present -& declares that his name is not on the pension list or roll of the The agency of any cat state; and of the United States -

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day above written.

S/ Geo Campbell

S/William F Stokes, JIC

S/ Rodrick Leonard, JIC

¹ John McLaughlin (McGlothlin) W7436. No affidavit from McLaughlin is contained in the file.

S/ William Porter, JIC

[John W Butler, a clergyman and Rodrick Leonard gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Questions propounded by the court & George Campbell' answers to the same – 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. – I was born in the year 1755 in the State of Pennsylvania 2^{nd} Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. – I have no record of my age more than the saying of my parents. 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. – I was living in the State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County and moved from there to the State of Georgia 1786 and now live in the said State & County of Morgan. 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. - I was a Volunteer

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. – General Moultrie & General Lee I was at Charleston at the time of the battle of Sullivan's Island in June 1776 & do not recollect anything more than we marched from there to Wilmington

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. – I received a discharge from General Polk but what has become of it I do not know but believe it is lost.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for one year's service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]