Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Campbell McCauley W8444 Mary McCauley VA
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To the Legislature of Virginia.

Your petitioner Campbell McCauley humbly represents that at the age of fifteen or sixteen he entered into the service of his country and continued therein through the revolutionary war, to the period of Buford's defeat [defeat of Col. Abraham Buford at the Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780] in which engagement he fought & received twenty two wounds, which rendered him incapable of further duty.

Your petitioner will only further represent, that he has never applied for, or received a pension from his country, that finding himself unable from his age and infirmity to provide a further support by his industry, he confidently relies on the justice & bounty of the Legislature, to make such future provision for him, as in their opinion his necessities may require.

And in duty bound your petitioner will pray. Campbell McCauley

I know Campbell McCauley as a soldier in the Virginia line on Continental establishment. he served in a detachment under the command of Capt. [sic: Col.] Abraham Buford in S. Carolina in the year 1780 – in that detachment I performed the duty of adjutant, which duty gave me a personal knowledge of much of the soldiers belonging to that party. I also know that McCauley was in the action with the detachment of the British army near the Waxhaw settlement in So. Carolina, commonly called Buford's defeat, in which action I have reason to believe McCauley rec'd. many wounds, having seen him shortly after the american army was disbanded covered with scars. Given under my hand this 20th day of December 1810. Henry Bowyer [pension application W5859] formerly a Capt. in Continental Army

About the conclusion of the revolutionary war, I became acquainted with Campbell McCauley who had then settled in Botetour (now a part of Montgomery County.) I well remember that he then showed many scars of wounds he had received, and particularly several which appeared to have been very severe – in the battle of the Waxhaw's settlement usually called Buford's defeat, which were then not entirely healed, and by which he was and continued to be, greatly disabled. Since that period, he has resided from four to twelve miles from me and I know he has obtained his living with great difficulty, owing to his inability to labor I have often advised him to apply either to the General or State government for a pension, which he always declined, from motives in my opinion, of falso honor, saying while ever he could raise his hands to labor & procure subsistence by it, he never would become a burden to his country.

I have often heard several officers of the American Army, who knew Campbell McCauley while he was a soldier say that he was a very brave and active man, always ready to perform his duty on every occasion.

This unfortunate old soldier is now far advanced in live, and I believe from the wounds he has received in the service of his country, so disabled and debilitated, that he cannot subsist by labor, with any degree of comfort, nay perhaps cannot procure the common necessaries of life, without the aid of his country, or the benevolent & humane.

J. Preston/ Dec'r 1810.

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On this the 7th day of November 1843 personally appeared before Mr. Adam Crawford an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County and state Mrs Mary McCally a resident of said County and state, aged upwards of ninety years old and after being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed the 7th day of July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain

widows to wit that she is the widow of Cammel McCally disceased Late of the County of Montgomery and state of Virginia and who was a regular soldier in the revolutionary war and served some five or six years in said war as said regular soldier and entered the said service in the state of Virginia and Col Buford was his Commanding officer and was at the Battle of Bunkers hill [17 June 1775] and was wound there to the best of her recollection and was cut very bad so much so that he never was much account after words and that he received a pension as a wound soldier untill hiss death which took place in May 1814 and he drew his pension as said wounded soldier at the rate of \$60.00 per anum untill his death which took place as before named say May 1814 — She further declares that she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim but she would refer to her said husbands declaration in order to draw his said pension she deserves a pension of \$60.00 per anum as his said widow from his death she thinks She further pays [prays?] for a pension under the act of Congress passed the 7 day of June 1838 at the rate of \$[blank] per anum as the widow of Cammel McCally a regular solder of several years servitude she thinks five or six years She further declares that she was not married to her said husband Cammel McCally previous to his leaving the service but the marriage took place some time after words say in the year 1785 or 1786 as she thinks as her marriage is not on record she cannot state precisely as her recollection has failed her very much. She further declares that she have never received a penision from the United States. She further states that she employed Mr. Mantagu to obtain a pension for her before she left the state of Virginia but he says he never obtained any thing for her she further declares that she have mooved from the state of Virginia since the death of her said husband Cammel McCally and is intirely dependant on her son for a support and will shortly be throwed on the County for sustainance she further states that she was maried to the said Cammel McCally previous to the 1st day of January 1794 and about the year 1785 or 1786 as before stated she further stated that she has never maried since the death of her said husband Cammel McCally but still continues his widow she fur declares that she has appointed C W Tucker her attorney to obtain her Certificate of Pension for her from the Commissioner of Pensions in Washington City D.C. she further declares that she is not able to appear in open cort as she have not been able to ride for the past 6 years. she further states or declars that she has the plsay [sic: palsy?] very bad, and is intirely confined to the house and is not able to do any maner of work

sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above writen before me
A Crawford JP Mary herXmark McCally

[The following are in rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

[On 24 March 1834 Mary McCauley assigned power of attorney to obtain bounty land from Virginia. The claim was rejected, because the following evidence was deemed insufficient.] Virginia Montgomery County Sct

This day [9 Apr 1834] Boling Rogers [W1491] of said county personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace and after being first duly sworn, states that he was in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war as a soldier and that Campbell McCauley was severely wounded at Buford's defeat that he never saw him after the said defeat until after the close of the war.

Boling hisXmark Rogers

NOTES:

On 8 Nov 1843 James Butcher, 68, stated that Campbell McCauley "was the worst mangled man he ever saw to recover – he was a criple all of his days."

A note in the file states that Campbell McCauley was pensioned by Virginia on 31 Dec 1811 at \$60 per year.

In the file is a copy from the clerk of Botetourt County VA of a bond by Campbell McCauley and John Dougherty dated 1 Nov 1787 for the marriage of McCauley to Mary Harness, "both of this [unnamed] parish." On 7 Nov 1843 Mary McCauley's son, David Harness, 62, stated that his mother and

Campbell McCauley were married when he was four years old, and that Campbell McCauley "was the worst wounded man he ever saw to live. On the same day Elizabeth Harness, 57, also made a supporting statement. There is a letter in the file dated Washington, 7 Aug 46 asking on behalf of the heirs of "Mary McCalla" about her application for a pension, which they had had no news of.