

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Campbell W6616

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of No. Carolina }

Iredell County }

On this 9th day of Sept'r. 1833 Personally appeared before me Samuel King one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid of Iredell and State of No. Carolina, John Campbell of the County and State aforesaid, a resident, now between 73 or 74 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 in the year 1779 or 1780, he entered the service of the United States, as a volunteer, in the County of Rowan, No. Carolina, under the direction of Capt. Jacob Nichols, to go to Salisbury, in the aforesaid County of Rowan and State aforesaid, to guard the Jail, where there was a number of Tories confined - three of whom was hung. When we reached Salisbury I was placed under the command of Capt. George Lowman, that we remained in Salisbury about five weeks, or one months & one fourth. There was no Field Officer, that I recollect of during this expedition.

The next tour of service, I entered as a private in the Militia, as a volunteer in a Company commanded by Capt. Benjamin Herndon [Benjamin Herndon] of Wilkes County. we commenced our march from Hambletons old store - Capt Herndon went with the Company about twenty five miles - the company was then placed under the command of Capt. Joel Lewis of Wilkes County, and marched to Salisbury - thence through the Forks of the Yadkin in Rowan County - which tour of duty was performed for the purpose of keeping the Tories in check, that were under the influence of Capt or Col. Bryan [probably Capt. James Bryan]; and continued one month and one half. In one of the years above mentioned or in the year 1780 (month not recollected) I was drafted in the County of Wilkes, Company commanded by Capt William Nawls - rendezvoused at Hambletons old Store - County aforesaid & State of No. Carolina - marched to South Carolina, through Salisbury to Colestons [sic: Colson's Mill], at the Mouth of Rocky River. we crossed the Pedee [sic: Pee Dee River], and went down the East side of the River below the Cheraw, where we recrossed the River, and joined Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates Army, between Cheraw & Camden, on the way we were annoyed by the British, and Gen'l. Gates directed a new road to be cut to intersect with the main No. Carolina road to Camden, above Rugelys Mill [sic: Rugeley's Mill] - where we remained (on the Hill) about one day. from this encampment we commenced our march in the night [about 10 PM, 15 Aug 1780], and early on the morning of that day [sic: 16 Aug] the battle commenced (Viz) the 15th day of August 1780, between the Mill and Camden South Carolina. The night before the battle [beginning about 2 AM], a Skirmish took place between the advanced parties, in which skirmish I was. after the general engagement, when the army was retreating I was made a prisoner by the British, and shortly after, with several others made my escape. Three days afterwards on my way home two men with myself was made Prisoners by the Tories, and the night following we made our escape, passing through Salisbury to my residence in No. Carolina. this tour of service continued in all four months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State

[signed] John Campbell

[Certified by John Howard and by John Angel (pension application W20622), a Clergyman residing in Surry County NC.]

Interrogatories

Quest. 1st. Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in the year 1759 or 1760 in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County State of Virginia

Quest. 2nd. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Ans. I have no record of my age.

3rd. Quest. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Ans. When I was called into service first I was living in Rowan County No. Carolina; and when I was called into service the second, and third times, I was living in Wilkes County - State aforesaid; that, since that time I have generally lived in Iredell County, (formerly a part of Rowan County) where I now reside.

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

Ans. In the two first tours, I volunteered, for the third tour I was drafted.

Quest. 5th. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the Troops where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services?

Ans. Gen'l. Gates was the principal Continental Officer, and when I joined his Army, I was placed in Gen'l. Griffith Rutherford's Brigade - the other field officers I do not recollect.

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

Ans. I never did receive a discharge that I recollect of, and if I did I have lost it.

Quest. 7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the revolution.

Ans. I am intimately known to Colo. Francis Young, John Young, William Harbin Esqr, Martin Morgan &c.

NOTE: On 23 Aug 1843 Carah Campbell, 83, applied for a pension stating that she married John Campbell in the latter part of 1785, and he died 23 Mar 1834. Percival Campbell, brother of John Campbell and an acting Justice of the Peace, deposed that he was present at their marriage in Wilkes County. Sarah Campbell, 76, deposed that she had been a neighbor of John and Cary Campbell for 65 years, and that they had two small children by the time she herself was married in 1788. Another document refers to a Theophilis M. Campbell. On 12 Jan 1844 Carah Campbell made another pension application in which her age was given as 82. On 30 Jan 1849 she made another application in which her age was given as 88.