

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Archibald Campbell W4647
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State of North Carolina } S.S.
Caswell County }

On this the 30th day of November 1842, personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Justices of the Courts of pleas & quarter sessions for the aforesaid County of Caswell, Elizabeth Campbell a resident of said County, aged Ninety years, who being being first duly qualified according to Law doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7th 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay & pensions to Certain Widows:"

That she is the widow of Archabald Campbell, late of the aforesaid County, who this Declarant has understood and believes was in the United States Service in the war of the Revolution, as a private Soldier.

As well as this Declarant can now remember, her deceased husband stated as follows, to wit:

That in the year of 1778, or 79, the afresaid Archabald enlisted in the United States' Service at Mecklenburg Court House, Virginia, and thinks he was in the 1st Virginia Regiment. Has heard her deceased husband speak of being in several engagements, remember of the battle of Monmouth Court House [28 Jun 1778], Guildford Battle [sic: Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] & Seige of Little York [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] – was under Gen'l. Lafayette, Gen'l. [Nathanael] Greene Col. [William] Campbell & others. – and was, she thinks under the last named officers, the latter part of his Service.

the precise length that her Deceased husband was in United States Service she does not recollect. but thinks it was about three years.

that at the expiration of his enlistment he was duly discharged and returned home – that he was under Gen'l. Greene when discharged

that he had a discharge from the Army, but does not now know any thing of it.

This Declarant further states, that he Dec'd. husband the aforesaid Archabald Campbell, was a native of Mecklenburg County Va moved to Granville County, No. Ca. 1782 where this Declarant was then living.

That this Declarant's maiden name was Pinson; that she and the aforesaid Archabald Campbell were married at her father's in the County of Granville aforesaid, in the year of seventeen hundred and eighty-two, (1782). that her brother John Pinson was present and witnessed the marriage between the said Archabald Campbell, and this Declarant, that the affidavit of her said brother John is hereto annexed.

She further declares upon her said oath, that there is no Documentary evidence of her dec'd. husband's revolutionary services that she knows of; that his discharge has been many years lost.

that her Dec'd. husband died about the year of 1802 forty years ago. – that she was not married to him previous to his leaving the Service, but that the marriage took place, prior to the first of January, seventeen hundred & ninety-four, viz: at at the time above stated (seventeen hundred & eighty-two.)

That she has not married since the death of the said Archabald Campbell, but still remains his widow.

the said Elizabeth, declarant as aforesaid, further states that, from old age, and infirmity of body she cannot attend Court to make this Declaration. Elizabeth herXmark Campbell

State of North Carolina }
Orange County }

On this the 15th day of march, 1843, personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County, Robert Bevell (or Bevel, pension application W2586), a resident of said County of Orange, in the 81st year of his age, who being first duly sworn according to Law, maketh oath that, his father moved from Mecklenburg Co. Virginia to Granville, N. Car'a. when this affiant was quite a youth. that having relations in Mecklenburg he was frequently in that County and had acquaintance there.

That in the fall of 1778 this affiant was draughted into the United States' Service, in the militia, for a Five months tour of duty in Capt. Jones' [Samuel Jones's] Company – that the object of the draught was to aid the Southern Army – that when at Salisbury N Ca. a place of rendezvouse, they were joined by some Companies of Militia – one from the County of Mecklenburg Va under Capt. Hofler, in in which company Arcabald Campbell of the aforesaid County of Mecklenburg was a private – remembers of said Campbell at Puryzburg [Purysburgh SC, 1779], the Two Sisters [on Savannah River], at Golphin's [possibly Fort Galphin, 12 mi from Augusta GA] & at [Gen. Griffith] Rutherford's Camp – and does not remember of seeing said Archabald Campbell in said Tour afterwards.

In the Spring of 1781 this affiant was again in the United States Service, as a Volunteer, militia man, in Capt. Smiths Company; joined Gen'l. [Nathanael] Greene at High Rock (encampment) and saw at said encampment, the aforesaid Campbell, who was a private of Infantry, in the Virginia line under Col. Campbell – that his (the affiant's) tour expired a few days before the Guilford battle [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781], and he was discharged by Col. Taylor & returned home.

That this affiant further states upon his said oath that some time in the year after the Guilford battle, the said Campbell come to Granville Co. and married Elizabeth Pinson, who lived in 3 miles of this affiants father, that they were lawfully married, in seventeen hundred & eighty-two (1782) by Lewis Yancey, Esquire, that some two or three years after his marriage, the aforesaid Archibald Campbell & Elizabeth moved to Caswell County N. C. where I understood said Campbell died, about forty years ago.

I have never understood the said Elizabeth Campbell afterwards married.

Question by Magistrate. Are you sure that the Archabald Campbell that you saw in the United States' Service in 1778, '79 and in the Spring of 1781, in the Virginia Line, under Gen'l. Greene, is the Identical Archabald Campbell, who married Elizabeth Pinson in 1782?

Answer. I am.

Q. Were you well acquainted with the Pension [sic] family, in which said Archabald Campbell married?

A. Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell's father lived only about three miles from my fathers – we were friendly and intimate. John Pinson brother to Elizabeth, and myself were very near the same age. we were playmates and are now well acquainted.

Q. Have you always understood that said Archabald Campbell and Elizabeth Pansion were lawfully married?

A. I have always so understood. – and further this Deponent saith not. Robert hisXmark Bevell