Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Campbell S8166 Transcribed by Will Graves

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North Carolina, Rowan County: SS

On this 20th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Magistrates Judges of the Court of Please in Quarter Sessions for said County at the same being a Court of Record, George Campbell a resident of said County aged seventy-five 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 he volunteered as a private soldier in the militia in the company commanded by Captain Andrew Alexander in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina in the part now called Cabarrus County and marched to South Carolina under Colonel Joseph Graham and joined General Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Army near Camden in the fall of the year 1779¹ and proceeded to the High Hills of Santee and on to Moncks Corner thence to Kingston on Black River returned southward crossed the Santee at Nelson's ferry – marched up the South West side of the Santee and recrossed the River and marched to a camp called Rugeley's Mill some distance above Camden where he was discharged at the end of six months. That during this time he was wounded in the side in the battle of Hanging Rock² in South Carolina 25 miles from Camden [there is a line of text interlined at this point but it is illegible, at least to me].

That in the summer of the year 1780 he again volunteered as a private soldier in said County of Mecklenburg in the company of Captain Mac Murray in the militia in Colonel Shinn's Regiment and marched again into South Carolina and joined the Army under General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] about 15 miles East of Camden and marched thence towards Fayetteville NC thence back to Mecklenburg where he was dismissed with the rest of his company – This tour of service continued three months.

That in the fall of the year 1780 he again volunteered as a private soldier for three months in the militia in the company of Captain David Caldwell and marched from Mecklenburg across the Catawba [River] and was there transferred to the company of Captain Brevard into South Carolina to Hills Iron works now York District from thence to a place called the Cross Roads about 20 miles East of the Savannah River in the Regiment of Colonel Pickens [presumably Andrew Pickens]. That he joined General Sumter near Hill's Iron Works – from the Cross Roads marched back to Charlotte NC & was discharged at Charlotte at the end of three months. That he

¹ The events described by the veteran and the officers he named occurred or served as such in 1780, not 1779.

² The battle of Hanging Rock occurred on August six, 1780, not in 1779 as indicated by the veteran above. http://gaz.jrshelby.com/hangingrk.htm

has no documentary evidence of his military service having lost his discharges. That he has a record of his age at home which states that he was born the 13th day of March 1758 in the County of Mecklenburg NC that he removed from Mecklenburg to Iredell County in the year 1803, that he removed to Rowan County in 1810 where he has lived ever since. That he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove any of his service. States that he is known to Paul Phifer and John Felker who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief as to his services as a Soldier of the revolution. That no regular clergyman acquainted with him lives in any reasonable distance of ham, and could not procure the attendance of anyone at court. 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 to his knowledge.

George Campbell

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Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Hy Giles for John Giles

[Paul Phifer and John Felker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died December 10, 1848; there is no family data in this file.]

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