Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Campbell W6615

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State of Virginia } S.S. County of Nelson }

On this 30th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Nelson County, now sitting, Henry Campbell a resident of the said County and State of Virginia, aged 69 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 to the best of his recollection in the year 1781 he was drafted from the militia of the County of Amherst for a term of three months service, to go on what was afterwards called the Guilford expedition [to join Gen. Nathanael Greene prior to the Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC on 15 Mar 1781] & was a private soldier in the company commanded by a Captain James Dillard, marched on the said service, and served out the said tour of three months except a day or two, for proof of which he refers to the affidavits of Henry Cashwell [pension application S9153] and William Cashwell [W3771] who were eye witnesses of the same, which is hereto annexed. That thereafter he was again drafted as a private soldier, from the same County of Amherst in the same year of 1781 and marched from the same County of Amherst under the command of Capt. John Loving and served out a tour of four months, that during this latter tour he was at the seige of York Town [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. That for proof of this last service he refers to the affidavit of John Campbell [W18869], who was with him during the whole tour, which affidavit is also hereto annexed. That he served in both tours added together seven months less one or two days. that he has no recollection in the great lapse of time of the days that he entered or quit the services aforesaid and has no documentary evidence to sustain his said claim. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever for a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name, is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State whatever.

Interrogatories by the Court

1st. where and in what year were you born.

Answer I was born in Feby. 1764 in the County of Amherst that part of which is now Nelson 2nd. have you any record of your age, and if so where is it.

Answer I have a record of my age at my residence

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 lived in Amherst County when called into service, and in the same County since the Revolutionary until Amherst County was divided and a part of it made Nelson County – the last named of which is my present residence.

4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom.

Answer I was drafted both tours

5. 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 have no recollection ever to have rec'd. a discharge

6th. State the names of some of the Regular Officers, who were with the troops where you served: such Continental and Militia Regts as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. Answer– In my first tour at Guilford I saw Gen'l. [Edward] Stevens and Col. Holcomb [sic: John Holcombe] and Gen'l. Nathaniel Green. I don't recollect any of the Regts. by name. In my second tour at

York Town Gen'l. [Robert] Lawson was our General Col. Richeson Holt Richardson] commandant of our Regiment.

7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution. Answer there is no Clergyman resident in my neighbourhood, but Jesse Wright and William Campbell are my neighbours and will I expect testify to my character for veracity and my reputation for Revolutionary services

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NOTE: On 31 Oct 1839 Sarah Campbell, 75, applied for a pension stating that she married Henry Campbell on 19 May 1786, and he died on 13 Jan 1835. On 23 Oct 1841 she stated that they were married by Benjamin Coleman, a Baptist minister, in the same year that Mrs. William Campbell's oldest child James was born, and that Henry Campbell died on 13 Jan 1834. On 25 Aug 1843 Sally Campbell was said to be 77 years old.